

New Philosophy Major and Minor Requirements

The Philosophy Department has made some changes to the major and minor requirements, this will take affect in Fall 2024.

Old Requirements

Old Major Requirements

Total of 56 credits required, with 8 credits to be taken in residence at PSU.

- Specific requirements include:
 - PHL201 Introduction to Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL301U Ancient Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL303U Early Modern Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL308U Elementary Ethics (4 credits)
 - PHL324U Intro to Formal Logic I (4 credits)
 - PHL380 Philosophical Writing (4 credits)
 - Two Historical Figures Courses (8 credits)
 - Four Thematic Courses (16 credits)
 - Philosophy electives (8 credits)

Old Minor Requirements

Total of 28 credits required, with 8 credits to be taken in residence at PSU.

- Specific requirements include:
 - PHL201 Introduction to Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL301U Ancient Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL303U Early Modern Philosophy (4 credits)
 - PHL308U Elementary Ethics (4 credits)
 - Philosophy electives (to include a minimum of 8 credits in upper-division courses) (12 credits)

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 - Philosophy electives (36 credits): 16 of the 36 elective credits must be completed at the 400-level. BSt 378 and NAS 351U may count towards the 36 credits of philosophy electives.

Minor Requirements

Total of 28 credits required, with 8 credits to be taken in residence at PSU.

- Specific requirements include:
 - Any courses with the PHL prefix, as well as BSt 378 and NAS 351U.

Any questions? Checkout out our Instagram or website.



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Website

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Why are you changing the requirements?
 - These changes are designed to provide you with more flexibility and a broader range of course options in Philosophy.
- How will this affect me as a current PSU Philosophy Major/Minor?
 - If you are a new student starting in Fall 2024, then these new requirements apply.
 - If you are graduating Spring or Summer 2024, then these new requirements do not apply; you must go by the old major/minor requirements.
 - If you plan to graduate in the 2024-25 academic year or later, then these requirements may apply. If the newer catalog year suits your needs better, you have the option to switch to it. All you need to do is make sure that when you're ready to graduate, you officially declare the 2024-25 catalog year on your graduation application.
- What should I do if I have more specific questions?
 - Please reach out to the Department Chair and Undergraduate Advisor, Angela Coventry at coventry@pdx.edu or the Language, Culture, and Meaning Pathway Director, Martha Dyson at mdyson@pdx.edu.