

The Academic Plan is a semester-by-semester plan for the full-time college-ready student. Part-time students should work with an advisor to customize the map to fit individual needs.

ACADEMIC PLAN		NOTES
Fall 1st Year	Cr Hrs	Semester 1
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	
COL 100, 101, or 136	1–3	<i>If the student knows s/he will transfer to a four-year school without a foreign language requirement, this may be replaced by an additional PHL or humanities course in this semester and the next semester.</i>
Computer Literacy	3	
Foreign Language: SPN, FRN, or GRM 101	5	
MTH 128 (or any Gen Ed elective if MTH 128 is not needed)	3	
Total Hours	15–17	

Spring 1st Year		Semester 2
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	
Foreign Language: SPN, FRN, or GRM 102	5	
Non-Philosophy Humanities	3	
MTH 131 or MTH 134	3	
PHL 102 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
COM 100 or COM 110	3	
Total Hours	18–20	

Fall 2nd Year		Semester 3
PHL 101 Logic	3	
PHL 202 Ethics	3	<i>Student must take a science with a lab either this semester or in semester 4 but not both.</i>
Biological Science (with or without lab)	3–5	
Social Science requirement	3	
Constitution requirement	3	
Total Hours	15–17	

Spring 2nd Year		Semester 4
PHL 201 World Religions	3	
Physical Science (with or without lab)	3–5	<i>Student must take a science with a lab either this semester or in semester 3 but not both.</i>
Social Science requirement	3	
American History/Government requirement	3	
PHL 203 Medical Ethics or PHL 204 Business & Professional Ethics	3	
Total Hours	15–17	

Program Description: Philosophy explores the history of human thought and ongoing questions of meaning, value and truth. It provides excellent preparation for any field requiring critical reasoning skills. The Philosophy concentration prepares students for transfer to a four-year institution.

Admission Requirements: Must meet first-semester course prerequisites.

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Division Chair: Dr. Michael Booker

Employment Outlook/Median Salary*: Philosophy is an academic program which emphasizes critical thinking, communication skills, and analytic skills. A Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy is solid preparation for many professional programs including Law, Medicine and Religion. Students interested in becoming postsecondary instructors in Philosophy are encouraged to aim for a Doctorate in the field.

Career	Degree Level Required	** Growth	Median Annual Salary
Philosophy Postsecondary Educator	Ph.D.	19%	\$68,970
Lawyer	J.D.	10%	\$ 113,530
Political Scientist/Analyst	M.A.	21%	\$ 102,000
Clergy	M.Div.	10%	\$44,060
Research Analyst	B.A.	32%	\$ 60,300
Government Analyst/Think Tank	B.A.	22%	\$ 72,780

**Employment information based on current Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook.*

***Projected % of change in employment 2012-2022; the average for all occupations is 11%.*

Benefits of a Degree in Philosophy:

Undergraduate Philosophy majors score in the top 5% of students taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), this is the exam taken for entry into graduate school. They do exceptionally well on the verbal and analytic portions of this exam. (www.mcneese.edu/f/c/0dd60d59/WSPRocktheGRE.pdf)

Undergraduate Philosophy majors rate at the top 5% of students taking the Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT). (web.phil.ufl.edu/ugrad/whatis/LSATtable.html)

Undergraduate Philosophy majors have a highest acceptance rate into medical school of all undergraduate majors. (www.amsa.org/AMSA/Homepage/Publications/TheNewPhysician/2000/tmp275.aspx)