Philosophy 4-year Plan Samples

# Typical degree plan

The following is an example degree plan, assuming a student plans to study abroad for a semester in the junior year. While the following would be a reasonable plan, Integrations Curriculum college requirements and course schedules make individual planning much more complicated—particularly when philosophy is paired with a second major. CSB/SJU students discuss their plans with a faculty advisor each semester to ensure that they are on track to graduate within four years.

A list of the PHIL requirements appears at the end of the document. All Philosophy courses that are not CSD courses carry the HE designation and either a Thematic Encounter or Thematic Focus designation. The Department’s thematic courses engage the Truth and Justice themes, but we don’t currently offer any Movement courses.

# Sample Four-Year Course Schedule—1 Major

This schedule is for a typical student beginning a philosophy major in the fall of the first year with no previous foreign language work.

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|  | Fall | Spring |
| First year | 1. Learning Foundations
2. Language
3. Philosophy 100-level (HE + Thematic Encounter)
4. Theological Explorations
5. College Success (1 cr)
 | 1. CSD:I (either this or CSD:S must be Philosophy)
2. Language
3. Philosophy elective
4. NW + Thematic Encounter
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| Sophomore | 1. Logic (AS, Truth Focus)
2. Philosophy HE, Thematic Focus
3. Language
4. AE + Thematic Encounter
 | 1. SW + Thematic Encounter
2. Quantitative Reasoning
3. Artistic Engagement
4. Philosophy 300-level elective
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| Junior (spring abroad) | 1. CSD:S (either this or CSD:I must be Philosophy)
2. Philosophy 300-level elective
3. Theological Integrations
4. Elective
 | ABROAD1. Global Engagement
2. Experiential Engagement
3. Elective
4. Elective
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| Senior | 1. Philosophy 300-level elective
2. Philosophy 300-level elective
3. Benedictine Raven
4. Elective
 | 1. Philosophy Capstone
2. Learning Integrations
3. Elective
4. Elective
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As you can see, this plan leaves a lot of room for exploration, could be started as late as sophomore year, and could easily accommodate a second major, particularly when you come in with language already begun or completed.

# Sample Four-Year Course Schedule—2 Majors\*

Again, this assumes no previous language, and study abroad.

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|  | Fall | Spring |
| First year | 1. Learning Foundations
2. Language
3. Philosophy 100-level (HE + Thematic Encounter)
4. 2nd major intro (WoT/Thematic Encounter)
5. College Success (1 cr)
 | 1. CSD:I (Philosophy)
2. Language
3. Theological Explorations
4. 2nd major X (Quantitive Reasoning)
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| Sophomore | 1. Logic (AS, Truth Focus)
2. Philosophy HE, Thematic Focus
3. 2nd major X
4. WoT/Thematic Encounter
 | 1. Philosophy 300-level elective
2. Philosophy 300-level elective
3. 2nd major X
4. 2nd major X
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| Junior (spring abroad) | 1. CSD:S (Benedictine Raven)
2. 2nd major X
3. 2nd major X
4. Philosophy 300-level elective
 | ABROAD1. Experiential Engagement
2. Global Engagement
3. Language
4. WoT/Thematic Encounter
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| Senior | 1. Philosophy 300-level elective
2. Theological Integrations
3. 2nd major X
4. 2nd major X
 | 1. Philosophy Capstone
2. Philosophy 300-level elective
3. Learning Integrations
4. 2nd major X
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\*In this plan, **Artistic Engagement** must be completed on the student’s own, outside of coursework.

# Philosophy Major requirements

The philosophy major is centered around a theme of *Public Philosophy* and is designed to mesh closely with the Integrations Curriculum. Requirements for those entering in Fall 2020 or later:

* 1 Introductory course (100-level Thematic Encounter)
* 2 Thematic Focus courses (1 Abstract Structures and 1 Human Experience)
* 1 CSD course (either CSD:I or CSD:S)
* 3 300-level courses (Thematic Encounters)
* 2 Electives (these could include: 100 or 300 level Thematic Encounters, an additional CSD course, additional Thematic Focus, or any other philosophy coursework)
* 1 Capstone
* No more than 8 credits at the 100 level may count toward the major without permission of the Department Chair.