What is required for a Philosophy Major?

For students who entered the University in (or after) 2013.

The major in philosophy requires a total of at least thirty (30) hours including six required core classes (18 hours) and a course from the perspectives category (3 hours). At least 18 hours must be taken at the 300-level or above. No more than 3 hours at the 100-level will count toward the required hours. Students must make a C- or better in all courses. At least 20% of the total required hours must be taken at NKU.

Core courses (all required)*

- PHI 265 Logic (every semester)
- PHI 280 Classical and Medieval Philosophy (offered fall)
- PHI 285 Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (every spring)
- PHI 305 Existentialism (every fall)
- PHI 315 Knowledge and Reality (every spring)
- PHI 375 Ethical Theories (every fall)

Diverse Philosophical Perspectives - Choose at least one of the following

- PHI 304 Zen (every spring)
- PHI 309 Global Ethics (fall 2015)
- PHI 311 Philosophy of Woman (spring 2014)
- PHI 312 Eastern Philosophy (offered fall)
- PHI 324 Africana Philosophy (fall 2014)

Electives - 9 hours

You will also need an additional 9 hours of electives. The program offers over 20 different upper-division courses across a variety of philosophical interests.

You need 120 hours to graduate. Because the major only requires 30 hours, Philosophy majors often take a second major to fill out their resume.

Meet with your advisor regularly to be sure you are meeting all the requirements and making progress toward graduation.

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