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Philosophy Major Requirements: General Track

The normal requirements for the major/ second major in philosophy (I.e. General Track) are the following:

- 1 Course in Logic (PHI2100 is recommended)
- 8 Upper Division philosophy courses from our department.
- 2 Upper or Lower Division courses from our department
- PHI4911 (a One-credit Senior Research Course)

So from start to finish it is 34 credits of work.

****All courses for the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better****

Philosophy Major Requirements: General Track			
Requirement	Course	Credits	Notes
Logic	(PHI2100)	3	
UD PHI Course 1		3	
UD PHI Course 2		3	
UD PHI Course 3		3	
UD PHI Course 4		3	
UD PHI Course 5		3	
UD PHI Course 6		3	
UD PHI Course 7		3	
UD PHI Course 8		3	
LD or UD PHI Course 1		3	
LD or UD PHI Course 2		3	
PHI4911 (Senior RS)		1	
Total Credits		34	

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Philosophy Major: Specialized Track

However students who specialize in a particular area of philosophy are allowed to apply up to three upper division courses/ 9 credits from outside the philosophy department towards major requirements (as if they were philosophy courses) provided that those courses complement the student’s chosen area of specialization. So for instance, were one to specialize in Philosophy of Mind, one could potentially use up to three Upper Division Psychology courses for philosophy major requirements. This means that such a student would only need to complete 25 credits of coursework from our department.

To establish a concentration a student needs no fewer than four upper division courses from our department that have something to do with their chosen topic area (e.g. Philosophy of Mind). At that point we can look at other courses the student has completed or plans to complete and apply up to three of them to major requirements. The other three courses the student completes must be philosophy coursework, need not come from the specialized topic area.

This means that in some cases, the difference between a minor in Philosophy (15 credits of PHI coursework) and the second majors in philosophy/ specialize track (25 credits of PHI coursework), may be a few as 10 credits.

Philosophy Major Requirements: Specialized Track – Minimum of 4 SpTk Courses From Philosophy Department			
Requirement	Course	Credits	Notes
Logic	(PHI2100)	3	
UD PHI Course 1 (SpTk)		3	
UD PHI Course 2 (SpTk)		3	
UD PHI Course 3 (SpTk)		3	
UD PHI Course 4 (SpTk)		3	
UD PHI Course 5 (SpTk or not Sp Tk)		3	
Non-PHI Course 1		3	
Non-PHI Course 2		3	
Non-PHI Course 3		3	
LD or UD PHI Course 1 (SpTk or not Sp Tk)		3	
LD or UD PHI Course 2 (SpTk or not Sp Tk)		3	
PHI4911 (Senior RS)		1	
Total Credits		34	

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The Philosophy Major and General Education Requirements

In the North American University System, all major programs include a set of Liberal Arts courses. This means that, regardless of your major, you will need to complete college level course work in English Composition, Math, Humanities, Social Science, Natural Sciences and the Arts as part of your general education requirements. At FIU we call these general education requirements our **University Core Curriculum (UCC)**, as they form the core of all our major programs. Generally this work is completed within the first two years of college level work and is a total of 36 credits. As noted above, the philosophy major requires 34 credits of work. The two of these together amount to 70 credits. But you will need to complete no fewer than 120 credits to earn your degree. This means that in most cases philosophy majors have room for 50 credits of elective work. This is easily enough for students to pursue minors, academic certificates or a second major program.

However, three courses could be used to complete **both** UCC requirements AND philosophy major requirements. (See below.) Were a philosophy major to take advantage of this, that student would in effect have space for even more elective work (up to 59 credit). This makes the Philosophy major one of the most flexible majors at FIU.

Philosophy Major Requirements: General Track			
Requirement	Course	Credits	Notes
Logic	(PHI2100)	3	UCC Computational Reasoning Tier 2
UD PHI Course 1		3	
UD PHI Course 2		3	
UD PHI Course 3		3	
UD PHI Course 4		3	
UD PHI Course 5		3	
UD PHI Course 6		3	
UD PHI Course 7		3	
UD PHI Course 8		3	
LD or UD PHI Course 1	PHI2010 Intro to Philosophy	3	UCC Humanities Tier 1
LD or UD PHI Course 2	PHI2600 Intro to Ethics	3	UCC Humanities Tier 2
PHI4911 (Senior RS)		1	
Total Credits		34	