

## PHILOSOPHY *College of Arts, Letters & Education*

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| BA | BA (in Interdisciplinary Studies with an Option in Philosophical Studies) | Certificate | Minor |
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### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Philosophy Program offers general interest courses that deal with our philosophical heritage and contemporary thought and a minor in philosophy that encompasses some principal concerns of the discipline. It also offers a BA in Philosophy and BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (ITDS) with an option in Philosophical Studies that combines intermediate and advanced classes in logic and the history of philosophy with selected offerings from cooperating programs.

The skills learned in philosophy are useful in all academic areas. Immanuel Kant noted that philosophy teaches us to think for ourselves, so that we do not passively receive what we are told. It also encourages us to put ourselves imaginatively in the place of everyone else, so that we occupy the standpoint of universal humanity. Above all, it enjoins us to think consistently. Study of philosophy contributes to a broad, liberal arts education valuable for its own sake as well as a preparation for a career in some related professional, social or humanistic discipline. As an American Philosophical Association pamphlet notes, employees in the business community “want and reward many of the capacities which the study of philosophy develops: for instance, the ability to solve problems, to communicate, to organize ideas and issues, to assess pros and cons and to boil down complex data. These capacities represent transferable skills.” Logical skills are especially beneficial in conceptual professions like accounting and law.

**Required courses in the following program of study may have prerequisites. Reference course descriptions section for clarification.**

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – STUDENTS WILL:**

- critically analyze, using logic and other tools, the consistency and verifiability of their own beliefs and the beliefs of others, as well as engage in reasoned public deliberation challenging those beliefs;
- understand the main doctrines and evaluate the arguments that underpin the ancient, modern, and contemporary periods of thought;
- offer interpretations of the ideas of major philosophers by showing how they relate to perennial philosophical themes such as: visions of the good life, reality versus appearance, the roles of reason and experience, freedom and morality, etc;
- apply methods for philosophical problem solving by (a) relating theory to practice, (b) evaluating ideas in terms of both generic or universal humanity and perspectival pluralism, and (c) applying normative standards of truth, value and beauty;
- apply philosophical writing styles in writing assignments and research projects that are aimed at extending philosophical inquiry through argumentation and/or comparative studies.

### PHILOSOPHY (45 CREDITS)

*Note:* two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single foreign language at college level is required for this major.

**Required Courses (20 credits)**

- PHIL 301 Introductory Formal Logic (5)
- PHIL 320 History of Ancient Western Philosophy (5)
- PHIL 321 History of Modern Western Philosophy (5)
- PHIL 322 History of Contemporary Western Philosophy (5)

**Electives (25 credits)**

Select 25 credits in philosophy in consultation with a departmental advisor. No more than 15 credits may be taken in 200-level philosophy courses.

**Capstone Requirement**

All students must complete either ITGS 400 or any Senior Capstone class with their advisor's approval.

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| <i>Required program credits</i>              | <b>20 credits</b> |
| <i>Elective credits</i>                      | <b>25 credits</b> |
| <i>Total minimum credits for above major</i> | <b>45 credits</b> |

### PHILOSOPHY (60 CREDITS)

**Required Courses (20 credits)**

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**Electives (40 credits)**

Select 40 credits in philosophy in consultation with a departmental advisor. No more than 15 credits may be taken in 200-level philosophy courses

**Capstone Requirement**

All students must complete either ITGS 400 or any Senior Capstone class with their advisor's approval.

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| <i>Required program credits</i>              | <b>20 credits</b> |
| <i>Elective credits</i>                      | <b>40 credits</b> |
| <i>Total minimum credits for above major</i> | <b>60 credits</b> |

*Note:* the 45 credit major requires completion of a minor; the 60 credit major does not require completion of a minor.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

*Note:* see Interdisciplinary Studies.

**Stream #1: Political Philosophy**

This stream concentrates on political philosophy and related topics. Political philosophy examines the nature of moral value, normativity and justice in practical and historical contexts. Political philosophers also evaluate classical and contemporary political institutions and suggest ways of improving the political life of our society. Students enrolled in this stream will study both the theory and practice of classical and contemporary politics.

