



# ADVISING WORKSHEET: PHILOSOPHY

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## **GENERAL NOTES**

- A minimum of 123 credits are required for graduation.
  - Credits earned for COM 100 and MAT 100 do not count toward the 123 credits required for graduation. COM 100 students may receive elective credit if certain requirements are met.
  - Where appropriate, courses required for the major can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. However, the number of credits earned for these courses are applied to either Gen Ed requirements or the major, not both.
  - Paths of Knowledge coursework may count towards major or minor requirements, but may not fulfill a second Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration requirement.
  - Students are expected to follow the catalog requirements for General Education, the major, and additional requirements.
  - A minor or second major within the areas listed under Paths of Knowledge automatically fulfills that area of the Gen Ed requirements.
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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAJORS**

### **Philosophy Club**

The purpose of the Philosophy Club is to encourage students to discuss, question, and reflect, through philosophical conventions, ideas and current and past events to develop and grow communication and critical thinking skills with peers in the Alvernia Community. The Philosophy Club explores different venues through discussions and trips. The advisor, Dr. Janae Sholtz, can be reached by email at [janae.sholtz@alvernia.edu](mailto:janae.sholtz@alvernia.edu) by telephone at 610-568-1488..

### **The Washington Center Experience**

Alvernia students have an opportunity to earn college credit by spending a semester or summer in Washington, D.C. where they serve as interns in a congressional office, government agency, major corporation, newspaper or news network, or agencies devoted to legal affairs, international relations, or business and economics. They also may intern with one of several non-profit groups dealing with the environment, women's issues, the arts, education, science, or labor relations among others. Participants are customarily juniors or seniors who have achieved grade point averages of 2.5 or better and who have the endorsement of the appropriate academic area. In addition to their internship, students select one seminar dealing with the arts and humanities, communication, public policy, the legal system, business, and government. Interested students should see their academic advisor.

## General Education (54-56 credits)

First Year Curriculum: Enduring Questions	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
SEARCH Seminar-Enduring Questions or Honor Search-Enduring Questions	3	SRH 101/ HNR 160			
COM 101: Composition & Research <i>(Must earn a C or higher)</i>	3	COM 101			
THE 105: Foundations of Theology	3	THE 105			
PHI 105: Introduction to Philosophy	3	MET IN MAJOR			

Mid-Level Liberal Arts Exploration	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
<b>EXPLORING THE NATURAL WORLD (6-8 credits)</b>					
Lab Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics )	3-4				
Math (Other than MAT 100)	3-4				
<b>INDIVIDUALS &amp; COMMUNITIES (6 credits)</b>					
History or Political Science	3				
PSY, HIS, POS, SOC, SSC, or ECON	3				
<b>CULTURE &amp; LANGUAGE (9 credits)</b>					
Communication <i>(Not COM 100 or 101)</i>	3				
World Language – 2 courses in sequence	3				
	3				
<b>CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS (6 credits)</b>					
Literature (ENG)	3				
Art or Music or Theatre	3				
Ethical Leaders and Followers	Credits Required	Course	Term	Grade	Credits Earned
Theology or Philosophy (200-400 level)	3	MET IN MAJOR			
Theology or Philosophy (Ethics/Morality @ 200 level)	3				

Paths of Knowledge – Choose 1 Path		PoK may count towards minor or Related Requirements, but not Mid-Level Arts Exploration requirements.			
<p><b>_____ PATH 1:</b></p> <p><b>Interdisciplinary Study (IS)</b> Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level from the interdisciplinary minors of Women &amp; Gender Studies, Digital Media, Community &amp; Environmental Sustainability, Community Engagement, Cultural Studies, Leadership Studies or Pre-Law.</p>	<p><b>_____ PATH 2:</b></p> <p><b>Multi-disciplinary Study (MS)</b> Three courses, at least two from Liberal Arts disciplines, not the major, at the 200-400 level employing multiple disciplinary perspectives to explore the Enduring Questions in one of the following themes: Cultural &amp; Global Studies, Imagination &amp; Creativity, Peace &amp; Conflict, Poverty &amp; Wealth or Sustainability, Science &amp; Technology.</p>	<p><b>_____ PATH 3:</b></p> <p><b>In-depth Disciplinary Study (DS)</b> Three courses at the 200-400 level in one Liberal Arts discipline other than one's major, guided by common ideas and methods of inquiry. Students choose from Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theology, Theatre or World Languages. This path may be used to give students a firm foundation in a discipline supporting their chosen major, or to pursue an interest in one of the Liberal Arts disciplines.</p>			
Course (See Catalog for lists of approved courses for each area.)		Area or Discipline	Term	Grade	Credits Earned

