EXAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

PHILOSOPHY | 120 CREDITS

MAJOR	CORE	ELECTIVES

* There is a lot of flexibility built into the philosophy major.

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
English 110 Intro to College Writing	3	ENG 120 College Research Writing	4
Oral Communications	2	History Core	3
College Level Math	3	Science Core	4
SYM 110 Leadership for Social Justice	3	SEA 101 Search for Meaning	4
Elective	4		
TOTAL	**15 credits**	**TOTAL**	**15 credits**

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
World Languages Core	3	Literature Core	4
Theology Core	4	Philosophy	4
Global Core	3	Elective	4
Philosophy	4	Elective	4
TOTAL	**14 credits**	**TOTAL**	**16 credits**

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Behavioral Science Core	4	History or Behavioral Science Core	3
Elective	4	Fine Arts Core	3
Elective	4	Philosophy	4
Philosophy	4	Elective	4
TOTAL	**16 credits**	**TOTAL**	**14 credits**

SENIOR YEAR

FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Literature or Fine Arts Core	3	Philosophy Senior Independent Study	2
Elective	4	Elective	3
Philosophy	4	Elective	4
Philosophy	4	Elective	3
		Elective	3
TOTAL	**15 credits**	**TOTAL**	**15 credits**

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This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.

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Students majoring in philosophy at Mount Mary University are exposed to a thoughtful examination of the human experience. Philosophy emphasizes reasoning, reflection, an awareness of the "big picture" and sensitivity to different experiences, opinions and beliefs.

Mount Mary's philosophy department offers a flexible, focused approach to philosophy that is especially designed to be inclusive and global as well as to appeal to the concerns and interests of women.

The study of philosophy seeks to cultivate an appreciation of the recurring questions of philosophy, as well as the ability to approach these questions with intelligence and integrity. The unique character of philosophical questions requires that they must be answered for every generation.

Philosophy can be either a stand-alone major or second major complementing work in another academic area. A minor in philosophy is also available. Most philosophy majors at Mount Mary elect to pursue a double major. Students typically link philosophy with a career-oriented major, but philosophy has been paired effectively with every major offered by the university. Students who decide to double major need to meet the requirements of both curricula.

Scholarships and Awards

Each year a philosophy major is chosen by the philosophy department faculty for the John Carmichael Scholarship. The awardee is chosen based on her exhibition of excellence in and passion for philosophy.

The philosophy department also awards the Kelly O'Brien Book Award for a major or minor student who exhibits the passion for lifelong learning in philosophy as chosen by the department's faculty. Please note that this is a book instead of a financial award.

Career Opportunities

As either a major or a minor, philosophy adds an important and resume-building dimension to any area of study by giving it intellectual depth and an ethical focus. The program emphasizes questioning, critical and creative thinking and logical reasoning — important abilities that are helpful in any career or as preparation for advanced study. Philosophical thinking is especially important for those with leadership aspirations.

Specifically, the study of philosophy prepares students especially well not only for a career in academic philosophy but also for advanced degrees or careers in:

- Advocacy
- Consulting
- Education
- Gender Studies
- Government
- Law
- Library Science
- Management

FAMOUS PHILOSOPHY MAJORS
- Angela Davis
- Judith Butler
- Cornel West
- Jay Leno
- Steve Martin
- Stephen Colbert