

State University of New York at New Paltz

This **eight-semester plan** (see [important details](#)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an **advising tool** – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student's prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their [Progress Reports](#) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

Philosophy

Year 1

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
PHI120 Intro: Classics (WEST) or PHI130 Intro: Problems (HUM)	3	Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3
Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3	Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3
Gen Ed: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD) - see Note 1	3	Gen Ed: The Arts (ART)	3
Elective	3	PHI201 Symbolic Logic (MATH) - see Note 2	3
Total	15	Total	15

Year 2

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
Gen Ed: Social Sciences (SSCI)	3	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
PHI211 Ancient Greek Philosophy (WEST) - see Note 3	3	Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR)	3
Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM) - see Note 4	3	Elective	3
Elective - see Note 5	3	PHI215 Modern Philosophy (WEST)	3
Gen Ed: United States Studies (USST)	3	Philosophy elective - see Note 6	3
Total	15	Total	15

Year 3

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
PHI304 Ethics	3	Upper-division major requirement or elective	3
Non-Western Philosophy course by advisement - see Note 6	3	Upper-division major elective	3
Major elective or general elective	3	Upper-division electives	9
Electives	6		
Total	15	Total	15

Year 4

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
PHI471 Theory of Knowledge or PHI474 Metaphysics (WI) - Note 7	3	PHI490 Seminar - see Note 8	3
Upper-division major elective	3	Major elective or elective	3
Upper-division electives	9	Upper-division electives	9
Total	15	Total	15

Notes

The following philosophy courses fulfill the GE: World Civilizations & Cultures (WRLD) category: [PHI251 Indian Philosophy \(WRLD\)](#), [PHI252 East Asian Philosophy \(WRLD\)](#)

[PHI201](#) Symbolic Logic is required for the philosophy major and fulfills the GE Math requirement. It is strongly recommended that philosophy majors take Symbolic Logic as early as possible in their major program. [PHI201 Symbolic Logic \(MATH\)](#)

Other philosophy courses that fulfill the GE: Western Civilization (WEST) requirement: [PHI120 Intro to Philosophy: Classics \(WEST\)](#), [PHI215 Modern Philosophy \(WEST\)](#), [PHI310 Later Greek and Roman Philosophy \(WEST\)](#), [PHI311 Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy \(WEST\)](#)

The following philosophy courses fulfill the GE: Humanities (HUM) requirement: [PHI130 Intro to Philosophy: Problems \(HUM\)](#), [PHI343 Aesthetics \(HUM\)](#), [PHI344 Philosophy of the Arts \(HUM\)](#)

This elective might very well be used to take another language course. The Dept. of Philosophy recommends that all students study a foreign language at least through the intermediate level, if not beyond.

Courses meeting the non-Western requirement include the following: [PHI251 Indian Philosophy \(WRLD\)](#), [PHI252 East Asian Philosophy \(WRLD\)](#), [PHI330 Chinese Philosophy](#), [PHI332 Buddhist Philosophy](#)

These courses are offered in alternating years. [PHI471 Theory Of Knowledge](#), [PHI474 Metaphysics](#)

[PHI490](#) Seminar, intended for upper-division majors, is offered each spring, and the subject will vary.

Total Credits: 120