PHILOSOPHY, MAJOR (0028)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0028

Previous Code: M1058.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Philosophy has always asked the "big questions" about our lives. These are questions, for example, about the limits of our knowledge, the best way that humans can live together, how we understand the world around us, and what is the good life. A philosophy major will enable students to develop particular skills and attributes - such as clear thinking, capacities to assess arguments and values, sound understanding of important philosophical views that have always been essential to university scholarship, and which continue to be valuable for graduates in both public and private life.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Bankstown Campus	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Bankstown City Campus (from 2023)	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	enquiriesHCA@uws.edu.au

Major Structure

Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.

Complete the following four compulsory units.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
PHIL 3006	Books that Changed how we Think	10
PHIL 1001	Ethics and Philosophy	10
PHIL 1006	Introduction to Philosophy	10
PHIL 2014	Thinkers That Changed the World	10

Select four subjects from the following pools, with no fewer than two Level 3 subjects.

Note: not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Level 2 Pool Subjects		
HUMN 2011	Ancient Western Culture: Periclean Athens	
PHIL 2010	The Ethical Life	
PHIL 2015	Thinking Cinema	
PHIL 2016	Truth and Knowledge	
PHIL 2017	Western Political Philosophy	
Level 3 Pool Subjects		
PHIL 3005	Aesthetics	
PHIL 3008	Classics of Modern Philosophy	
HUMN 3036	Ethics in Historical Perspective	
LANG 3062	Literature and Philosophy	
PHIL 3010	Philosophies of Love and Death	
PHIL 3012	Philosophy and Environment	
PHIL 3015	Philosophy of History	
PHIL 3018	Philosophy of Race and Racism	
PHIL 3016	Philosophy of Religion	
HUMN 3084	Theories of Conflict and Violence	
CULT 3021	Theories of Authority	
PHIL 3019	Thought and Action in Greece and Rome	
HUMN 3088	Understanding Freedom	
HUMN 3090	Understanding Power	
HUMN 3096	What is the Human?	

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of the major for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

PHIL 2005 - Case Studies in Philosophy: Thinker, replaced by PHIL 2014 Thinkers That Changed the World
PHIL 3007 - Case Studies in Philosophy: Text, replaced by PHIL 3006 Books that Changed how we Think
PHIL 2006 - Key Philosophers, replaced by PHIL 2014 Thinkers That Changed the World
PHIL 3014 - Philosophy in Focus, replaced by PHIL 3006 Books that Changed how we Think
BEHV 3013 - Humanities Internship, no longer offered as part of this major.
PHIL 2008 - Philosophy and the Good Life, no longer offered as part of this major.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts/)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (1708) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars (1822) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary-deans-scholars/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (6019) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (6017) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/)