BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY AND MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC POLICY WITH A CONCENTRATION IN PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL POLICY

The Department of Philosophy offers a combined bachelor of arts with a major in philosophy (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy/ba) and master of arts in public policy with a concentration in philosophy and social policy (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy/ma-public-policy) degree program. Undergraduate students may take up to 9 graduate credits as part of their undergraduate degree program, thereby decreasing the number of credits normally required for the master's degree. Undergraduate students interested in the BA/MA program should consult the Director of Graduate Studies as early in their program as possible and must apply to the graduate portion of the program before completing 75 undergraduate credits.

Visit the program website (http://philosophy.columbian.gwu.edu/combined-bama-program-philosophy) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

BA/MA students will take up to 9 credits of graduate coursework during the undergraduate degree to be counted toward both the BA in Philosophy and the MA in Philosophy and Social Policy degrees.

Combined degree course work (those hours counting towards both programs) must be at the 6000 level and have grades of "B" or better; these courses will be counted towards both the CCAS undergraduate and graduate grade point averages.

Once the student has competed the BA, s/he then completes the remaining credits required for the MA.

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

The following three courses (9 credits):
PHIL 2045 Introduction to Logic
PHIL 2111 History of Ancient Philosophy or PHIL 2111W History of Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 2112 History of Modern Philosophy

One of the following courses (3 credits):
PHIL 3113 19th-Century Philosophy or PHIL 3113W 19th-Century Philosophy
PHIL 3172 American Philosophy or PHIL 3172W American Philosophy
PHIL 4192 Analytical Philosophy or PHIL 4192W Analytical Philosophy
PHIL 4193 20th-Century Continental Philosophy or PHIL 4193W 20th-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) and PHIL 4199 Readings and Research (3 credits)

The general MA requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext) are as follows:

Two options are available at the discretion of the faculty. Thesis option—30 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 6 hours in thesis; non-thesis option—36 credits, including 24 credits in required courses and 12 credits in elective courses.

Required
Four of the following:
PHIL 6230 Ethical Issues in Policy Arguments
PHIL 6231 Seminar: Economic Justice
PHIL 6238 Feminist Ethics and Policy Implications
PHIL 6242 Philosophy, Law, and Social Policy
PHIL 6250 Topics in Health Policy
PHIL 6262 Normative Issues in Foreign Policy
PHIL 6281
Environmental Philosophy and Policy

**One course from each of the following groups:**

**Group A**
- PPPA 6010 Politics & The Policy Process
- PSC 8212 Urban Policy Problems

**Group B**
- ECON 6217 Survey of Economics I
- ECON 6237 Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources

**Group C**
- PSC 6103 Approaches to Public Policy Analysis
- PPPA 6006 Policy Analysis
- SOC 6248 Race and Urban Redevelopment
- WSTU 6240 Women and Public Policy
- WSTU 6265 Women, Welfare & Poverty
- HIST 6011 Reading and Research in History and Public Policy

**Group D**
- PPPA 6002 Research Methods and Applied Statistics (or substitute as approved by the advisor)

For thesis option:
- PHIL 6998 Thesis Research

**Electives**
Electives may focus on a particular policy area (e.g., biomedical/health care, urban/welfare, or environmental policy), or may explore varied approaches and policy issues.

**Other requirements**
Successful completion of a master’s comprehensive examination.