

University of Georgia  
Department of Philosophy  
**Undergraduate Handbook 2023-2024**

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## **FACILITIES**

### **ACCESS TO MAIN OFFICE**

We welcome faculty and students. Feel free to stop by during the day. The usual office hours are 8-5 daily Monday through Friday. Please let us know how we may be of help.

### **MAIL ROOM AND BULLETIN BOARDS**

Faculty and Graduate Student mail boxes are located in the mail room. If an undergraduate student wishes to place something in a faculty box, this must be done through one of the persons in the main office. Outside the mail room and in the main hall is a television monitor on which important announcements are posted. The student will find the announcements of departmental events, scholarship competitions, guest speakers and other useful information.

## **RESOURCES**

### **DEPARTMENTAL**

The department offers A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Philosophy. The department also participates in a bachelor's degree program in Cognitive Science and is associated with the Environmental Ethics Certificate Program and the Women's Studies Program. Courses offered for these programs are available to our students as well. Moreover, the department participates in the Double Dawgs program, which allows students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in five years or less. There is also a minor in Law, Ethics and Philosophy open to UGA students of all majors including philosophy and a Pre-Law Track available to philosophy majors who consider a career in law.

The University's Main Library contains three million volumes, including an excellent collection in philosophy. The library is connected to all major research libraries in the United States.

### **COLLOQUIUM SERIES**

The department has an active colloquium series. Through the program of guest speakers, each year a number of people famous in their respective area come from around the world to present papers, lectures, and conferences all of which are open to undergraduate students. Many lectures are now online. Visit the department website for more information.

## **IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Department Office Contact for Undergraduates .....nhines@uga.edu  
UGA Career Center ..... <http://www.career.uga.edu/> UGA  
CURO Program ..... <http://curo.uga.edu/>

## **USEFUL COMPUTER AND NETWORK ADDRESSES:**

UGAMail.....[www.ugamail.uga.edu](http://www.ugamail.uga.edu)  
Philosophy Home Page ..... [www.phil.uga.edu](http://www.phil.uga.edu)  
University Home Page..... [www.uga.edu](http://www.uga.edu)  
Libraries Home Page ..... [www.libs.uga.edu](http://www.libs.uga.edu)  
Franklin College ..... [www.franklin.uga.edu](http://www.franklin.uga.edu)  
UGA Bulletin Board.....[www.bulletin.uga.edu](http://www.bulletin.uga.edu)

## **PHI SIGMA TAU**

The mission of the club is to promote interest in and discussion of philosophical issues. Over the years, Phi Sigma Tau has sought to complete this mission by hosting student conferences, organizing a lecture series by professors from our university, hosting philosophical conferences, and sponsoring visiting speakers. Phi Sigma Tau is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. It is easy to join Phi Sigma Tau; complete a form and pay a one-time fee of \$25.00.

## **UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS**

### **HORACE B. RUSSELL PRIZE AWARD**

The Horace B. Russell Prize is awarded each year to the undergraduate who writes the best essay in ethics. Candidates are nominated by their instructors.

### **RICHARD H. SEVERENS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Richard H. Severens Scholarship is awarded each spring to a senior who is an Honors philosophy major and is expected to graduate in the spring, summer or fall of the same year. The recipient must provide a current curriculum vitae and a writing sample. Honors thesis plans will be a further criterion in awarding the scholarship.

### **DANIEL HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship recognizes a junior or senior-level student who has exhibited a broad intellectual curiosity and philosophical creativity. They must also demonstrate significant financial need. Applicants must provide a letter of application addressing their financial hardship in the past year, a complete transcript, which may be unofficial, and a writing sample. They must also complete the Free Application for FAFSA via the US Department of Education and submit it directly to the Office of Financial Aid. Scholarship awards may be applied to the recipient's tuition and fees, books, or other academic materials. The scholarship may also be applied to travel expenses relating to the presentation of philosophy papers at academic conferences.

### **FRANK HARRISON III SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship recognizes junior or senior-level philosophy majors who exhibit excellence in grades as well as an interest in problems in philosophy of religion, ancient philosophy or medieval philosophy. As stipulated by the benefactor, these areas will be taken 'as defined in the western tradition as classically understood'. Students should submit a letter of application stating their interest and describing coursework related to one or more of the aforementioned areas, a paper addressing issues in at least one of them, and a complete transcript, which can be unofficial.

## **WILLIAM T. BLACKSTONE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to an Honors student who is a philosophy major or minor and has demonstrated overall academic excellence and a strong interest in philosophy. Students who are enrolled in the spring semester and are expected to graduate within the calendar year are eligible to apply. They should submit a current curriculum vitae, a complete transcript, which can be unofficial, and a writing sample which can be their Philosophy Honors Thesis, complete or in draft.

The application deadlines for the Severens, Hart, Harrison and Blackstone scholarships are all in the spring semester and will be announced on [www.phil.uga.edu](http://www.phil.uga.edu)

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## *PHILOSOPHY (A.B.)*

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

**Go to this UGA catalogue Link for Major Requirements:**

**<http://bulletin.uga.edu/MajorSpecific.aspx?MajorId=127>**

In summary, an undergraduate Philosophy major must complete all of the requirements of the University, core, and Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for graduation. Of the courses required for the core, four (12 credits) must be in the related areas of ANTH, AFAM, ARTS, CLAS, CMLT, ENGL, FILM, HIST, LACS, LING, MUSI, NAMS, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELI, SOCI, THEA, or WMST.

