



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding “critical courses” for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	PHIL 114 Introduction to Formal Logic I	3			CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Foreign language ³ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3			CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	History ⁶	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CR/CC		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
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	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
	PHIL 390 Junior Seminar in Philosophy ⁸ (<i>offered fall only</i>)	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3			CC/PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
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	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Minor Course ⁷ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL 490 Senior Seminar in Philosophy (<i>offered fall only</i>)	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Minor Course ⁷ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁹	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
Semester Eight (12-15 Credit Hours)							
	PHIL Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁹ (<i>only if needed to meet hours to graduate</i>)	1-3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Overall GPA
120	24	51-63	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score. The foreign languages recommended for students majoring in philosophy are French, German, Greek, and Latin.
- 18 hours of Philosophy electives numbered 201 or above are required and must include two courses at the 500-level (6 hours), as well as one course from each of the groups in the following table:

Choose 1 from each of the following groups:	
Ancient Philosophy: PHIL 301 – Ancient Philosophy (<i>cross-listed: CLAS 301</i>) PHIL 302 – Greek & Roman Phil. after Aristotle (<i>cross-listed: CLAS 302</i>) PHIL 303 – History of Medieval Philosophy PHIL 312 – Class. Orig. of Western Med. Ethics (<i>cross-listed: CLAS 360</i>) PHIL 313 – Between Magic & Method: Ancient Medicine (<i>cross-listed: CLAS 361</i>)	Modern Philosophy: PHIL 304 – 17 th & 18 th Century Philosophy PHIL 305 – 19 th & 20 th Century Philosophy PHIL 310 – American Philosophy PHIL 311 – Existentialism

- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- Students majoring in Philosophy are encouraged to take PHIL 390 during the junior year, or before the final 30 hours of study. PHIL 390 fulfills the Field of Philosophy requirement within the Philosophy major. Students should plan to take PHIL 390 during their Junior year, or after 60 hours of study.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- The Departmental Undergraduate Research Track is available to students majoring in Philosophy who wish to participate in significant research activities in collaboration with, or under the supervision of, a faculty mentor. In addition to the Philosophy major requirements, a student must complete the following: 1) PHIL 495 – Senior Thesis; 2) a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major; 3) a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30; 4) a public presentation of the Senior Thesis (at an annual meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, a regular or special session of the Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, USC Discovery Day, or submission to an undergraduate or a professional journal).
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.