

ABOUT THE MAJOR

Studying philosophy helps students develop skills that are valued by employers in many different fields. It especially enhances one’s ability to think and write clearly. Students learn to analyze theories, clarify concepts, dissect arguments and solve problems in effective and creative ways. This contributes to the development of students’ communicative powers, making any philosophy majors especially good candidates for opportunities in law, business, government, education, counseling, publishing, technical writing, mass communication, and many other professions.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Data Analyst
- Editor
- Health Services Administrator
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Marketing Consultant
- Paralegal
- Pastor
- Professor
- Psychologist
- Research Consultant
- Teacher

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Data Analytics
- Ethics
- Health and Society
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Social Services

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!



PHILOSOPHY

APPLIED ETHICS CONCENTRATION

Bachelor of Arts

60 CORE CREDIT HOURS

21 MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

39 ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.



VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.



HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2025-2026

TERM 1: FALL

C: ENGL 1101 English Composition I	3 CREDIT HOURS
M: MATH 1001 OR 1111 (Recommended) Quantitative Skills & Reasoning or College Algebra	3 CREDIT HOURS
I: XIDS 2002 (Recommended) First-Year Seminar	2 CREDIT HOURS
S: PHIL 2130 (Recommended) Intro to World Religions	3 CREDIT HOURS
S: HIST 1111 OR 1112 World History	3 CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: • COMPLETE ENGL 1101; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER. • EARN INITIAL CREDIT HOURS.	

TERM 2: SPRING

C: ENGL 1102 English Composition II	3 CREDIT HOURS
P: HIST 2111 OR 2112 US History	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: PHIL 2010 (Recommended) Introduction to Philosophy	3 CREDIT HOURS
A: FINE ARTS	3 CREDIT HOURS
T: SCIENCE + LAB	4 CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: • COMPLETE ENGL 1102; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER. • COMPLETE PHIL 2010, 2020, OR 2030. • EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.	

14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Complete IMPACTS and Field of Study courses.
- Get to know your Philosophy faculty mentor.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Attend a meeting of the West Georgia Philosophical Society to meet other students interested in philosophy.
- Attend a meeting of the UWG Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team to meet other students and learn about Ethics Bowl.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.
- Attend a campus event such as the Horizons French Film Festival, a Culture Lab ‘The Other Night School’ talk, or a Humanities Invited Speaker event.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

TERM 1: FALL

S: POLS 1101 American Government	3 CREDIT HOURS
I: PHIL 2020 (Recommended) Critical Thinking	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: PHIL COURSE (Recommended) PHIL 3/4000-level Course	3 CREDIT HOURS
A: PHIL 2030 (Recommended) Introduction to Ethics	3 CREDIT HOURS
T: NON-LAB SCIENCE	3 CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: • COMPLETE PHIL 2010, 2020, OR 2030. • EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.	

TERM 2: SPRING

F: PHIL COURSE (Recommended) PHIL 3/4000-level Course	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE/MINOR Open Elective / Minor / Second Major or Degree Course (3/4000-level courses must total 39 hours): PHIL 3/4000-level (Recommended)	3 CREDIT HOURS
ELECTIVE/MINOR Open Elective / Minor / Second Major or Degree Course (3/4000-level courses must total 39 hours)	3 CREDIT HOURS
F: NON-PHIL ELECTIVE	3 CREDIT HOURS
T: NON-LAB SCIENCE	3 CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: • COMPLETE PHIL 2010, 2020, OR 2030. • EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.	

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Complete IMPACTS and Field of Study courses.
- Consider optional foreign language courses as electives and/or plan to study abroad.
- Complete PHIL 3/4000-level courses of your choice
- Meet regularly with your Philosophy faculty mentor.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Join West Georgia Philosophical Society.
- Join UWG’s Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team.
- Apply for membership in our chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honors society.
- Develop one of your philosophy papers for presentation at the UWG Undergraduate Research Conference (Fall) or UWG Scholars’ Day (Spring).

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students’ stories of their experiences.
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CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
- Draft your personal statement.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

TERM 1: FALL

PHIL COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
PHIL 3/4000-level Course (AE Course)

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F: NON-PHIL ELECTIVE 3 CREDIT HOURS

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- COMPLETE FIRST PHIL UPPER DIVISION CLASS.
 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

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F: NON-PHIL ELECTIVE 3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE MORE PHIL UPPER DIVISION CLASSES.
 - COMPLETE FIELD OF STUDY COURSEWORK.
 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

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PHIL 4300 3 CREDIT HOURS
Senior Seminar

PHIL COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
PHIL 3/4000-level Course

ELECTIVE/MINOR 3 CREDIT HOURS
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- MILESTONES:
- COMPLETE SENIOR SEMINAR.
 - COMPLETE MORE PHIL UPPER DIVISION CLASSES.
 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS.

TERM 2: SPRING

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PHIL 3/4000-level Course (AE Course)

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CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Take Philosophy Senior Seminar.
- Present your research at the Senior Seminar Symposium.
- Wrap up your Philosophy major courses.
- Talk with your Philosophy faculty mentor about graduation requirements, job opportunities, and graduate school applications.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Run for office in West Georgia Philosophical Society or Phi Sigma Tau.
- Participate in the Meeting of the Minds.
- Present one of your philosophy papers at an off-campus conference and/or prepare a paper for publication.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.
- Attend a campus event such as the Horizons French Film Festival, a Culture Lab 'The Other Night School' talk, or a Humanities Invited Speaker event.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.