

# PHILOSOPHY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) - LIBERAL STUDIES

## Program Learning Outcomes

- **Communication:** Students will express philosophical ideas in either oral or written format.
- **Degree Program Writing Competency:** Students will express philosophical ideas clearly and logically in written format.
- **Ethical Analysis:** Identify major ethical paradigms and analyze ethical issues with regard to them.
- **Problem Solving and Critical Thinking:** Break down complex ideas into their elements; perform reasoning tasks efficiently and correctly; clearly identify problems and solutions

## Related Links

Philosophy, Minor Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/philosophy/>)

Philosophy Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/cla/departments/philosophy/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<http://www.sru.edu/Documents/offices/PRMA/PLC.pdf>)

## Curriculum Guide

### GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher  
Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

### Summary\*

Code	Title	Hours
	Liberal Studies Requirements	45-46
	Modern Language Requirement	0-9
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3
	Major Requirements	33
	Electives	42

\* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

### Liberal Studies Requirements

See Liberal Studies Guide for Goal and Enrichment choices

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Goal Course Requirements</b>		
Complete Goal requirements as indicated below		
<i>Basic Requirements</i>		
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	3
<i>The Arts</i>		
Goal	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3

### Global Community

Goal–Non-US	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3
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Goal–Non-US	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3
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Goal–US	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3
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### Human Institutions/Interpersonal Relationships

Goal	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3
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### Science, Technology & Math

Select nine to ten credits:	9-10
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Goal–Sci	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Goal–Sci	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Lab–Sci	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Goal–Math	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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### Challenges of the Modern Age

Goal	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )	3
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Subtotal	36-37
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### Enrichment Course Requirements

Select one course from three of the following Enrichment Areas:	9
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The Arts	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Global Community	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Human Institutions/Interpersonal Relationships	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Science, Technology & Math	( <a href="http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/">http://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-guide/</a> )
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Subtotal	9
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Total Hours	45-46
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\* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

### BA Modern Language Requirement

BA degree requires language proficiency at the 103 class level. Exemption by placement or examination is possible.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 0-9 credits		
		0-9
Total Hours		0-9

### Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ACSD 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

### Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
Total Hours		0-3

### Major Requirements

- 17 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 17 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
PHIL 113 or PHIL 313	Formal Logic <sup>1</sup> Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 123	Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 331 or PHIL 335	Social and Political Philosophy <sup>1</sup> Philosophy of Law and Justice	3
PHIL 341 or PHIL 343	Philosophy of Religion <sup>1</sup> Asian Philosophy	3
PHIL 371	Ancient Western Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 372	Modern Western Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 375 or PHIL 362	Existentialism and Phenomenology <sup>1</sup> Philosophy of Mind	3
Subtotal		21

### Philosophy Electives

Select four of the following courses, at least three credits at 300 level or above: 12

PHIL 101	Philosophical Inquiry <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 140	World Religions <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 163	Philosophy in Literature <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 170	American Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 171	Philosophy of Human Existence <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 261	Philosophy of Art <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 324	Environmental Ethics <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 325	Medical/Health Care Ethics <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 326	Business Ethics <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 331	Social and Political Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 335	Philosophy of Law and Justice <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 336	Philosophy of Gender and Sex <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 338	Ethics, Technology, and the Future <sup>1</sup>	

PHIL 341	Philosophy of Religion <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 343	Asian Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 351	Philosophy of Natural Science <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Mind <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 373	Modern Authors and Issues <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 375	Existentialism and Phenomenology <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 490	Independent Study <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 498	Selected Topics (repeatable to six credits) <sup>1</sup>	
Subtotal		12
Total Hours		33

<sup>1</sup> Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

\* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

### Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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