PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

Philosophy majors examine fundamental human questions such as: What can we know? What exists? What is right? They approach these questions through rigorous study, emphasizing clarity of thought and expression, careful reasoning and problem-solving, and the analysis of diverse viewpoints. These intellectual skills, combined with broad exposure to the liberal arts, are highly valued by the business community and by schools providing graduate training in law, medicine and other disciplines. Philosophy majors also will take courses in a broad range of business subjects, including finance, accounting, statistics and strategy. By combining skills in critical thinking with business study, these students gain a distinct advantage in the job market.

While acquainting students with philosophy's rich history, the major emphasizes the application of philosophical methods to contemporary problems, especially in ethics. The department regularly offers courses in environmental ethics, health care ethics, and business ethics. Majors will have a chance to broaden their knowledge of ethical issues in business by close engagement with the university's nationally recognized Hoffman Center for Business Ethics.

In addition to the specific major requirements described below, students must also complete all designated requirements in Foundations for Success, Contexts & Perspectives in the Arts & Sciences, Business Dynamics, Communication Intensive coursework, and the additional degree requirements for Arts & Sciences majors (including the Modern Language requirement). Details can be found in the Degree Requirements (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/) section of the catalogue, including the Overview and the Arts & Sciences Majors tabs.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Metaphysics and Epistemology – Choose one:		3
PH 252	Theories of Knowledge	
PH 253	Theories of Reality	
PH 270	Consciousness and Experience	
PH 271	Other Minds	
PH 272	Perception and Perspectives	
Value Theory – Choose one:		3
PH 310		
PH 311	Social Philosophy	
PH 312	Liberty, Morality and Law	
PH 316	Feminist Theory	
PH 320	Human Rights and Global Governance	
Applied Ethics – Choose one:		3
PH 130	Business Ethics: Corporate Social Responsibility	
PH 131	Business Ethics: Philosophy of Work	
PH 133	Business Ethics: International Business Ethics	
PH 134	Healthcare Ethics	
PH 135	Special Problems in Business and Professional Ethics	
PH 138	Environmental Ethics	
PH 140	Disability, Values & Society	
PH 142	Sports, Games & Values	
PH 160	Technology and Values	
Four PH electives not otherwise required		12
PH elective not otherwise required or an elective from any other department, with permission from PH major advisor.		3
Total Credits		**24**