## BA PHILOSOPHY (33 credits)

REQUIRED PHILOSOPHY COURSES (30 credits)					
Course		Pre-Requisites	Term	Grade	Credits
PHI 105: Introduction to Philosophy					
PHI 230: Introduction to Logic		PHI 105			
Select ONE =>	PHI 200: Introduction to Ethics	PHI 105			
	PHI 210: Professional Ethics	PHI 105			
	PHI 420: Social and Political Philosophy	PHI 105			
Select TWO =>	PHI 351: Ancient Philosophy	PHI 105			
	PHI 352: Medieval Philosophy	PHI 105			
	PHI 353: Modern Philosophy	PHI 105			
	PHI 354: Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	PHI 105			
PHI 480: Capstone		Senior Year			

REQUIRED PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVES (15 credits) <span style="color: red;">At least 3 credits must be earned at the 400-level</span>					
Note: PHI 105 is a pre-requisite for all PHI courses at the 200 level or higher					
			Term	Grade	Credits
PHI					
PHI					
PHI					
PHI					
400-Level PHI					

ELECTIVES, MINOR, OR SECOND MAJOR as required for the minimum 123 credits (not including MAT 100, COM 100)					
			Term	Grade	Credits

\*\*\* Please be advised to double check the 22-23 Course Catalog to ensure that you meet all prerequisite expectations for all required and related classes for this major.\*\*\*

## EIGHT SEMESTER PLAN

The below is not intended as a prescribed course progression.

It is one curriculum option among many possibilities for completing the Philosophy curriculum at Alvernia.

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
SRH 101: SEARCH or HNR 160: Honors Search	3	THE 105: Foundations of Theology	3
PHI 105: Intro to Philosophy	3	PHI 200, 210, or 420	3
COM 101: Composition and Research	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
PHI 230: Introduction to Logic	3	PHI Elective (200-400 LEVEL)	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
PHI 351 or 352 or 353 or 354	3	PHI 351 or 352 or 353 or 354	3
PHI Elective	3	PHI Elective	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Gen Ed SEARCH	3
Gen Ed SEARCH	3	Elective	3
Elective	1	Elective	1
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
PHI Elective	3	PHI Elective (400 LEVEL)	3
Elective	3	PHI 480: Capstone	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	15

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS	GRADUATION CREDITS EARNED	
<input type="checkbox"/> SRH 101/HNR 160: SEARCH SEMINAR/ENDURING QUESTIONS <input type="checkbox"/> HUMAN DIVERSITY: could be met with PHI 200 or 210 <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR CAPSTONE: met with PHI 480 <input type="checkbox"/> WRITING ENHANCED COURSE <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS <input type="checkbox"/> OVERALL GPA = 2.0 or higher <input type="checkbox"/> GPA IN MAJOR = 2.0 or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 123 non-remedial credits earned <input type="checkbox"/> 45 of last 60 credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 12 Alvernia credits in the major <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 9 Alvernia credits in the minor (if applicable)	General Education credits earned	
		Major and Related Area credits earned	
		Elective and/or Minor credits earned	
		SUBTOTAL	
		SUBTRACT CREDITS EARNED FOR MAT 100, and if applicable COM 100	
		<b>TOTAL GRADUATION CREDITS</b>	

### Academic Policy on Eligibility for Participation of May Commencement Ceremony

*The academic policy, which the Registrar follows, is: A student who has 6 or less credits remaining to complete the degree may participate in the May Commencement Ceremony.*

*Application Deadlines: August Graduation - December 1; December Graduation - March 1; May Graduation - October 1.*

*Any questions, please call the Registrar's Office*