



Program Planning Guide

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Calendar Year: 2012/2013

Faculty: Arts & Science

What is Philosophy?

Philosophy examines fundamental questions about values, knowledge, and reality. Interesting in its own right, the study of Philosophy sharpens a student's critical and analytical skills, and it can be an important component of any university program.

About the Philosophy Department

The University of Lethbridge has one of the best Philosophy Departments in Canada. A Philosophy degree from the University of Lethbridge provides excellent training for law, business, education, and public administration, as well as further work in Philosophy at the graduate level.

Research in the Department

The Department of Philosophy at the University of Lethbridge is internationally recognized for the quality and quantity of its research. The Department's recent work ranges over books and articles on conflict resolution, biomedical ethics, the philosophy of logic and language, environmental philosophy, the philosophy of physics and biology, game theory as applied to ethics, the philosophy of mathematics, and the philosophy of art.

Opportunities for Philosophy Majors

Students play a significant part in the dynamic intellectual environment of the Department of Philosophy. There is ample opportunity for informal faculty-student discussion and students have important formal roles as well. The Philosophy Club sponsors visiting speakers and schedules discussion groups and presentations of student-written papers throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. The Department employs students in the teaching and marking of Logic and Philosophy courses. The number of these paid positions in a semester varies, but there are usually two or more. Finally, students actively participate in the active research of department members. A large portion of the interesting and notable research done by the Department in recent years has involved student researchers, and this use of paid student researchers is another distinctive feature of Philosophy at the University of Lethbridge. Few philosophy departments even consider allowing undergraduate students to work with faculty on research.

Opportunities for Graduates with Philosophy Majors

Philosophy students from the University of Lethbridge have gone on to some of the best law and business schools in Canada, and the Department has consistently placed some of its very best students in top graduate schools in Canada and the U.S. Faculty members in the Department maintain active research programs, and students can be sure that they are learning from some of the most respected philosophers in the profession.

Where to Go for More Information

The Department of Philosophy appoints a Student Advisor who welcomes inquiries about courses, graduate schools, career opportunities, and so on. Messages for the Student Advisor can be left with the Department office. Students should feel free, however, to talk to any Faculty member for information or advice, in particular the Chair of the Department.

Co-operative Education

A Co-op option, requiring three work terms, is available. Students interested in the Co-operative Education/Internship program should contact the Coordinator of Co-operative Education in the Career Resources Centre (AH154 | phone: 403-382-7154) for further information.

Program Requirements

The B.A. degree with a major in Philosophy requires 40 semester courses, including a minimum of 13 courses in the major. A maximum of 20 courses in Philosophy and Logic is allowed. Both Philosophy and Logic courses are offered by the Department of Philosophy and courses in both disciplines contribute toward the major.

Transfer Credit

Remember that you may use both University of Lethbridge credit and credit transferred from another college or university to meet degree and major requirements. Transfer credit may be either specified or unspecified. Specified credit is indicated on your transcript by the subject name and the specific number of the course, e.g., Philosophy 1000, 2111, etc. Unspecified credit (1XXX, 2XXX, etc.) is indicated by the subject name and level of the course in parentheses, e.g., Philosophy (1000 level), Philosophy (2000 level), etc.

Unspecified Course Credit

Unspecified course credit means that the University of Lethbridge does not offer the same course you transferred in, but we recognize it and treat it as a regular course. An unspecified course would count as one of your maximum of 20 from one department, but it could not meet a specific course requirement. For example, if Philosophy 2150 is required in your program, you could not use Philosophy (2000 level) to fulfill that requirement. Students with unspecified transfer credit need to consult an Academic Advisor to establish how the transfer credit fits in the degree program. This should be done as soon as possible after transfer credit is awarded.

Note: *While Philosophy 1000 is not required in the major, it provides students with a good introduction to the discipline and serves as a prerequisite for certain Philosophy courses at the 2000 level and above.*

Program Worksheet

Name: _____ **ID:** _____

Required courses:

- _____ 1-2. TWO of the following (Logic):
 - _____ Logic 1000 - Critical Thinking
 - _____ Logic 2003 - Symbolic Logic I
 - _____ Logic 3003 - Symbolic Logic II

- _____ 3-4. TWO of the following (History of Philosophy):
 - _____ Philosophy 2010 - Ancient Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 2030 - 17th-Century Philosophy: Descartes to Leibniz
 - _____ Philosophy 3350 - Analytic Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3409 - 18th-Century Philosophy: Leibniz to Kant
 - _____ Philosophy 3420 - Wittgenstein

- _____ 5. ONE of the following (Philosophy of Values):
 - _____ Philosophy 2001 - Introduction to Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 2111 - Introduction to Value Theory
 - _____ Philosophy 3401 - Social and Political Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3410 - Advanced Ethics

