

## ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Philosophy Major, B.A.

Fall 2024

### Freshman Year (30 credits)

#### FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Foundational PHI Requirement	PHI 101/110; PHI 102; PHI 111/112/113/ 115	
Any GE23 Course		
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#### SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing II	CWP 102	
PHI Logic Requirement	PHI 103 or 107	
Foundational PHI Requirement	PHI 101/110; PHI 102; PHI 111/112/113/ 115	
Any GE23 Course		
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### Notes and recommendations:

- PHI 101, 110, PHI 102, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 115 are the foundational PHI requirements. Each also satisfies the GE23 Humanities requirement.
- PHI 103 and PHI 107 satisfy the GE23 Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- PHI 301 satisfies the GE23 World History and Global Awareness requirement.
- Per Buffalo State rules, only two courses may “double dip” in the major and in GE23 requirements, so students should consult with their advisor and be strategic about their GE23 choices

Be sure to attend at least one faculty office hour for each course; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); monitor your degree audit sheet in Degree Works

### Sophomore Year (60 credits)

#### THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Foundational PHI Requirement	PHI 101/110; PHI 102; PHI 111/112/113/ 115	
Any GE23 Course		
Any GE23 Course		
Any GE23 Course		
All College Elective		

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
PHI Requirement	PHI 301 or 304 or 314 or 333	CWP 102 or one PHI course
Any GE23 Course		
Any GE23 Course		
All College Elective		

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All College Elective		

**Notes and recommendations:**

All Philosophy majors are encouraged to enroll in a second major or a minor; they should consider replacing “All College” electives (or GE23 course slots) with work toward that second major or minor.

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor or certificate program

Consider serving as a commentator for Philosophy Faculty/Student Colloquium (discuss with Dr. Blessing)

**Junior Year (90 credits)**

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
PHI Requirement	PHI 308 or 361	CWP 102 or one PHI course
All College Elective		
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All College Elective		
All College Elective		

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
PHI Requirement	PHI 324 or 360	CWP 102 or one PHI course
All College Elective		
All College Elective		
All College Elective		
All College Elective		

**Notes and recommendations:**

The upper-level Philosophy Requirement disjunctions may be satisfied in any order, but PHI 300, 312, 314, 333, and 336 may usefully be thought of as more specialized and thus more suitable for later in your academic career.

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options

Explore Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship opportunities

Consider presenting work for Philosophy Faculty/Student Colloquium (discuss with Dr. Blessing)

**Senior Year (120 credits)**

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
PHI Requirement	PHI 300 or 312 or 336	CWP 102 or one PHI course
Upper Division PHI Elective	Any PHI 3xx course	CWP 102 or one PHI course
All College Elective		
All College Elective		
All College Elective		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper Division PHI Elective	Any PHI 3xx course	CWP 102 or one PHI course

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
All College Elective		
All College Elective		
All College Elective		
All College Elective		

**Notes and recommendations:**

Students should take at least one but no more than three PHI courses per semester.

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed

Consider presenting work for Philosophy Faculty/Student Colloquium (discuss with Dr. Blessing). If you've done presented and it went well, consider submitting work to undergraduate philosophy conferences