Philosophy BA / Accelerated 3-Year Plan (Sample)

This academic map is a sample 3-year schedule to complete your major in an accelerated format. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections. Courses in red text should be taken in the semester shown. This will help you graduate on time.

**Fall Year 1**
- INTDIS 1003: University Studies
- ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing
- PHIL 1150: Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1130: Approaches to Ethics
- LANG 1001 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language

**Spring Year 1**
- PHIL 1120: Asian Philosophy
- PHIL 1151: Love 101
- MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics
- GEN ED: Communication
- GEN ED: Social Sciences
- LANG 1001 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language

**Summer Year 1**
- LANG 2101 in French, Spanish, Japanese or American Sign Language

**Fall Year 2**
- ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing
- PHIL 3301 or 3302: Hist. of Philosophy
- GEN ED: Information Literacy
- GEN ED: Social Sciences
- GEN ED: Math and Sciences
- Elective or Minor

**Spring Year 2**
- PHIL 3303 or 3304: History of Philosophy
- GEN ED: Math/Science
- GEN ED: Math and Sciences
- GEN ED: US History and Government
- Elective or Minor

**Summer Year 2**
- PHIL 3380: Philosophy of Science
- Elective or Minor

**Fall Year 3**
- PHIL 3360: Formal Logic
- GEN ED: Math and Sciences
- Elective or Minor
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**Spring Year 3**
- PHIL 3340: Knowledge and Reality
- PHIL 4xxx: Senior Capstone Course
- Elective or Minor
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**Degree Complete!**

Control the pace by taking courses in the two-week January term or as Advanced Credit (ACP) courses in high school to jumpstart your degree program.

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A philosophy B.A. provides excellent preparation for many different careers and an ideal choice for students interested in law school. It also provides excellent preparation for medical school, business school, and other professional degree programs.

Majoring in philosophy helps students develop verbal and analytical skills that will position them well in today's rapidly changing workplace. Completing a philosophy major also equips students with a basic curiosity that can enhance all aspects of their lives.

**SKILLS**

- Recall a broad range of philosophers and philosophies in both western and non-western traditions and understand their interrelations and historical significance
- Read and engage critically with historical and contemporary philosophical texts
- Apply the distinctive methods of philosophy by reconstructing philosophical arguments and deliberating rationally over their merits
- Demonstrate an ability to apply fundamental moral theories to ethical problems and practical pursuits
- Demonstrate competence with formal reasoning tools such as syllogistic logic, propositional logic, quantificational logic, or probability theory and show an ability to apply those to tools in philosophical and everyday contexts
- Apply philosophical concepts, analytical skills, and critical thinking to disciplines and issues outside of philosophy
- Create and defend their own philosophical views, both by writing in a clear and persuasive style and in oral discussion with other students, faculty and members of the community