University of Cape Town

Philosophy Department

The Philosophy Department offers undergraduates many options:

1. Majoring in Philosophy

Those wishing to major in Philosophy must take at least the following courses:

First Year:
PHI1024F – Introduction to Philosophy PHI1010S – Ethics

Second Year:
PHI2041S – Great Philosophers
And one of the following:

PHI2012F – Philosophy of Psychology & Mind PHI2016S – Philosophy of Art & Literature
PHI2042F – Political Philosophy PHI2040S – Philosophy of Science
PHI2044F – Philosophy of Mathematics

Third Year:
PHI3023F – Logic and (Philosophy of) Language
PHI3024S – Metaphysics and Epistemology

Students majoring in Philosophy, and especially those who intend to do postgraduate work in Philosophy after they graduate, are strongly encouraged to take additional philosophy courses offered by the Department, details of which can be found below.

2. Elective courses in Philosophy

Students who do not wish to major in Philosophy may take any one of the First Year or Second Year courses mentioned above. Here is a list of courses that may be of special interest to students studying for various degrees:

Course	Of special interest to students studying
PHI1025F – Critical Thinking	Anything (that requires critical thinking skills)
PHI2017S – Philosophy of Art & Literature	Literature, Fine Art, Music, Drama
PHI2040F – Political Philosophy	Political Studies, Law
PHI2037F – Applied Ethics	Law, Commerce, Science
PHI2040S – Philosophy of Science	Science, Engineering & Health Sciences
PHI2043F/S – Business Ethics	Commerce
PHI2044F – Philosophy of Mathematics	Mathematics, Science

Students seeking advice on which courses to take should consult either the Philosophy Department's undergraduate student advisor, Dr Ritchie, or the Head of Department, Professor Benatar.

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