Bachelor of Arts
Major in Philosophy

In order to earn the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in philosophy, students must complete a minimum of 180 credits with a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 2.00, including the following:

I. Core Curriculum Requirements

ENGL 110 College Writing: Inquiry and Argument……5
HIST 120 Origins of Western Civilization……5
ENGL 120 Introduction to Literature……5
MATH 107 or 110 or above…….5
Lab Science ……5
Fine Arts (one approved 5 credit course; see course descriptions)…..5
Social Science I……5
Social Science II (different discipline from Social Science I)……5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase II (200-299)……5
Theology and Religious Studies Phase III (300-399)…….5
Interdisciplinary……3 to 5
Senior Synthesis……3 to 5

II. College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

Modern Language 115, 125, 135, or equivalent……15

NOTE: All students with a major in the College of Arts and Sciences must demonstrate competency through the level of 135 in a language other than English. This competency is ordinarily achieved by successful completion of the three-course sequence: 115, 125, and 135. Because these courses are a college requirement, no courses in the sequence may be taken on a pass/fail, correspondence, or audit basis. Placement into other than the beginning course of the sequence is achieved by acceptable performance on the Modern Language Competency Examination. See the Modern Languages Department for details on the examinations. Courses used to satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences modern language requirement may not be used to fulfill philosophy major requirements.

Choose one of the following two courses: ……5
HIST 121 Studies in Modern Civilization
HIST 231 Survey of the United States

III. Major Requirements

60 credits in philosophy, including:

A. Foundations

PHIL 220* Philosophy of the Human Person……5
PHIL 260 Introduction to Logic……5

B. Ethics

PHIL 345, 351, 352, 353, 354, or 358……5

C. History and Traditions

PHIL 301 Ancient Philosophy 5

PHIL 302 Medieval Philosophy.....5
PHIL 303 Modern Philosophy.....5
PHIL 485 Major Figures in the Traditions.....5

D. Electives

PHIL 250 or Upper Division (300-400 level) Electives…….10

E. Concentration

Choose three courses within one of the following concentrations:

Option 1: Concentration in Continental Philosophy……..15

PHIL 361 Introduction to Phenomenology
PHIL 362 Existentialism
PHIL 363 Hermeneutics
PHIL 365 Critiques of Western Metaphysics
PHIL 462 Problems in Classical Phenomenology
PHIL 463 Problems in Contemporary Phenomenology
PHIL 464 Topics in Post-Modern Philosophy

Option 2: Concentration in Logic, Science, and Analytic Philosophy.……15

PHIL 333 Philosophy of Science
PHIL 334 Nature and Cosmos
PHIL 336 Philosophical Impact of Scientific Revolutions
PHIL 338 Analytic Philosophy
PHIL 430 Advanced Logic
PHIL 437 Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 438 Philosophy of Language

Option 3: Concentration in Critical and Global Perspectives…….15

PHIL 341 Buddhist Philosophy
PHIL 343 Race, Class, and Gender
PHIL 347 African Philosophy
PHIL 348 Africana Philosophy
PHIL 349 Topics in Comparative Philosophy
PHIL 373 Gender and Social Reality
PHIL 374 Feminist Ethics
PHIL 376 Philosophy of Peace and War
PHIL 378 Environmental Philosophy
PHIL 445 Philosophy in a Global Context

Option 4: Concentration in Ethics, Law, and Justice……..15

PHIL 322 Catholic Social Philosophy
PHIL 326 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 327 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 343 Philosophy of Race, Class, and Gender
PHIL 374 Feminist Ethics
PHIL 376 Philosophy of Peace and War

PHIL 378 Environmental Philosophy
PHIL 429 Topics in Ethics
PHIL 495 Internship in Ethics, Law, and Justice

Option 5: Individualized Concentration……15
Arranged with student's advisor and approved by the Department Chair

*NOTE: Only students who complete PHIL 110 at Seattle University are eligible to take PHIL 220. Students who satisfy PHIL 110 with a transfer course or who receive a waiver in PHIL 110 will substitute PHIL 210 for PHIL 220. Approved electives will then number 20 credits rather than 15. Several philosophy courses have been identified as satisfying the senior synthesis and the core interdisciplinary requirements. Those courses may be used to fill major requirements or major electives while also fulfilling university core requirements. The credit for each course completed is included in totals only once.

Bachelor of Arts
Major in Philosophy with Departmental Honors

The philosophy departmental honors major offers an opportunity for motivated and capable students to engage in more extensive interaction with faculty and to complete challenging individual research projects that will further their personal and professional goals.

Application to the major: To be accepted to the program, students must have a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.5. Students must be recommended to the program by a philosophy faculty member who will take responsibility for directing that student's honors thesis, and they must be granted permission to participate in the program by the department chairperson. Interested students should apply in spring quarter of the junior year or fall quarter of the senior year. Upon acceptance, a Change of Major, Degree or Specialization form is submitted to the Office of the Registrar.

Completion of the major: During senior year, departmental honors students will take a minimum of 10 credits of designated department honors courses (PHIL 477 Philosophy Honors Directed Reading, PHIL 478 Philosophy Honors Directed Study, and PHIL 479 Philosophy Honors Thesis Supervision). Students in the departmental honors program complete 10 credits of course work above the norm for philosophy majors (for a total of 70 credits in philosophy) and write a 25-40 page thesis under the direction of a faculty member. The thesis will be presented publicly at a defense before members of the faculty. In order to complete the requirements for departmental honors and receive a notation to that effect on their transcripts, students must also maintain a cumulative and major/program grade point average of 3.50. In addition, the grade received for PHIL 479 Philosophy Honors Thesis Supervision, must be an A or A-. In addition to the Bachelor of Arts major in philosophy requirements, the honors major also includes:

10 credits in departmental honors, including:
PHIL 477 Philosophy Honors Directed Reading…….3
PHIL 478 Philosophy Honors Directed Study…….2
PHIL 479 Philosophy Honors Thesis Supervision…5