

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM

### PROSPECTUS

#### The Field

Philosophy is the discipline that engages in a critical inquiry into the most fundamental questions of humanity: What is truth? What is knowledge? How should I live? Answering these questions requires a critical, yet sympathetic, mind to understand a broad range of perspectives.

#### Relevance and Demand

Philosophy prepares students to become strong thinkers and provides students with a set of intellectual skills -- including reading, writing, and oral presentation skills -- that can be applied to problems in their everyday lives and at work.

Philosophy also acts as an excellent complementary major to a range of courses of study, offering a rigorous theoretical perspective on topics in science, business, medicine, legal studies, literary studies, and the study of history and society. For this reason, no matter what else students study at the University, philosophy provides essential skills that allow students to approach their work in a more careful, rigorous, and engaged way.

#### Why UOG?

The Philosophy Program at the University of Guam has an especially strong focus on preparing students to:

- analyze problems imaginatively and sympathetically, from a range of points of view, including the points of view of those from very different cultural backgrounds;
- reason about complex issues; and
- express their ideas carefully and clearly.

Graduates of the Philosophy Program are typically open-minded and thoughtful individuals who can solve even novel problems in a rigorous and creative manner. The skills cultivated in our program are highly sought-after in

a wide range of roles and by the admissions committees for all graduate degrees, including medicine, law, and business. In other words, no matter what students plan to do post-graduation, a degree in philosophy will provide the tools to do it more successfully.

#### PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of a philosophy degree, students will be able to:

- justify positions with reasoned argument in a rigorous way;
- express themselves orally and in writing precisely and clearly;
- understand and engage with perspectives different to their own;
- analyze real-world problems using philosophical tools;
- reconstruct the positions of authors through the close reading of texts; and
- practice philosophical virtues in their interactions with others.

## MINORS & CERTIFICATE

### PHILOSOPHY MINORS

- Philosophy
- Ethics

### CERTIFICATE

- Ethics

See [Degree Requirements tab/section](#) for list of required courses for the minors and certificate.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

### PHILOSOPHY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (30 CREDIT HOURS)

#### Required Courses (21 credit hours)

#### Choose 2 of the following 100-level courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI101	INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI103	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AND NON-WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

#### Choose 2 of the following 200-level courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI210	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI220	ETHICAL THEORY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI230	INDIGENOUS PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

#### Choose 2 of the following 300-level courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI301	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI302	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI306	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI331	PHILOSOPHY OF ART	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

#### And:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI398	PHILOSOPHY INTERNSHIP	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI492	CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

#### Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

Take 9 credits of any [Philosophy \(PI\)](#) courses. Six credits must be upper division or PS-326.

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI101	INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI103	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AND NON-WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI210	INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI220	ETHICAL THEORY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI230	INDIGENOUS PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI301	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI302	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI306	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI331	PHILOSOPHY OF ART	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI398	PHILOSOPHY INTERNSHIP	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI410	COMMUNITY ENGAGED PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI486	TRAVEL STUDIES IN ASIA	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI492	CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PS326	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

### General Education Requirements (Recommended Courses)

See the [Student Advisement Sheet](#) of the General Education Requirements and include under:

#### Tier II: Direction Building (6 credit hours)

**1) CF, DF, or UU as prerequisite (can be within a declared major):**

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

**2) DF or major exploration:**

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI301	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

#### Tier III: Capstone Experience

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

## MINOR REQUIREMENTS

### PHILOSOPHY MINOR REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDIT HOURS)

#### Required Courses (12 credit hours)

##### Choose 1 of the following 100-level courses:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI101	INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI103	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AND NON-WESTERN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

##### Choose 1 of the following 200-level courses:

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PI302	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI306	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI331	PHILOSOPHY OF ART	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

##### And:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

#### Elective Courses (6 credit hours)

Take 6 credit hours from any 300- or 400-level [Philosophy \(PI\)](#) courses or PS-326:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI301	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY I	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI302	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PI306	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI331	PHILOSOPHY OF ART	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI398	PHILOSOPHY INTERNSHIP	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI410	COMMUNITY ENGAGED PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI486	TRAVEL STUDIES IN ASIA	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PI492	CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PS326	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS

## ETHICS MINOR REQUIREMENTS (18 CREDIT HOURS)

### Required Courses (9 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI220	ETHICAL THEORY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

### Elective Courses (9 credit hours)

Choose 9 credit hours from the following:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI410	COMMUNITY ENGAGED PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
BA406	ETHICS FOR THE ACCOUNTANT	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PA405	LEADERSHIP ETHICS IN THE PROFESSIONS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
NU326	NURSING MANAGEMENT	2	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
NU420	TRENDS IN NURSING	2	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

### ETHICS CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (12 CREDIT HOURS)

#### Required Courses (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI102	CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI220	ETHICAL THEORY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

#### Elective Courses (6 credit hours)

Choose 6 credit hours from the following:

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PI410	COMMUNITY ENGAGED PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PI481	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PI492	CAPSTONE RESEARCH SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
BA406	ETHICS FOR THE ACCOUNTANT	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
PA405	LEADERSHIP ETHICS IN THE PROFESSIONS	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
NU326	NURSING MANAGEMENT	2	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
NU420	TRENDS IN NURSING	2	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

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