BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

Students pursuing the bachelor of arts in philosophy master foundational concepts in logic and ancient and modern philosophy. Majors in this more traditional BA option also complete four electives chosen from courses such as Philosophy of Art; Ethics in Business; and Mind, Brain, and Artificial Intelligence.

For more information, visit the program website (https://philosophy.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-philosophy/).

ADMISSIONS

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/). Applications may be submitted via the Common Application (https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
The George Washington University
800 21st Street NW, Suite 100
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions:
gwadm@gwu.edu or 202-994-6040

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationstext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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One of the following courses (3 credits):

- PHIL 3113 Nineteenth-Century Philosophy
  - or PHIL 3113W Nineteenth-Century Philosophy

- PHIL 3172 American Philosophy
  - or PHIL 3172W American Philosophy

- PHIL 4192 Analytic Philosophy
  - or PHIL 4192W Analytical Philosophy

- PHIL 4193 Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy
  - or PHIL 4193W Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy

Four additional philosophy (PHIL) courses (12 credits) numbered 2000 or above.

One of the following options:

A: Two Proseminar courses

- PHIL 4198 Proseminar (6 credits)

B: Honors thesis option (requires departmental approval and a senior thesis)

- PHIL 4198 Proseminar (3 credits)
- PHIL 4199 Readings and Research (3 credits)

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#text), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/). Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses/).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, a student must

1. have at least a 3.7 grade-point average in the major and a 3.3 average overall;
2. submit an honors paper prepared under the supervision of a faculty advisor in the department.

Only if a committee of three faculty members in the department approves the honors paper are Special Honors recommended.