

# PHILOSOPHY: GENERAL TRACK (BA)

## Program Description

The BA in Philosophy: General Track enables you to develop analytical skills of critical thinking and creative problem solving; understanding complex ideas; communicating and listening well; clear writing and respectfully engaging across disagreements — skills which can be applied to any field and in any industry.

## Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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56 Credits Minimum, Including 25 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
PHI 1002 or PHI 1004	Ethics and the Good Life The Examined Life	5
Section Credits Required		5
<b>History Courses</b>		
PHI 3601	Ancient Philosophy	5
PHI 3633	Early Modern Philosophy	5
Section Credits Required		10
<b>Systematic Courses</b>		
PHI 1001	Logic and Critical Thinking	5

PHI 2001	Advanced Logic	5
PHI 3651	Contemporary Ethical Theory	5
PHI 4652	Contemporary Metaphysics	5
PHI 3999 or PHI 4653	Minds and Machines Contemporary Epistemology	3
Section Credits Required		23
<b>Capstone</b>		
PHI 4897	Philosophy of Religion	5
Section Credits Required		5
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 13 credits of the following:		13
PHI 2222	Social Ethics	
PHI 2500	Science, Technology and Society	
PHI 2700	Philosophy of Law	
PHI 2999	Ethics and the Arts	
PHI 3606	Continental Philosophy	
PHI 3700	Philosophy of Language	
PHI 3770	Political Philosophy	
HON 2100	Honors Core: Ethics and Critical Reasoning	
UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science	
Section Credits Required		13
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>56</b>