- ECON 415 History of Economic Thought (5)
- ECON 417 Political Economy (5)
- ECON 424 Economics of Poverty and Discrimination (5)
- GOVT 300 U.S. Judicial Process (5)
- GOVT 304 U.S. Civil Rights and Liberties (5)
- GOVT 305 Jurisprudence (5)
- GOVT 313 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (5)
- GOVT 314 Modern Western Political Thought (5)
- GOVT 317 American Political Thought (5)
- GOVT 401 Topics in Political Theory (5)
- HIST 301 History of the Present (5)
- HIST 303 U.S. History, 1607-1877 (5)
- HIST 304 U.S. History, 1877-Present (5)
- HIST 305 Paths to the American Present (5)
- HIST 306 Modern Europe (5)
- HIST 341 The Renaissance and the Reformation (5)
- HIST 350 War and Society (5)
- HIST 382 20<sup>th</sup> Century Germany From World Wars to Cold War. Culture, Political Conflict and National Identity (5)
- HIST 425 Greek History to 400 BC (5)
- HIST 428 Roman Empire (5)
- HIST 440 History of World War I (4)
- HIST 441 History of World War II (4)
- HIST 454 Diplomatic History of Europe, 1914 to the Present (5)
- HIST 468 History of Modern American Women (4)
- HIST 471 The Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1789 (4)
- HIST 481 History of American Foreign Relations from 1898 (5)
- HIST 487 Economic History of the United States (5)
- WMST 410 Feminist Theory (4)

## Stream #2: Philosophy of Art and Literature

This stream concentrates on aesthetics, the philosophical study of art. Broadly construed this includes fine arts, performance arts and literature. Students enrolled in this stream will address questions like: What is art? What is beauty? How do we tell good art from bad art and can these judgments ever be objective? What is taste? What is the proper relationship between art and morality? Students of this subject will ground their inquiry in the study of particular art forms such as literature, film, theatre, music and painting.

AAST 301 Harlem Renaissance (5)  
 ART 310 World Art (5)  
 ART 311 African and African American Art History (5)  
 ART 409 Women and Men in Contemporary Art (1)  
 ART 415 History of Ancient Art (5)  
 ART 420 History of Renaissance Art (5)  
 ART 422 History of Baroque and Rococo Art (5)  
 ART 423 Art of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (5)  
 ART 430 History of Modern Art (5)  
 ART 431 History of Contemporary Art (5)  
 ENGL 315 Topics in Literature and Culture (5)  
 ENGL 340 Survey of British Literature I (5)  
 ENGL 341 Survey of British Literature II (5)  
 ENGL 342 Survey of British Literature III (5)  
 ENGL 343 Survey of American Literature I (5)  
 ENGL 344 Survey of American Literature II (5)  
 ENGL 350 Shakespeare (5)  
 ENGL 360 Language Structure and Use (5)  
 ENGL 380 Survey of Native American Literatures (5)  
 ENGL 381 Contemporary African American Literature (5)  
 ENGL 382 Studies in Epic Fantasy (5)  
 ENGL 384 Folklore (5)  
 ENGL 385 Mythology (5)  
 ENGL 387 Literature of the Bible (5)  
 ENGL/WMST 389 Women, Literature and Social Change (5)  
 THTR 303 Survey of Theater History (5)

## Stream #3: Philosophy and History

This stream investigates epistemological issues regarding the nature of historical truth, how present context and the narrative urge shape our understanding of the past and the diverse philosophical influences that have produced schools of historiographical thought. Students in this concentration address the meaning of historical progress, the theoretical basis for “new histories” of social affairs, of women and other oppressed groups and philosophical explanations of both recurrence and change in history.

All 300 and 400 level classes in History are eligible for satisfying the electives of this stream. The following classes outside of History are also eligible:

ART 415 History of Ancient Art (5)  
 ART 420 History of Renaissance Art (5)  
 ART 422 History of Baroque and Rococo Art (5)  
 ART 423 Art of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (5)  
 ART 430 History of Modern Art (5)  
 ART 431 History of Contemporary Art (5)  
 ECON 417 Political Economy (5)  
 ENGL 384 Folklore (5)  
 ENGL 385 Mythology (5)  
 ENGL 387 Literature of the Bible (5)  
 ENGL/WMST 389 Women, Literature and Social Change (5)  
 GOVT 313 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (5)  
 GOVT 314 Modern Western Political Thought (5)  
 GOVT 317 American Political Thought (5)  
 THTR 303 Survey of Theater History (5)  
 WMST 410 Feminist Theory (4)

## CERTIFICATE

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – STUDENTS WILL:

- demonstrate understanding of, and be able to apply fundamental theories in ethics, including but not limited to deontology, utilitarianism, virtue and care perspectives, feminist ethics and pragmatism;
- analyze connections between ethics and law, culture, the environment, history and public policy;
- refine and improve their own ethical perspectives in dialogue and critical writing.

