

# Bachelor of Arts in **Philosophy**

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy at the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of the Incarnate Word shapes analytical and strategic thinkers with a deep understanding of logic, argument and ethics—all valuable skills for a variety of careers and future aspirations.

The B.A. in Philosophy degree at UIW integrates the major branches of philosophy, including Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics and Logic, with an examination of philosophy in several different historical eras, including Ancient, Medieval, Modern and Contemporary. UIW students also study World Philosophy, exploring different global traditions of thought.

Because philosophy is at the heart of the liberal arts experience, a B.A. in Philosophy allows students to synthesize insights from a wide variety of fields and sharpen their critical and creative skills in the process. The primary goal is not merely to promote the mastery of philosophical content, but to help cultivate the philosophical spirit by nourishing UIW students' responsiveness to the wonder of being, their commitment to justice and their overall capacity to explore philosophical issues with creativity and critical insight. UIW's smaller class sizes help foster group discussions as students seek to learn from each other and their diverse backgrounds in search of the common good.

## **QUICK FACTS**

- Because training in philosophy features rigorous combinations of critical and creative reasoning, graduates of the program typically perform at the highest levels on entrance exams for graduate and professional studies such as the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT and others.
- Philosophy students regularly compete in the prestigious Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl at regional and national levels.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for admission to the B.A. in Philosophy program are the same as the requirements for admission to the University of the Incarnate Word.

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B.A. in **Philosophy****FRESHMAN YEAR****Fall**

ENGL 1311: Composition I (3 hours)  
 PHIL 1381 (or 1381H) Introduction to  
 Philosophy (3 hours)  
 RELS 1305, 1315, 1325 or 1335 (3 hours)  
 Social Science Core Course (3 hours)  
 Elective (3 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****Spring**

DWHP 1200 Dimensions of Wellness (2 hours)  
 PEHP Physical Activity Course (1 hour)  
 ENGL 1312 Composition II (3 hours)  
 Fine Arts (ARTS/ARTH/DANC/MUSI/THAR)  
 (3 hours)  
 HIST 1311, 1312, 1321, 1322, or 3310H (3 hours)  
 PHIL 3332 Ethics (3 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****SOPHOMORE YEAR****Fall**

ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies (3 hours)  
 Modern Language I (3 hours)  
 PHIL 3351 Ancient Philosophy (3 hours)  
 Science Course with Lab (4 hours)  
 Elective (3 hours)

**Total Hours: 16****Spring**

MATH 1304, 1306, 1308, 2303, or higher  
 (3 hours)  
 Modern Language II (Same Language) (3 hours)  
 PHIL 3352 Medieval Philosophy (3 hours)  
 Elective (6 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****JUNIOR YEAR****Fall**

PHIL 3321 Logic (3 hours)  
 PHIL 3353 Modern Philosophy (3 hours)  
 Electives (9 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****Spring**

PHIL 3318 Theories of Reality and Knowledge  
 (3 hours)  
 PHIL 3354 Contemporary Philosophy (3 hours)  
 Minor or Electives (6 hours)  
 Electives (3 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****SENIOR YEAR****Fall**

PHIL Elective (upper division) (3 hours)  
 Minor or Electives (upper division) level (6 hours)  
 Electives (6 hours)

**Total Hours: 15****Spring**

PHIL 3355 World Philosophy (3 hours)  
 PHIL Elective (upper division) (3 hours)  
 Minor or Electives (6 hours)  
 Elective (2 hours)

**Total Hours: 14**

120 hours needed to complete the B.A. in Philosophy

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