

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE: Bachelor of Arts | Minor

Be introduced to concepts, arguments and worldviews that will sharpen your ethical vision.

The Department of Philosophy at Creighton University is concerned to arouse and sustain a sense of wonder in students, to acquaint them with the main problems and historical periods in philosophy, to help them form the habit of rigorous and clear thinking, and to prepare them to make philosophically mature decisions during the course of a lifetime.

Philosophy uncovers truths by seeking illuminating concepts, investigating traditions, constructing arguments and testing assumptions, as well as by building, criticizing, and contemplating worldviews. It investigates the nature of goodness, beauty, and justice, and explores the routes by which our world and we become better and more just.

The Creighton University Department of Philosophy is committed to teaching and scholarship in both the history and problems of philosophy: Students must be educated in both in order to grasp the traditions and complexities of their world. This education affords students the basis for integrating what they learn in other disciplines at Creighton University with what they learn throughout their lives. It should, therefore, form a basis for a lifetime of learning.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Knowledge of the history of philosophy: Students will analyze and evaluate the ideas and arguments of some major philosophers of the past in the context of the history of philosophy in which those ideas and arguments developed.
- Knowledge of the problems of philosophy: Students will analyze and evaluate contrasting approaches to some fundamental problems in philosophy.
- Philosophical skills: Students will formulate and defend a position on a philosophical issue on their own.
- Philosophical virtues: Students will express the virtues of humility, respectfulness, good judgment, courage and perseverance in their written work.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The **Logic for Children program** was designed to allow elementary school children the opportunity to be introduced to important philosophical and logical principles in a fun, engaging and intellectually safe environment. Students get the chance to express themselves in a philosophically-guided discussion that will let them have fun as well as increase their creative thinking abilities, logical skills, and most importantly their sense of wonder. Each year several Creighton philosophy students are employed as teaching assistants in the Logic for Children Program.

Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

Each year since 1998, the Creighton University Department of Philosophy and the Nebraska Beta chapter of Phi Sigma Tau have co-sponsored the Midwest Undergraduate Philosophy Conference. Undergraduate students from across the Midwest and the United States travel to Creighton each spring to present their own philosophical work. The conference is now one of the best-established and widely known venues of the presentation philosophical research in the U.S.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Studying philosophy will equip you with a variety of skills in analytical writing, careful reading, and critical thinking that would serve you well in a wide variety of professional and managerial careers. Your career options are bounded only by your diligence in working to acquire these skills and your willingness to explore how your passions and these skills can meet a need in the world. Philosophy graduates have a long, distinguished track record of success in professions such as law, medicine, and business.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Employment Opportunities

In the past five years, graduates have gone on to:

- AmeriCorps
- Applied Underwriters
- Bandon Dunes Gold Club
- Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps
- Hohai University
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Omaha City Weekly
- Peace Corps
- Physicians Mutual Insurance Company
- Teach for America
- United States Army

Graduate Studies

In the past five years, graduates have pursued additional study at:

- Baylor University, School of Law
- Creighton University, School of Law
- Creighton University, School of Medicine
- Emory University
- Iowa State University
- Mayo Medical School
- Saint Louis University, School of Law
- University of California at Los Angeles, School of Law
- University of Freiburg (Germany)

PHILOSOPHY TRACK

Two tracks are available through the department:

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy

- Ethics Specialization Track
- Generalist Track

For more details on the full curriculum, visit:

catalog.creighton.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/

CLASSES FOR THE GENERAL TRACK

Philosophical Ideas Course

Select one of the following: 3

PHL 110	Philosophical Ideas: Reality, Knowledge, and the Good Life
PHL 111	Philosophical Ideas: Law
PHL 112	Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
PHL 113	Philosophical Ideas: Nature, Time and God
PHL 118	Philosophical Ideas: Wisdom

Other Required PHL Courses

Take all of the following: 9

PHL 270	Philosophical Ethics
or PHL 271	Philosophical Ethics: Cortina Community
or PHL 275	Philosophical Ethics: Energy and Environment
PHL 320	God and Persons: Philosophical Reflections
PHL 492	Senior Seminar for Majors

Logic

Select one of the following: 3

PHL 201	Introduction to Logic
PHL 399	Symbolic Logic

History of Philosophy

Select six credits from the following: 6

PHL 351	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
PHL 367	American Philosophy
PHL 370	History of Classical Greek Philosophy
PHL 371	History of Hellenistic Philosophy

Complete option listing on catalog entry

Problems of Philosophy

Select six credits from the following: 6

PHL 321	Epistemology
PHL 331	Moral Philosophy
PHL 334	Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
PHL 342	Metaphysics

Complete option listing on catalog entry

PHL Upper Level Electives

3 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, not on the history, problems, ultimate questions, or logic lists, and not cross-listed as SRP or intersections. 3

6 additional hours of PHL courses numbered 300 or above, no more than 3 hours of which may be cross listed as SRP or intersections. 6

Total Credits 36

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy

Phi Sigma Tau is the international philosophy honor society. The Nebraska Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau provides a non-classroom environment for philosophical discourse and study.

Our mission coincides with the Jesuit mission of Creighton University through the quest for truth in all its forms and the integrating vision of the world that such truth provides.

The Nebraska Beta chapter sponsors student-organized, student-focused philosophical activities throughout the academic year, including roundtable discussions, research presentations by professors and students, and film nights.