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Philosophy students acquire the skills of:

- careful reading and interpretation of philosophical texts,
- writing clear, succinct and well-argued papers,
- responding critically to the ideas advanced by others,
- expressing ideas logically and coherently.

Philosophy majors:

- acquire a basic knowledge of the History of Western Philosophy,
- become acquainted with at least one non-Western philosophical tradition,
- become acquainted with at least one major topic in the contemporary study of philosophy,
- demonstrate the ability to write a paper on a philosophical topic on which they have conducted independent research.

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REQUIRED COURSES: All courses are worth three credits

Logic (1 course): PHIL 110
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Western Philosophy (2 courses): PHIL 211, 212, 213, 414 (Alpha)
Capstone (1 course): PHIL 449 (offered each Fall term)
Electives (2 courses): PHIL 200-level or above

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ETHICS & LAW: PHIL 300, 301, 302, 303, 310, 312, 317, 318, 319
SCIENCE & SOCIETY: PHIL 308, 313, 314, 315, 316, 422, 438
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Independent Study: Students interested in advanced studies in philosophy should consult the UG Chair to identify an area of interest and a faculty member to supervise a semester's work. Students then enroll in PHIL 399 (only three credits of which count toward the major or minor) and write an extended (8,000-words or more) essay, suitable for presentation at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and for submission toward the David Hall Prize.

David Hall Prize: Students are invited to submit their best papers for the David Hall Prize, an expenses-paid trip to read the prize-winning essay at the Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, held annually in Oneonta, NY. Submission deadline is in January.

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Mandatory Advising: All majors are to meet the Undergraduate Chair once a semester. Failure to do so will lead to a registration hold.