

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY
FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN: 2017-18

Fall Semester 1	15 credits
ENGH 101	3
Foreign language 110	6
Non-western culture	3
PHIL 100, Introduction to Philosophy	3

Spring Semester 1	15 credits
Natural science without lab	3
Art or Literature (consider PHIL 156 or PHIL 253)	3
Quantitative reasoning	3
Foreign language 210	3
PHIL 173, Logic and Critical Thinking	3

Fall Semester 2	15 credits
Western civilization/World history	3
Global Understanding	3
Information technology/ethics	3
Social and Behavioral science	3
PHIL 301, History of Western Phil: Ancient	3

Spring Semester 2	16 credits
Art or Literature (consider PHIL 156 or PHIL 253)	3
Natural science with lab	4
Social and Behavioral science	3
Oral communication	3
PHIL 303, History of Western Phil: Modern	3

Fall Semester 3	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective*	3
ENGH 302	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
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Spring Semester 3	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester 4	15 credits
PHIL 421 or 422 (capstone)	3
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester 4	15 credits
PHIL elective	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

**Students select five or six electives from any PHIL course that is not being used to meet another requirement. If both the analytic or continental philosophy and the ethics and political philosophy requirements are met with the same course, the student will complete six elective courses.*

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Philosophy majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly, at least once per semester, with an academic advisor to work through their own unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students pursuing this degree complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. At least 21 credits of PHIL courses taken should be at the 300 level or above, including at least 3 credits in either PHIL 421 Seminar (topics vary) or PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (if enrolled in the honors program in the major).
 - Please note that requirements for the Philosophy major vary for previous catalog years. Students can check the requirements appropriate to their own catalog year via the Archive link on the University Catalog home page.

- Students interested in law school may pursue the major concentration in Philosophy and Law. Students interested in philosophy, policy, and public service may pursue the major concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE).
- Students are strongly encouraged to group some of their general and upper-level electives together so as to take at least one minor. Please consult an academic advisor for guidance.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2017-18 University Catalog](#).