

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Philosophy, BA

Without Concentration

		Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020	Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (37-40 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed	
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3			
Oral Communication:		3			
Quantitative Reasoning		3			
Information Technology		3			
Arts	May be satisfied by PHIL 156	3			
Global Understanding		3			
Literature	May be satisfied by PHIL 253	3			
Natural Science Overview		3			
Natural Science with Lab		4			
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3			
Western Civilization/World History		3			
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3			
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by Major Requirement	0-3			
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree					
Philosophy or Religious Studies	Satisfied by Major Requirements				
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)					
Additional Social & Behavioral Sciences		3			
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)					
Foreign Language		0-12			
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)					
Non-Western Culture		3			
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)					
Major Requirements (33 credits) Grade of "C" or better in all courses used to fulfill major requirements					
PHIL 173 or 376	Logic and Critical Thinking or Symbolic Logic	3			
PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	3			
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	3			
Analytic Tradition Choose one: PHIL 313, 332, 333, 338, 355-358, 371, 373, 374, 411		3			
Continental Tradition Choose one: PHIL 313, 325, 335-338, 340, 356, 357		3			
Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy Choose one: PHIL 305, 309, 311, 323-325, 327, 338, 343, 344, 355, 358, 411		3			
Electives in the Major (15-18 credits): Select five or six electives from any philosophy course including those listed above that are not 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.					
Major Elective #1		3			
Major Elective #2		3			
Major Elective #3		3			
Major Elective #4		3			
Major Elective #5		3			
Major Elective #6 (if necessary)					
Degree Notes					
The PHIL major requires 21 credits at the 300-level or above, including at least 3 credits in PHIL 421/422. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.					



Year One – Semester One	15 credits
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign language 110	6
Non-western culture	3
PHIL 100, Introduction to Philosophy	3

Year One – Semester Two	15 credits
Natural science without lab	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Quantitative reasoning	3
Foreign language 201	3
PHIL 173, Logic and Critical Thinking	3

Year Two – Semester One	15 credits
Foreign Language 202	3
Global Understanding	3
Information technology	3
Social and Behavioral science	3
PHIL 301, History of Western Phil: Ancient	3

Year Two – Semester Two	16 credits
Arts (consider PHIL 156, What is Art?)	3
Natural science with lab	4
Social and Behavioral science	3
Literature (consider PHIL 253, Philosophy & Literature)	3
PHIL 303, History of Western Phil: Modern	3

Year Three – Semester One	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective*	3
ENGH 302	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3

Year Three – Semester Two	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
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Year Four – Semester One	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

Year Four – Semester Two	15 credits
PHIL elective	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3
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This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Philosophy majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly 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 (C) 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 [2019-2020 Catalog](#).