

Department of Philosophy

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Studying philosophy involves developing one's critical thinking, communication, and debating skills. The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is excellent preparation for various professions, including law, politics, teaching, and business. The major also prepares one for graduate studies in philosophy, as well as for any endeavour in which a broad liberal arts background is desirable.

Tyndale's BA degree in Philosophy is intellectually rigorous and biblically informed. Students have the option to add a Concentration in Christian Apologetics which will help students to be able to understand, articulate, and defend "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). This program will encourage students to develop the intellectual skills to love God with the mind, while also equipping them to engage in apologetics ministries in the workplace, on the web, in the local church, and on college/university campuses. There is also an option to add a Concentration in Law which will provide students with the necessary skills to approach a future career in law or politics from a thoroughly Christian worldview.

A Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Philosophy is also offered. This is an ideal choice for students who plan to pursue graduate studies in philosophy or related subjects in the humanities. Students majoring in philosophy may apply to this program in the winter semester of their second year. See below for specific degree requirements.

The Department of Philosophy also offers a Minor in Philosophy, a Minor in Christian Apologetics, and a Minor in Ethics and Law. Each is designed to complement a student's major in another discipline and can provide a solid foundation in each of these areas.

BA Philosophy Requirements

Core Requirements (<i>Credit hours in bold are required</i>)		Credit Hours
BSTH 101	Old Testament Scripture	3
BSTH 102	New Testament Scripture	3
BSTH 201	Hermeneutics	3
BSTH 270	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
Two of		6
ENGL 101	Introduction to Literature I	3
ENGL 102	Introduction to Literature II	3
ENGL 171	Literature and Composition	3
One of		3
HIST 101	History of Western Civilization in Global Perspective I	3
HIST 102	History of Western Civilization in Global Perspective II	3

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INDS 101	University Studies in Christian Perspective	3
INDS 475	Christianity and Culture	3
Fine Arts	Fine Arts elective course	3
Natural Sciences	Natural Sciences elective course	3
Social Sciences	Social Sciences elective course	3
Total Core Requirements		36

Major Requirements (<i>Credit hours in bold are required</i>)		Credit Hours
PHIL 171	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 201	Critical Reasoning	3
PHIL 2__	Philosophy course	3
PHIL 301	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 302	Belief, Truth and Knowledge	3
PHIL 370	Symbolic Logic	3
One of		3
PHIL 311	Normative Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 330	Political Philosophy	3
One of		3
PHIL 321	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 322	Philosophy of Science	3
One of		3
PHIL 363	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 366	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 421	The Analytic Tradition	3
PHIL 3____	Philosophy courses	6
PHIL 4____	Philosophy course	3
Total Major Requirements		36

Electives	Credit Hours
Total Elective Requirements	48

Total Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
<i>Core, Major & Elective Requirements</i>	
Total Degree Requirements	120

Notes:

- At least 45 out of 120 credit hours must be taken at the 3000 or 4000 level.
- Minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 and a minimum of 120 credit hours.

BA Honours Philosophy Requirements

Core Requirements (<i>Credit hours in bold are required</i>)		Credit Hours
BSTH 101	Old Testament Scripture	3
BSTH 102	New Testament Scripture	3
BSTH 201	Hermeneutics	3
BSTH 270	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
Two of		6
ENGL 101	Introduction to Literature I	3
ENGL 102	Introduction to Literature II	3
ENGL 171	Literature and Composition	3
One of		3
HIST 101	History of Western Civilization in Global Perspective I	3
HIST 102	History of Western Civilization in Global Perspective II	3
INDS 101	University Studies in Christian Perspective	3
INDS 475	Christianity and Culture	3
Fine Arts	Fine Arts elective course	3
Natural Sciences	Natural Sciences elective course	3
Social Sciences	Social Sciences elective course	3
Total Core Requirements		36

Major Requirements (<i>Credit hours in bold are required</i>)		Credit Hours
PHIL 171	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 201	Critical Reasoning	3
PHIL 2__	Philosophy course	3
PHIL 301	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 302	Belief, Truth and Knowledge	3
PHIL 370	Symbolic Logic	3
One of		3
PHIL 311	Normative Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 330	Political Philosophy	3
One of		3
PHIL 321	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 322	Philosophy of Science	3

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One of		3
PHIL 363	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 366	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 421	The Analytic Tradition	3
PHIL 3__	Philosophy courses	9
PHIL 4__	Philosophy courses	6
One of		6
PHIL 497 & 499	Honours Thesis in Philosophy I & II	6
PHIL 4__	Philosophy courses	6
Total Major Requirements		48

Electives	Credit Hours
Total Elective Requirements	36

Total Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
<i>Core, Major & Elective Requirements</i>	
Total Degree Requirements	120

Notes:

- At least 45 out of 120 credit hours must be taken at the 3000 or 4000 level.
- Minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 and a minimum of 120 credit hours.

Philosophy Minor Requirements

for students in a Bachelor of Arts degree program

Minor Requirements (<i>Credit hours in bold are required</i>)		Credit Hours
PHIL 171	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 201	Critical Reasoning	3
PHIL 370	Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 2__	Philosophy courses	6
PHIL 3__	Philosophy courses	9
Total Minor Requirements		24