Philosophy

Philosophy is part of a long tradition of deep questioning surrounding the human condition, including the study of knowledge and reality, and how we ought to live our lives. Our program is committed to the teaching and study of philosophy as a discipline actively engaged in our world, offering alternatives to the ways we currently understand ourselves and our relation to nature and each other in our technologically complex, global economy.

We foster intellectual rigor, and the critical interpretive, analytical, and communicative skills necessary to support lives guided by ethical reflection and civic responsibility. At its core, the undergraduate major in Philosophy provides a broad education and the intellectual skills that are vital to success in many occupations and other areas of life. It also serves as a valuable background for further study in areas like law, public service, medicine, and many others.

Your Bachelor’s Degree (BA/BS) in the College of Liberal Arts

- A minimum of 180 credits are required for graduation; 60 must be upper division (300 and 400-level courses).
- A maximum of 135 credits earned at a community college may be applied toward a bachelor’s degree at OSU.
- Only courses with letter prefixes and numbers above 100 can be accepted.
- Some courses can count towards your major and the Baccalaureate Core. Check with your advisor.
- Options available. See “Important Notes”.
- See the OSU Catalog for a list of courses required for your major and option: catalog.oregonstate.edu

Courses for this Major (offered at Mt. Hood Community College)

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**Important Notes & Resources**

**Important Notes for the College and Major:**
- Grade requirements can vary; refer to your OSU advisor.
- See a sample degree plan by searching “Philosophy” at admissions.oregonstate.edu/find-your-major
- Other similar majors to explore: Religious Studies, History
- PHL 121, PHL 201, and some Baccalaureate Core are priority courses to complete before transferring to OSU.
- Talk with an OSU advisor about your specific timeline for the best time to transfer.
- It is important to speak with your OSU advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

**Resources and OSU Information:**
- Students do not have to complete a transfer degree in order to transfer to OSU.
  - If you’ve completed the Oregon AAOT, all requirements of the Baccalaureate Core are complete except for Synthesis Courses and Writing Intensive Courses.
- Preparing to apply to OSU? See admissions info: oregonstate.edu/admissions/transfer.html
- Want to take classes at both OSU and an Oregon community college simultaneously? Check out the Degree Partnership Program: partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students
- Visit OSU for a campus tour and meet with an advisor; schedule your visit at visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus

**General Education Courses** (called the Baccalaureate Core)

- Complete one course in each Perspectives category with no more than two in the same department.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Baccalaureate Core, please refer to https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-mount-hood-community-college

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**Liberal Arts Core**

- Additional 15 credit minimum core of classes for all Liberal Arts majors.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Liberal Arts Core, please refer to your advisor.

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BA/BS Degree Requirements

**BA Requirement:** Second-year proficiency in a second language (including ASL) at the college level with at least a C–.

**BS Requirement:** A minimum 15-credit block of science, computer science, and quantitative studies

For more details and a full list of courses, visit [https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/#collegerequirements-text](https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/#collegerequirements-text)

Advising Contacts

It is important to speak with your OSU academic advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

Academic advisors at your community college and OSU are available to answer your questions and assist you in creating a transfer plan. **See your community college advisor first and use this Transfer Guide to help you plan.** Also, consider visiting OSU to take a campus tour and meet with an advisor. See [visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus](https://visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus) to schedule your personalized visit.

| Mt. Hood Community College | [https://www.mhcc.edu/AATC](https://www.mhcc.edu/AATC) |
| OSU Philosophy | [https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/shpr/philosophy/students/advisors](https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/shpr/philosophy/students/advisors) |
| OSU College of Liberal Arts Main Office | liberalarts@oregonstate.edu |