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Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Why Should I Major in Philosophy at Seton Hall?

A major in philosophy at Seton Hall University provides a foundation for understanding philosophical arguments and their history. Students are encouraged to think and argue critically about fundamental philosophical issues, including questions of methodology and values. The flexibility of the philosophy major and minor programs enable students to choose their specific area of interest. Yet our offerings are sufficiently diverse for students to acquire a solid and rich background in Western philosophy. Philosophy faculty members are not only active scholars, but also dedicated teachers. Moreover, our classes are small enough to encourage an ongoing dialogue among students and professors. Those students who qualify may join Phi Sigma Tau, the International Philosophy Honor Society.

The Curriculum:

The Department of Philosophy offers two major programs: the regular major and the pre-theology major. Students who are interested in pursuing graduate work are encouraged to enroll in the regular major program and are encouraged to take PHIL 1204 Symbolic Logic. Students who have a vocation for the priesthood should opt for the pre-theology major. The flexibility of the regular major also appeals to students who would like to double major in philosophy and other disciplines such as English, political science, psychology and religion.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

To attain a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, students must earn 130 credits, from which 36 credits must be completed in the philosophy major. In addition, students must satisfactorily complete the core curriculum requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences and the necessary number of electives. To earn their bachelor's degree, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 overall and in the philosophy major.

Career Opportunities:

Philosophy majors are recognized for their rigorous training. They are well prepared not only to pursue graduate work in philosophy, but also to succeed in almost any other field of inquiry. Many philosophy majors, for example, become successful lawyers, physicians, business persons and computer analysts. It is well known that philosophy majors, in general, tend to excel in standardized tests such as the LSAT.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Philosophy Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Philosophy Major — 36, credits including:

I. The following courses are required:

- PHIL 1101 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1104 Logic
- PHIL 1105 Ethics

II. Six courses at the PHIL 2000 level:

Note: With the permission of the chairperson, a student may substitute one related 3-credit course from another discipline.

III. Three courses at the PHIL 3000 level:

Note: Students must complete 6 credits at the PHIL 2000 level before taking any PHIL 3000-level courses.

Pre-Theology Major — 36 credits, including:

I. The following courses are required:

- PHIL 1104 Logic
- PHIL 1105 Ethics
- PHIL 2020 Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 2030 Medieval Philosophy
- PHIL 2040 Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 2050 Contemporary Philosophy
- PHIL 2500 Epistemology
- PHIL 2950 Metaphysics

II. Two 3-credit elective courses at the PHIL 2000 or PHIL 3000 level

Note: With the permission of the chairperson, a student may substitute up to 6 credits in advanced courses from the Department of Religious Studies.

III. The following courses at the PHIL 3000 level:

- PHIL 3950 Faith and Reason
- One additional course at the PHIL 3000 level

Note: Students must complete 6 credits at the PHIL 2000 level before taking any PHIL 3000-level courses.

Philosophy Minor — 18 credits, including:

I. Two courses at the PHIL 1000 level

II. Three courses at the PHIL 2000 level

III. One course at the PHIL 3000 level

Note: Students must complete 6 credits at the PHIL 2000 level before taking any PHIL 3000-level courses.

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu. To talk to a faculty adviser, contact Vicente Medina, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Philosophy, at medinavi@shu.edu or (973) 761-9766 or (973) 761-9480. Web site: artsci.shu.edu/philosophy