

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR (B.A.)

Philosophy asks big questions: What can we know? What exists? What is right? Students learn to approach these questions through careful instruction that emphasizes clarity of thought and expression, thorough reasoning, and the analysis of diverse viewpoints. These skills support intellectual and personal growth. They are, also, valuable assets in professions that demand complex thinking and prepare students ideally for graduate training in law, medicine, and other fields. The Philosophy Major perfectly complements a Major in a Business discipline. By combining skills in critical thinking with a business education, 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, healthcare ethics, business ethics, and the ethics of technology/artificial intelligence. 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.

For further information about degree requirement policies and guidelines, see the Degree Requirements (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/) page.

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Metaphysics and Epistemology – Select 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 – Select one:		3
PH 310	Ethical Theory	
PH 311	Social Philosophy	
PH 312	Liberty, Morality and Law	
PH 316	Feminist Theory	
PH 320	Human Rights and Global Governance	
Applied Ethics – Select 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	AI, 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

General Degree Requirements Foundations for Success (15 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
FDS 100	Falcon Discovery Seminar	3

Communications and Writing

Select one from:

EMS 101	Critical Reading and Writing	3
or EMS 101L	Critical Reading and Writing with Lab	
or EMS 102	Critical Reading and Writing for ESOL	
or EMS 102L	Critical Reading and Writing for ESOL with Lab	

And one from:

EMS 104	Multimodal Communication	3
or EMS 105	Multimodal Communication for ESOL	

Information Technology

CS 100	Solving Business Problems with Information Technology	3
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Mathematical Sciences

Select one from:

MA 105	Mathematical Foundations for Business	3
or MA 105L	Mathematical Foundations for Business with Lab	
or MA 107	Applied Calculus for Business	
or MA 107L	Applied Calculus for Business with Lab	
or MA 131	Calculus I	
or MA 131L	Calculus I with Lab	

Total Credits	15
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Context and Perspectives (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
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Students must take six courses, one in each category of Context and Perspectives:

Culture, Change, and Behavior (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#culturechangeandbehavior)

Globalization (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#globalization)

Institutions and Power (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#institutionsandpower)

Race, Gender, and Inequality (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#racegenderandinequality)

Scientific Inquiry (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#scientificinquiry)

Values, Ethics, and Society (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/context-and-perspectives/#valuesethicsandsociety)

Total Credits	18
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Business Dynamics/Business Administration Minor (18 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
All courses are required:		
AC 115	Introduction to Financial Reporting and Analysis	3
EC 111	Principles of Microeconomics	3
FI 118	Introduction to Finance	3
LA 100	Business Law	3
MG 116	Human Dynamics in Organizations	3
ST 113	Business Statistics	3
Total Credits		18

Communication Intensive

All students are required to take a three-credit course designated as a Communication Intensive. This requirement can be met within a variety of course subjects in both Arts & Sciences and Business. Communication Intensive courses are designated with a "CI" in the course schedule. *Transfer students with a minimum of 30 credits will be waived from the Communication Intensive requirement.*

Please note that certain majors have an additional three-credit Communication Intensive built into their major requirements, separate from the general CI requirement.

Additional Requirements

Modern Language Requirement (6 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Two Modern Language courses (must be two semesters of the same language, regardless of proficiency level)		6
Total Credits		6

Unrestricted Electives (39 Credits)

Course	Title	Credits
Select 13 elective courses		39
Total Credits		39

Total: 120 Credits