PHILOSOPHY, BA

Philosophy offers a complete undergraduate program in the history and problems of philosophy. Our course offerings provide the intensive education necessary for students planning to use a major in Philosophy as the core of a liberal education, as well as for those intending to pursue graduate and professional studies.

The department is committed to the understanding that the purpose of education is to prepare one for living a good life, part of which is vocational, but part of which is not. In teaching our students how to read carefully thought-provoking texts that ask the big questions about life, think analytically and synthetically, and write incisively and in an organized manner, we provide students with skills suitable for every vocation while also giving them the ability to live well-thought out lives. We thus take seriously Socrates' remark that "the unexamined life is not worth living for a human being."

Requirements

Ten courses are required for the major in Philosophy. These courses include three core courses, six elective courses, and a senior research project. The senior research project is an independent study on a topic chosen by the student after consultation with the faculty. One year of a foreign language is strongly recommended.

Grades of C or higher must be earned in all Philosophy courses to be counted toward fulfillment of the major. Transfer students must complete at least 12 credit hours at Roosevelt University. For all majors, at least nine credit hours must be completed at the 300 level. Students majoring in Philosophy should check their requirements for graduation with an advisor soon after deciding to major in philosophy. Notification of candidacy for graduation should be given during the advisement period preceding the last semester before graduation.

Core

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Electives

Select 18 credit hours with at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level

Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)

Science

Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies

Total Credit Hours

120

General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives

Courses to total 120

Total Credit Hours

120

General Education Requirements

Code | Title                                | Credit Hours |
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ACP 101 | FIRST YEAR SEMINAR 1                | 3            |
ACP 110 | PRIMARY TEXTS                       | 3            |
ACP 250 | GROUNDS FOR CHANGE                  | 3            |
ENG 101 | COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING | 3            |

Humanities

Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies

Mathematics

MATH 110 | QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) 3     | 3            |

Non-Western requirement

Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)

RU mission-related course

LIBS 201 | WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE               | 3            |

Science

One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors)

Total Credit Hours

49-50

1 Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours
2 Minimum grade of C- required
3 Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements–see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)