

# 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. In this program, which is more traditional than the major with a public affairs focus (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy/ba-public-affairs/>), students also complete four electives chosen from courses such as Philosophy of Art, Ethics in Business, and Mind, Brain, and Artificial Intelligence.

Visit the program website (<https://philosophy.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-philosophy/>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can 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 St NW Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit [undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us](http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us) (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

## 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/#degreeregulationstext>).

Program-specific curriculum:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Recommended</b>		
PHIL 1051	Introduction to Philosophy	
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The following three courses (9 credits):		
PHIL 2045	Introduction to Logic	
PHIL 2111 or PHIL 2111W	History of Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 2112	History of Modern Philosophy	

And one course (3 credits) selected from the following:

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

### Electives

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

### One of the following 6-credit options:

Option A: Two proseminars

PHIL 4198                      Proseminar (taken twice for a total of 6 credits)

or

Option B: Honors thesis. Requires departmental approval and successful completion of 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/>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (<https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-curriculum-gpac/>) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. 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.

**Coursework (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationstext>) for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Arts—one approved arts course 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.
- 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 additional 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).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also 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.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

## 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.

## COMBINED PROGRAM

### Combined program

- Dual Bachelor of Arts with a major in philosophy and Master of Arts in the field of public policy, philosophy and social justice concentration (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy/combined-ba-philosophy-ma-public-policy-with-philosophy-and-social-policy-concentration/>)