

PHILOSOPHY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

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

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensure/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	42
	Modern Language Requirement	0-9
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Major Requirements	33
	Electives	45

* 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.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15

Integrated Inquiry

<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3

<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

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		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

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
Core Requirements		
Select one of the following:		3

PHIL 113	Formal Logic ¹	
PHIL 313	Symbolic Logic ¹	
PHIL 123	Ethics ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 331	Social and Political Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 335	Philosophy of Law and Justice ¹	
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 341	Philosophy of Religion ¹	
PHIL 343	Asian Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 371	Ancient Western Philosophy ¹	3
PHIL 372	Modern Western Philosophy ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 375	Existentialism and Phenomenology ¹	
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Mind ¹	
Subtotal		21
Philosophy Electives		
Select four of the following courses, at least three credits at 300 level or above:		12
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 140	World Religions ¹	
PHIL 163	Philosophy in Literature ¹	
PHIL 170	American Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 171	Philosophy of Human Existence ¹	
PHIL 261	Philosophy of Art ¹	
PHIL 324	Environmental Ethics ¹	
PHIL 325	Medical/Health Care Ethics ¹	
PHIL 326	Business Ethics ¹	
PHIL 331	Social and Political Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 335	Philosophy of Law and Justice ¹	
PHIL 336	Philosophy of Gender and Sex ¹	
PHIL 338	Ethics, Technology, and the Future ¹	
PHIL 341	Philosophy of Religion ¹	
PHIL 343	Asian Philosophy ¹	
PHIL 351	Philosophy of Natural Science ¹	
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Mind ¹	
PHIL 373	Modern Authors and Issues ¹	
PHIL 375	Existentialism and Phenomenology ¹	
PHIL 490	Independent Study ¹	
PHIL 498	Selected Topics (repeatable to six credits) ¹	
Subtotal		12
Total Hours		33

¹ 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.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. International study programs (short-term, semester, and year-long)
2. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
3. Student-faculty research
4. Presenting papers at conferences
5. Involvement in Ethics Bowl

PHILOSOPHY - BA (5 64)

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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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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
PHIL 123	Ethics	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ESAP 101	FYRST Seminar *	1
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		16
Spring		
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
PHIL 113	Formal Logic	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
MODL 101	Modern Language Requirement	3
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Free Elective		3

Declare a Thematic Thread ²		
Hours		15
Spring		
PHIL 140	World Religions	3
MODL 102	Modern Language Requirement	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Mind	3
PHIL 341	Philosophy of Religion	3
MODL 103	Modern Language Requirement	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
PHIL 371	Ancient Western Philosophy	3
PHIL 331	Social and Political Philosophy	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PHIL 372	Modern Western Philosophy	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
Philosophy Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
PHIL 375	Existentialism and Phenomenology	3
PHIL 490	Independent Study	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours**		121

consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

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² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year.

* Students are encouraged to take ESAP 101 as a Free Elective.

** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please