

Department of Philosophy

Honors Program Requirements

Admission to department Honors program occurs post-matriculation (that is not as part of initial admission to the University), no earlier than the second semester of the sophomore year and no later than March of the junior year. Admission requires that the student have taken at least two Philosophy courses in which he or she has averaged no less than an A- and had achieved a cumulative GPA of at least B+. The A- average in Philosophy courses must be maintained for the student to graduate with Honors. Finally, admission requires approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

1. An upper division logic course (PH 360 or 433)
2. History of Ancient Philosophy PH 300
3. History of Modern Philosophy PH 310
4. A moral, political, or legal philosophy course beyond 100-level
5. A course in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science, mind, or language
6. A course between 403-419
7. A course between 420-488
8. 9. 10. 11. & 12. No more than one may be a 100-level course, the determination of 8-12 is left to the discretion of the Honors Major in consultation with his or her advisor who is responsible for approving the student's program, should his or her advisor agree that it is appropriate to do so the Honors Major may take two advanced courses from a Department outside Philosophy to fulfill two of the remaining required courses (8-12). For example, a student pursuing the Philosophy of Language might take advanced Linguistics courses or a student pursuing Aesthetics might take courses in the Department of Art History.

Additional Requirements:

The Senior Paper- In consultation with his or her advisor an Honors Major must produce a "senior paper." This can be a senior thesis (in which case the student must take 2 independent studies with a single professor). It can also be a revision of a term paper written for a seminar.

Co-curricular activities- An Honors Major must attend at least one departmental lecture or colloquium per semester. He or she will discuss that event with his or her advisor.