- _____ 6. ONE of the following (Philosophy of Values):
 - _____ Philosophy 2150 - Philosophy of Art
 - _____ Philosophy 2235 - Philosophy of Feminism
 - _____ Philosophy 2236 - Environmental Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3402 - Biomedical Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 3403 - Philosophy of Love and Sex
 - _____ Philosophy 3404 - Philosophy of Law
 - _____ Philosophy 3411 - Game Theory in Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3450 - Philosophy of War
 - _____ Philosophy 3460 - Philosophy of Peace

- _____ 7-8. TWO of the following (Philosophy of Reality):
- _____ Philosophy 2002 - Belief, Truth, and Paradox
 - _____ Philosophy 2210 - Philosophy of Religion
 - _____ Philosophy 2220 - Philosophy of Mind
 - _____ Philosophy 2233 - Philosophy and the World View of Science: Earth and Life Sciences
 - _____ Philosophy 2234 - Philosophy and the World View of Science: Space, Time and Matter
 - _____ Philosophy 3260 - Metaphysics
 - _____ Philosophy 3270 - Theory of Knowledge
 - _____ Philosophy 3280 - Philosophy of Language
- _____ 9. ONE course at the 4000 level in Philosophy or Logic:
- _____
- _____ 10-13. FOUR additional courses in Philosophy or Logic:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Optional Concentration

Concentration: Legal Reasoning

Philosophy majors in the B.A. and BASc. degree programs may declare a Concentration in Legal Reasoning.

Students must complete a minimum of FIVE courses for the Concentration in Legal Reasoning.

Required courses:

- _____ 14. Philosophy 3401 - Social and Political Philosophy
- _____ 15. Philosophy 3404 - Philosophy of Law
- _____ 16-17. Two of:
- _____ Philosophy 2001 - Introduction to Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 2235 - Philosophy of Feminism
 - _____ Philosophy 2236 - Environmental Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3402 - Biomedical Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 3410 - Advanced Ethics
 - _____ Philosophy 3411 - Game Theory in Philosophy
 - _____ Philosophy 3450 - Philosophy of War
 - _____ Philosophy 3460 - Philosophy of Peace
- _____ 18. One of:
- _____ Management 3010 - Management Law
 - _____ *Native American Studies 2100 - Aboriginal Peoples and Law
 - _____ **Political Science 3241 - Canadian Constitutional Law I: The Structures and Powers
 - _____ **Political Science 3242 - Canadian Constitutional Law II: The Charter
 - _____ **Political Science 3243 - Courts, Law, and Politics in Canada
 - _____ ***Political Science 3245 - Women and the Law

**Prerequisite Required: Native American Studies 1000*

***Prerequisite Required: Political Science 2210*

****Prerequisite Required: One of Political Science 1000 or Political Science 2210*

Note: Students may not double count courses required for the Concentration in Legal Reasoning in fulfilling requirements for the major in Philosophy.

For students who complete all requirements, the Concentration in Legal Reasoning will be acknowledged on the official transcript.

Sample Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your degree. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in four years, provided you complete five courses per semester. This is just one example of how you could complete your major and degree requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well as this one.

<p>Year 1, Fall Philosophy 1000 (<i>recommended</i>) GLER course GLER course GLER course GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Fall Philosophy 2000 level (Reality) Philosophy or Logic elective GLER course Elective Elective</p> <p>Year 3, Fall Philosophy 3000 level (History) Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective Elective</p> <p>Year 4, Fall Philosophy 3000 level (Values) Philosophy or Logic 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective</p>	<p>Year 1, Spring Logic 1000 or Logic 2003¹ Philosophy 2000 level (Values) GLER course GLER course GLER course</p> <p>Year 2, Spring Philosophy 2000 level (History) One of: Logic 1000, Logic 2003, or Logic 3003¹ Elective Elective Elective</p> <p>Year 3, Spring Philosophy 3000 level (Reality) Philosophy or Logic elective Elective 3000/4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective</p> <p>Year 4, Spring Philosophy or Logic 4000 level Elective 3000/4000 level Elective Elective Elective</p>
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¹ Semester of offering may vary.

Terms Used

GLER course: A course that could count toward the General Liberal Education Requirement. You may use courses in your major towards this 12-course requirement. See the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 4 - Academic Regulations (p. 89) for complete information.

The Faculty of Arts and Science offers Liberal Education 1000 and 2000, specifically designed to introduce first-year students to the wide scope of human knowledge and teach essential university success skills, critical thinking, and integrative thinking (see the 2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 14 - Courses, p. 312). LBED 1000 and 2000 may be used toward satisfying the GLER.

Elective: A course that you may choose freely from all those available and applicable to your program. Use courses inside or outside your major, bearing in mind any restrictions that may apply (e.g., a maximum of 20 courses from any one department).

