- encouraged to focus on topics related to their particular post graduate goals. Please see Philosophy faculty for guidance and mentorship. • Students should take PHIL 4380: Senior Seminar.
- concentrations, Philosophy majors are
- Though there are no official tracks or
- without a minor or second major. If Philosophy is the sole major/minor there are additional degree requirements.
- registration Students may major in Philosophy with or
- attended departmental Major/Minor Meetings which occur each semester just prior to
- strongly encouraged to seek advising and mentorship from the Philosophy faculty. Please

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PHILOSOPHY (BA) *Double Major or Minor Track Catalog: 2019-20 **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

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Degree Info

Training in philosophy helps one think more

clearly, more perceptively, and more

effectively. Regardless of one's personal and

occupational goals, and regardless of the

projects in which one is interested, being able

to think clearly and effectively about them is

important. Americans today switch careers (not

just jobs) two to three times on average over their lives. More than ever it is important to

have the learning, critical thinking, and

analytical skills that philosophy provides to be

able to transition between different

professions. The study of philosophy uniquely

helps one to better understand and appreciate

oneself, the world outside, and how the two

are related. In order to live a happy and

fulfilled life, it is important to make sense of life

and one's place in it. The satisfaction of that need is at the core of philosophy.

2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

FOURTH YEAR

Additional Info

33XX-43XX	Double Major or Minor Coursework
XXE4-XXE8	Double Major or Minor Coursework
XX8X-XX8X	Double Major or Minor Coursework
XXE4-XXE8	Double Major or Minor Coursework
	PHIL 4312 Metaphysics
Choose 1	PHIL 4310 Epistemology <u>or</u>

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	Senior Seminar	PHIL 4380
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THIRD YEAR

PHIL 3301 Ancient Philosophy **SECOND YEAR**

Modern Philosophy (1600-1800)	PHIL 3303
Double Major or Minor Coursewor	33XX-43XX
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Modern Philosophy (1600-1800)	PHIL 3303

Life and Physical Sciences Choose 1 Government/Political Science

Integrative/Experiential Learning	Choose 1
& Pluralism in Philosophy	
PHIL/RELS 13XX-43XX Diversity	Choose 1
PHIL 13XX-43XX Value Theory	Choose 1

Philosophy Elective	13XX-X3XX
Double Major or Minor Courseworl	XXEX-XXEX
Life and Physical Sciences	Choose 1
Government/Political Science	Choose 1

33XX-43XX Philosophy Elective

UNIV 1301 Learning Framework Language, Philosophy & Culture Choose 1 American History Choose 1 Social and Behavioral Sciences Choose 1 Mathematics Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

RIRST YEAR

PHIL 1340 Intro to Logic or Choose 1 American History Choose 1 Communication Choose 1

Integrative/Experiential Learning Choose 1 Creative Arts Choose 1 PHIL 1388 Honors

"Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans. Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).

BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND	<u>CAREERS</u>
MILESTONES	 □ UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them! □ Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year. □ Complete 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years. □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.5. □ Take MATH in your first year. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.5. □ Complete major foundation classes, such as PHIL 1340: Introduction to Logic. □ Complete 30 credit hours. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.5. □ Complete 30 credit hours. □ Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen. 	 □ Shoot for a GPA of 3.5. □ "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center! □ Register for PHIL 4380: Senior Seminar. □ Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate. □ Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for fulltime employment. 	TeachingResearchMedical/ ClinicalBioethics
ADVICE & SUPPORT	 Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session! Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors. Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class, the Philosophy Major and your vocational goals. Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group. Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits. 	 □ Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors! □ Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor. □ Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches. □ Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available 	 Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as PISKI. Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year. Apply for internship and/or job shadowing opportunities. Discuss this with your advisor, faculty mentor, or Career Center. 	 Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as PHIL 4398: Independent Research or Study or PHIL 4399: Internship. Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that includes employment, finances, and other life goals. Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track. 	 Environmental Law-related Colleges and universities Professional or graduate schools,
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN	 Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project. Ask a student in class to study with you. 	 □ To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office. □ Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium. □ Look at study abroad opportunities! 	 □ Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium! □ Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course or become the secretary for your organization. □ Consider serving on a campus life/community 	 □ Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at and undergraduate philosophy conference. □ Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in. □ Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job 	including medical • Adult education
GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	 Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu. Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service). Attend a departmental program such as a Philosophy club or Majors/Minors meeting. Join a student organization! Consider looking into the Philosophy Club or Ethics Bowl or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options. 	 □ Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA. □ Join another student organization. Perhaps participate in Ethics Bowl or visit VLink for options. □ Check out a campus event that offers free lunchbring a friend! 	consider serving on a campus intercommunity committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information! Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.	fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help. Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.	programsVocational- technical educational programs
LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	 □ Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu). □ Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing. □ Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake! □ Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop. 	 □ Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed. □ Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships. □ Will a minor expand your career options? Please discuss with the Philosophy faculty. □ Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests. 	 □ Check out the Philosophy department website for postings on career/graduate school. □ Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice! □ When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage and speak with Philosophy faculty. Most do not accept late applicants! 	 □ Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn. □ Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc. □ Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services! □ Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov. 	For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" www.utrgv.edu/careercente

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