## APPLIED ETHICS AND PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHY CERTIFICATE (25–30 CREDITS)

The Applied Ethics and Practical Philosophy Certificate Program seeks to nurture the application of ethical and philosophical ideas toward concerns in social, political, economic and cultural life. The chief goal of the program is to offer practically oriented, but philosophically based, expertise in ethics and normative theory.

The program will also provide Eastern Washington University students with the cultural understanding, ethical decision-making and critical thinking skills necessary for addressing the dilemmas faced by present and future professionals, policy makers and citizens in general. It is designed to ensure that its recipients have a command of the basic theories of moral philosophy as well as a specialized knowledge of their applications in many areas of public life, including medicine, government, law, public policy, business and education. Consequently, the curriculum includes both core courses essential to a solid foundation in moral thought and specialized courses in practical philosophy and applied ethics.

The certificate will serve as a valuable credential to professionals who require a general understanding of the area, e.g. those who serve on ethics committees or compliance boards and those who seek advanced ethics training to meet licensure demands.

### Required Courses

#### Choose ONE of the following (5 credits):

PHIL 212 Introduction to Ethics (5)  
 PHIL 213 Moral Issues in America (5)

*Note:* Students who are completing a minor in Philosophy as well as a Applied Ethics and Practical Philosophy Certificate may only count one course for each.

#### Choose TWO of the following (10 credits):

PHIL 311 Social and Political Philosophy (5)  
 PHIL 417 Women and Ethics (5)  
 PHIL 445 Biomedical Ethics (5)  
 PHIL 447 Environmental Ethics (5)  
 PHIL 499 Directed Study (5)

### Elective Courses

#### Choose THREE of the following courses (10-15 credits):

AAST/ECON 424/WMST 426 Economics of Poverty and Discrimination (5)  
 ACCT 261 Business Law (4)  
 ADST 460 Chemical Dependency Ethics and the Law (4)  
 AGST/SOWK 458 Perspectives on Death and Dying (4)  
 CMST 351 Communicative Reasoning (5)  
 CMST 431 Communication Law and Ethics (5)  
 CRIM 340 Ethics in Criminal Justice (5)  
 DSST 310 Disability, Culture and Society (5)  
 ENGR 456 Engineering Ethics, Contracts, and Patents (2)  
 HLED 370 Personal and Community Health (4)  
 HUMN/WMST 415 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (5)  
 MGMT 424 Equity and Equality in the Workplace (3)  
 PSYC 340 Emotion and Emotional Intelligence (5)  
 PSYC 381 Social Psychology (5)  
 SOCI 482 Identity and Power (5)  
 SOWK/WMST 450 Women and Social Reform (3)  
 WMST/SOWK 471 Human Rights and Women's Rights (4)

*Minimum total required credits for certificate*

*25 credits*

## MINOR

### PHILOSOPHY MINOR (20 CREDITS)

No more than 10 credits may be taken in 200-level philosophy courses.

*Total credits for above minor*

*20 credits*

Philosophy Courses

Terms offered: fall, winter, spring, summer (FWSU). If no terms are indicated check with the department or EagleNET.

**PHIL 210 Critical Thinking (5) FWS**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101 and pre-university basic skills in mathematics.

[satisfies the GEGR for humanities and fine arts, list 3, philosophy and reasoning.]

Logic as a tool for the analysis of informal arguments. The course develops techniques for formalizing and testing arguments from everyday life.

**PHIL 211 Introductory Philosophy (5) FWSU**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

[satisfies the GEGR for humanities and fine arts, list 3, philosophy and reasoning.]

Some traditional problems about the nature of the world and human knowledge. Typical problems concern the existence of God, personal identity and free will, the relations of minds to bodies and of perception to the external world.

**PHIL 212 Introductory Ethics (5) FWSU**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

[satisfies the GEGR for humanities and fine arts, list 3, philosophy and reasoning.]

An examination of the nature and content of morality. Two questions are central: Is morality based on knowledge or on emotion? Is there a rational motive to act morally?

**PHIL 213 Moral Issues in America (5) FWS**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

[satisfies the GEGR for humanities and fine arts, list 3, philosophy and reasoning.]

An introduction to normative moral issues in current thought and life. Typical problems concern social justice, the relation of work to a person's concept of himself, manipulation and indoctrination in a technological society and relationships between social success and human flourishing.

**PHIL 214 Philosophical Voices and Pop Culture (5)**

Prerequisite: ENGL 101.

[satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

This course is a thematic survey of several areas of basic philosophical problems. It will combine an examination of philosophical themes in media and popular culture—including fiction, television and cinema—with retrieval of under-represented, diverse voices addressing each thematic area. Themes may include, but are not restricted to: metaphysics, theory of mind and knowledge, aesthetics, ethics and social and political theory.

**PHIL 301 Introduction to Formal Logic (5)F**  
 Prerequisites: successful completion of ENGL 101 and MATH 100 or Mathematics Clearance by Test. PHIL 210 suggested.

Logic as a formal deductive system. The course develops sentential logic and introduces predicate logic. It examines arguments typical of science and mathematics and covers some elementary metatheorems for sentential logic.

**PHIL 311 Social and Political Philosophy (5)**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

Major political theories and analysis of arguments that attempt to justify actual or proposed political and social institutions. (Cross-listed HONS 311)

**PHIL 312 Philosophy of Religion (5)**  
 Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

Philosophical problems with religion and theology. Typical problems concern the existence of God, God's relation to evil, the immortality of the soul, the meaning of religious language and the criteria for theological verification. (Cross-listed HONS 312)

**PHIL 320 History of Ancient Western Philosophy (5) F**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

The history of Greek philosophy from the first theories about the causes of the universe to the Socratic inquiry about how to live and to Plotinus' theory of the soul. (Cross-listed HONS 320)

**PHIL 321 History of Modern Western Philosophy (5) W**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

16th–18th century European philosophy against the background of religion and science. The main theme is the relation of knowledge to reason and experience. (Cross-listed HONS 321)

**PHIL 322 History of Contemporary Western Philosophy (5) S**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

This course is a survey of the major European and American schools of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century philosophy. Course material includes German idealism, existentialism, utilitarianism, Marxism, pragmatism, feminism, logical positivism and post-modernism. (Cross-listed HONS 322)

**PHIL 331 Chinese Philosophy (5)**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

Confucius' humanistic ethics, the naturalistic philosophy of Taoism and Buddhism—especially the Zen Buddhist method of enlightenment. (Cross-listed HONS 331)

**PHIL 398 Seminars on Selected Topics (5)**

Prerequisites: 5 credits of philosophy and successful completion of ENGL 101.

**PHIL 400 Special Periods in the History of Philosophy (5)**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

Intensive study of a period in the history of philosophy that is not included in the 320–322 sequence. (Cross-listed HONS 400)

**PHIL 411 Theory of Knowledge (5)**

Prerequisites: 5 credits of philosophy and successful completion of ENGL 101.

The nature, grounds and limits of human knowledge. Topics typical of the course are perception, memory, truth, knowledge of other minds and the relations among knowing, believing and doubting.

**PHIL 417 Women and Ethics (5) W alt**

Prerequisite: at least one of the following: WMST 101 or 310 or PHIL 211 or 212.

[Satisfies cultural and gender diversity university graduation requirement]

The course will begin with a brief examination of the treatment of women within traditional ethics. We will then address the views of early women philosophers, followed by a close analysis of contemporary feminist approaches to ethics. (Cross-listed WMST 417)

**PHIL 435 Major Authors in the History of Philosophy (5)**

Prerequisite: successful completion of ENGL 101.

Intensive study of a single major philosopher. (Repeatable for credit with different authors.) (Cross-listed HONS 435)

**PHIL 440 Women and Philosophy (5) W alt**

Prerequisite: at least 4 credits in WMST and/or PHIL.

The course offers an examination of the treatment of concepts relating to women and femininity, both by traditional philosophers and by more recent feminist philosophers. The course will address key issues within philosophy while simultaneously exploring the role of gender in the production of philosophical knowledge. (Cross-listed WMST 440)

**PHIL 445 Biomedical Ethics (5) S alt**

Prerequisite: ENGL 101.

This course is an examination of a variety of moral theories as well as professional oaths and codes of ethics in order to clarify, analyze and propose solutions to significant contemporary ethical problems in biological research and medical practice. These may include abortion, genetic research on humans, animals and crops, stem cell research, advance directives, end-of-life issues, etc.

**PHIL 447 Environmental Ethics (5) S alt**

Prerequisite: PHIL 212 or PHIL 213 or permission of instructor.

This course is a study of mainstream and alternative moral theories regarding the environment, including the application of these theories towards contemporary environmental problems, such as climate change, pollution, resource depletion, species extinction and land use.

**PHIL 499 Directed Study (5) FWSU**

Prerequisites: 10 credits of philosophy and successful completion of ENGL 101; permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