The Philosophy major student must also complete **either** PHIL 2010/2010H **or** PHIL 2030/2030H and PHIL 2500/2500H with a grade of “C” or higher. The major student must also complete PHIL 3000 and PHIL 3010 as well as **six** further Philosophy courses at the three thousand level or above. Each of these courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR PORTFOLIO**

Each philosophy major is expected to submit to the department a Major Portfolio as part of their graduation requirements. The following are guidelines to help you accomplish this task without too much trouble. You are required to choose a faculty member, other than the undergraduate advisors, to serve as your academic career advisor. This faculty member will assist you in your preparation of the Major Portfolio, discuss career choices or opportunities for graduate study, and administer the exit interview.

During the final semester of enrollment each major shall submit a Major Portfolio consisting of the following: (i) the major requirements completion form, which can be found in this Handbook and which includes a list of all philosophy courses taken; (ii) a sample of the student’s best written work in philosophy; (iii) a statement summarizing the student’s experience as a philosophy major and possible recommendations for the department; and (iv) an exit interview form (submitted by a faculty member).

Items (i), (ii), and (iii) should be submitted by e-mail to the undergraduate coordinator at [meseymou@uga.edu](mailto:meseymou@uga.edu). Please contact the coordinator if you have any questions.

The exit interview with the academic career advisor is designed to assess the major's knowledge in some areas of philosophy which the student has explored during their degree program. The report on the interview is submitted by the career advisor.

Students are encouraged to do a graduation check with the Graduation Certification Office, at least two semesters before graduation.



**Department of Philosophy**  
Major Requirements Completion Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ 810 or 811# \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ post graduation e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Courses required if not satisfied in the core

Requirement	Course Name	Instructor and Semester	Grade
PHIL 2010 or PHIL 2030	Intro to Philosophy or Intro to Ethics		
PHIL 2500	Symbolic Logic		
3 <sup>rd</sup> level foreign language			

Major courses in philosophy – 3000 and 3010 plus six courses numbered above 3010

Requirement	Course Name	Instructor and Semester	Grade
PHIL 3000	Ancient Philosophy		
PHIL 3010	Modern Philosophy		

\_\_\_\_\_ The student has submitted the Major Portfolio

Career Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Graduation Check appointment online at <http://appoint.franklin.uga.edu>**

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR**

For the philosophy minor, a student must complete 15 hours of course work. Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor. Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.

The required courses are PHIL 2010/2010H **or** PHIL 2030/2030H, PHIL 3000, PHIL 3010 and two elective philosophy courses numbered above 3010. All these courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

## **Recommendation for Student Admission to Philosophy Double Dawgs Pathway**

Submit this recommendation directly to the Program Advisor, Dr. Sarah Wright in  
the Philosophy office or through e-mail at [sawright@uga.edu](mailto:sawright@uga.edu) .

Student Name:

Student ID #:

Faculty Name:

How long have you known the applicant?

What classes has she/he taken with you?

Admission to the Double Dawgs Pathway allows an undergraduate student to take 12 credits of 6000+ graduate level coursework and apply those credits to their undergraduate degree requirements. Please explain why you think that this student is well-prepared to take graduate level courses in the Philosophy Department.

## GRADE APPEALS

Ordinarily the assignment of a grade is solely at the discretion of the instructor. However, to protect students against the possibility of an assigned grade being the result of instructor error, the Department has adopted a formal appeal procedure. Before initiating a formal appeal, the student shall first discuss any disagreement concerning an assigned grade with the instructor of record or, if the instructor of record is not available, with the Head or a representative of the Head. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student, the Head or a representative of the Head shall meet with the student and the instructor to discuss the student's concern. The purpose of this informal meeting is to explore ways of resolving the conflict. The Head or the Head's representative may make recommendations to the instructor, but these shall not be binding. If the matter is still not resolved to the satisfaction of the student, he or she may initiate a formal appeal as described below.

1. The appeals procedure must be initiated by the student submitting to the Head a detailed written statement of the grounds for dissatisfaction with the assigned grade.
2. The Head shall inform the student in writing that the appeal can result in either an affirmation of the assigned grade or its change to any other grade.
3. The Head shall appoint a committee comprising of Department members having competence in the subject but excluding the instructor who assigned the grade in question. That committee shall investigate the merits of the appeal. Except in instances in which contact is impossible, the instructor who assigned the grade must be given ample opportunity to discuss the case with the committee.
4. The instructor's standards of grading, unless they are widely aberrant, are not *per se* the subject of the committee's inquiry: rather, the committee shall assess the professional propriety of the manner in which the instructor has applied the standards in the individual case.
5. The committee shall determine whether the assigned grade is a proper one. If it decides that it is not, it shall specify the grade to be assigned.
6. The Head shall promptly, in writing, notify the student and (if possible) the instructor concerning the committee's ruling. If the committee has decided that a change of grade is warranted, the Head shall submit the appropriate form to the Dean's office, signed by the Head and countersigned by a majority of the committee.
7. The committee's decision is final. The *Statutes of the University of Georgia* (Article VIII, Section 2) assign to the Faculty the authority and responsibility to maintain academic standards; therefore, except for appeals specified in the *Statutes of the University of Georgia* and in the *Bylaws of the University Council of the University of Georgia* no grade, including W or I, can be assigned or changed by administrators of the Department, the College, or the University.