Philosophy (BA) Philosophy Concentration

Degree Requirements

Majors in Arts and Sciences may be completed with a minimum of 120 semester hours unless designated otherwise. At least 30 hours of course work, which represents 25% of the required 120 hours, must be at the upper division level in order to fulfill the University's residency requirement. At least 15 of the 30 upper-division hours must be in the major or concentration area. An overall grade-point-average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for graduation. In addition, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in the student's major or concentration area.

All majors in Philosophy, whether concentrating in Philosophy, or in Classics, or in Religion, must complete 30 semester credit hours of course work, of which 15 hours must be in the common core. In addition, all majors in Philosophy, whether concentrating in Philosophy, Religion and Classics, must complete 15 semester hours of course work in the major at the 300 and/or 400 level. All majors in Philosophy, whether concentrating in Classics, Philosophy, or in Religion, must either 1) minor in another discipline, or 2) minor in a different concentration offered by the Department of Philosophy.

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<td>PHL 120 (Critical Thinking)</td>
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The following further courses are required for the Philosophy Concentration:

3 additional Philosophy (PHL) courses at the 300/400 level, with at least one being either PHL 431 (Advanced Ethical Theory) or PHL 441 (Theory Knowledge)

2 additional PHL courses at any level

PHL 321

PHL 240 and 245 do not have to be taken in sequence and should be taken early in the major. Credit for PHL 499, Honors Thesis, is only given as an addition to the hours required for the major.

Department Information

Department of Philosophy website
http://www.southalabama.edu/philosophy

Undergraduate Studies

Through reasoned reflection, philosophy seeks to understand human experience in all its various aspects. Courses examine the moral, social, political, aesthetic, and religious dimensions of human existence, topics in special fields such as science, and the historical development of philosophy. In these courses students can develop skills in the presentation, interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of differing viewpoints, and refine their own beliefs about deeply important issues. Philosophy majors can choose from three concentrations: Philosophy, Religion, or Classics.

General Education Requirements For Philosophy Majors

General Education Requirements for Philosophy are specified on the College of Arts and Sciences section.
All first-time freshmen must successfully complete CAS 100: First Year Experience as a degree requirement. Students must enroll during their first term at USA, except for summer-entry students who must enroll in the fall semester following entry. PHL 461 will fulfill the technology proficiency requirement for Philosophy majors.

Philosophy Majors can now fulfill the Minor requirement by taking one of the other concentrations offered.

- Majors concentrating in Classics can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Philosophy or Religion concentration.
- Majors concentrating in Philosophy can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Religion or Classics concentration.
- Majors concentrating in Religion can fulfill the Minor requirement by using Philosophy or Classics concentration.

**Graduate Studies**

Although the Department of Philosophy has no graduate program, graduate-level courses are offered for those students who need such work.