

2. Rationale for each revision or addition

The proposed Philosophy Major B.A. Program requires the same number of credit hours as the Current Program. It reduces the 12 credit hours of electives to 6 credit hours, while strengthening the foundational study of the history of philosophy and requiring an upper division Values course. Thus the new major would require both the Phl235 History of Ancient Philosophy and Phl236 History of Modern Philosophy, instead of one or the other. But it is also designed to be more flexible, so that students will be able to choose from among a larger number of courses, each of which will be offered at least once every two years.

We plan to continue to offer lower division general education courses, such as Phl100 Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, Phl205 Ethics I, Phl220 Theory of Knowledge, and Phl235 and 236, the histories of Ancient and Modern Philosophy, regularly. Phl497 Capstone Seminar has not been offered, as it has just appeared in our catalog this year, and none of our students need it yet. We plan to offer it annually.

We also plan to continue to offer Phl306 every year for the Business School, Phl307 for the Gerontology minor, Phl309 and 471 for the Cognitive Science major, Phl313 for the Linguistics major, Phl348 for the Women's Studies major, and Phl442, Phl321, and Phl322 for the Philosophy-Psychology major.

Phl309 and Phl348 are Intellectual Issues courses, as are Phl321 and Phl322, which would now count as part of the major as well as possible electives.

By implementing these changes, we intend to strengthen our students' mastery of the fundamentals of our discipline and better prepare them for graduate study in philosophy, law, social work, and other fields.

3. Changes in resources and rationale for changes

We anticipate no need for increased resources and no negative impact on general education offerings. All of the lower division courses required for the major are offered frequently, often in multiple sections.

Specifically, philosophy majors are required to take at least one course from the Metaphysics/Epistemology group. Phl309, Phl321, and Phl322 are Intellectual Issues courses, and we are committed to continuing to offer them regularly. Phl310 has not been offered in recent years, but students are demanding it, and we plan to begin offering it as regularly as possible. Phl313 Philosophy of Language has not been offered regularly lately because Dr. De Lancey was on leave. It will be offered regularly to serve the Linguistics major. Phl370 Metaphysics has been offered every year for many years, as it was a core requirement for our old major. That means we may not offer it as frequently in the future. Phl471 Philosophy of Mind will continue to be offered regularly because it serves the Cognitive Science major.

Philosophy majors are required to take at least one upper division History of Philosophy course in the present program. The proposed new program adds the following options: Phl314 Existentialism, which is popular, Phl364 American Philosophy, which has not been offered in recent years, but which our faculty want to teach, and Phl460 Seminar in the History of Philosophy.

Philosophy majors will now be required to take one Values course beyond Phl205 Ethics I. Of the courses listed, most have been offered at least once a year for quite a few years. Phl306 Business Ethics, which will continue to be offered annually, serves the School of Business, which requires it of their five-year program students. Phl308 Medical Ethics and Phl348 Philosophy & Feminism are general education Intellectual Issues courses offered regularly. Phl443 Philosophy of Law serves the pre-law students. Phl307 Philosophy, Public Policy, and Public Affairs serves the Gerontology minor. Phl442 Social Philosophy serves the Conflict Studies minor as well as the Philosophy-Psychology major.