Philosophy

This major is designed to acquaint students with the fundamental problems of Western thought and introduce them to the concepts and techniques necessary for independent philosophical thinking. It provides a broadening perspective for the various areas of specialization in the natural and social sciences and in literature and the arts.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

The major in Philosophy requires at least eight courses, with the following:

- One History of Philosophy Course
- One Ethics, Law and Value Theory Course
- One Systematic Philosophy Course
- Five Philosophy Electives

Here are a few examples of Philosophy courses:

- Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice
- Introduction to the Philosophical Classics
- Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind
- The Meaning of Life
- Logic and Language
- Early Greek Thought
- The Critical Philosophy of Kant
- Ethics
- Moral Philosophy
- Symbolic Logic
- Plato
- Philosophy of the Mind
- History of the Western Philosophy: Ancient Period
- History of Western Philosophy: Modern Period

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Honors Program: Ideal for students planning to continue their studies at the graduate level, or just looking for a more intensive course of study, the Honors program requires a capstone seminar and completion of a senior thesis. Students must also earn a 3.0 or higher in their philosophy courses.

- Philosophy Club: Students from any major with an interest in philosophy can join this club. Meetings include guest speakers and discussions on many different philosophical topics.

- Study Abroad: Explore the origins of Western philosophy by spending a year in Athens, while learning about ancient Greek civilization, Byzantine art, and examining cultural trends in modern Greece.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or https://dornsife.usc.edu/phil/courses/