Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy (BA)

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written) 6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral) 3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math) 3
Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language) 0-6
Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information) 3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior) 3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity) 3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret) 3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature) 3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy) 3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature) 8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact) 3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in ENGL 110C before declaring major.

Oral Communication requirement can be satisfied by PHIL 160R.

Information Literacy and Research requirement can be satisfied by PHIL 202G, PHIL 290G, REL 147G, and REL 260G.

Language and Culture: BA students must have competence through the 202 level; competence is not met by completion of an associate degree.

Philosophy and Ethics requirement can be satisfied in the major by PHIL 303E, PHIL 344E, PHIL 345E, PHIL 355E, or PHIL 442E.

Impact of Technology requirement can be satisfied in the major by PHIL 383T.

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study
- Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component within the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Philosophy Core

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<td>PHIL 491W</td>
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Select one of the following: 3

- PHIL 330 Ancient Greek Philosophy
- PHIL 332 Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 331 Early Modern European Philosophy
- PHIL 334 Late Modern European Philosophy
- PHIL 364 African-American Philosophy

Select another course from the list above OR one of the courses below: 3

- PHIL 404 Existentialism and Phenomenology
- PHIL 405 American Pragmatist Philosophy
- PHIL 406 Language and Thought: History of Analytic Philosophy
- PHIL 411 Post-Modernism and Post-Structuralism
- PHIL 425 Kant and Hume
- PHIL 430 Marx and Hegel
- PHIL 432 Nietzsche and Life Affirmation

Total Credit Hours: 15

Students must complete all core requirements plus the requirements for their selected major for a total of 33 credit hours in 300- and 400-level philosophy (PHIL) and religious studies (REL) courses; at least 9 hours must be at the 400 level.

Philosophy General Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements 35-47
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours) 6
Complete foreign language coursework through the 202 level 0-6

Philosophy Core

Complete Philosophy core requirements 15

Logic

PHIL 340 Logic 3

Philosophy Electives

Choose five additional PHIL courses at the 300 or 400 level: 15

Total Credit Hours: 74-92

Electives

Elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Additional Requirements and Information

Advanced Placement

Since the study of philosophy and religion involves intensive work with sophisticated texts and extensive analytical and critical writing, credit by examination is not usually appropriate. Students who believe that there are reasons why they should be considered for exceptions to this policy should present their cases in writing to the chair of the department, who, when appropriate, will refer them to the departmental committee.
Generally, such things as "reading on one's own" are not considered an adequate basis for such a petition. Students who have earned credit for one of the introductory philosophy and ethics way of knowing courses (e.g., PHIL 110P, PHIL 120P, PHIL 126P, PHIL 150P, REL 150P, PHIL 155E, REL 155E, PHIL 227E, PHIL 228E, PHIL 230E, PHIL 235E, REL 235E, or PHIL 250E) may not receive credit by examination for another of them.

Double Majoring in Philosophy and Political Science

The departments of Political Science and Geography and Philosophy and Religious Studies have established an arrangement that makes it possible to complete a double major in as few as 60 hours, only 9 credits more than the 51 required to major in Political Science and minor in Philosophy.

Political Science majors double majoring in Philosophy will be allowed to count any two of the following Philosophy courses as Political Science electives:

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These courses will not count toward the requirement to take a specific number of hours in the American politics/public law and international relations/comparative politics areas. Philosophy "topics" courses and PHIL 442E may also be counted as Political Science electives when the topic covered is appropriate; prior approval is required from the chief departmental advisor of Political Science and Geography.

Philosophy majors double majoring in political science may count any two of the following Political Science courses toward their philosophy major:

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<td>POLS 419</td>
<td>Jurisprudence: History of Legal Theory</td>
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These courses will count as Political-Legal electives; students will still be required to take 6 hours of Political-Legal core courses. Students doing the linked BA/MA in Philosophy and Humanities can count only one 500-level Political Science course as a "bridge" course. Certain Political Science "topics" courses may be counted as Philosophy electives with prior approval from the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department.

Students interested in double majoring in philosophy and a subject other than political science should consult the chief departmental advisor for Philosophy and Religious Studies; there may be some opportunity for double counting at least one class.

Double Majoring in Philosophy and Women's Studies

The Departments of Women's Studies and Philosophy and Religious Studies have established an arrangement that makes it possible to complete a double major in as few as 57 hours, only 9 credits more than the 48 hours needed for a major in Women's Studies and minor in Philosophy. Any four of the following courses, totaling no more than 12 credit hours, may count toward a major in Women's Studies and minor in Philosophy. Any four of the following courses (PHIL 330, PHIL 331, PHIL 332, or PHIL 333) may count toward a major or minor in Philosophy:

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With prior approval other courses from PHIL, REL, or WMST, such as topics courses, may be counted toward both majors.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.
Elective course 3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

Credit Hours 15

Spring
Remaining core course: PHIL 300 or PHIL 301 3
History course, first or second group (PHIL 330, PHIL 331, PHIL 332, PHIL 334, PHIL 404, PHIL 405, PHIL 406, PHIL 411, PHIL 425, or PHIL 430) 3
300/400-level major course 3
Elective course 3
Upper-Division General Education Course or Minor 3

Credit Hours 15

Senior
Fall
PHIL 340 Logic 3
300/400-level major course 3
Elective course 3
Elective course 3
Minor or Elective 3

Credit Hours 15

Spring
PHIL 491W Seminar in Philosophy (Grade of C or better is required) 3
300/400-level major course 3
300/400-level major course 3
Elective course 1
Minor or Elective 3

Credit Hours 13

Total Credit Hours 120

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master’s degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student’s senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.

Linked BA in Philosophy and MA in Humanities

The linked BA in philosophy and MA in Humanities makes it possible for exceptional philosophy majors to count up to 12 hours of graduate courses toward both an undergraduate and graduate degree. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). For more information, consult the Humanities section of this catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/collegeofartsletters/humanities/).

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.