

BA in Philosophy - Concentration in Analytic Reasoning

Any student with a declared philosophy major is eligible for the concentration in analytic reasoning.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in philosophy with a concentration in analytic reasoning. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) and the requirements of Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, students must meet the following requirements:

The major requires a minimum of 27 total credit hours of philosophy courses, at least 15 of which must be in courses numbered 300 or above. For the concentration in analytical reasoning, students must complete 12 credit hours of relevant courses, which must include at least one introductory-level course in logic or critical reasoning, and three upper-level courses with a substantial analytical component. Approved logic, reasoning, philosophy of science, and analytical philosophy courses for this concentration are included below.

Each philosophy major must meet with a departmental advisor at least once a semester to plan or review a program of study. These programs are designed in terms of the individual student's interests and future plans. Up to 12 credit hours of philosophy courses taken before the decision to major in philosophy may count toward a major. Additional credit hours may be counted with the advisor's consent.

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
College Requirements		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas ¹		36
Major Requirements ²		
Select 15 credit hours of philosophy courses		15
Select 12 credit hours of courses relevant to analytical reasoning, which must include at least one introductory-level course in logic or critical reasoning and three upper-level courses with a substantial analytical component		12
<i>Foundational Logic or Critical Reasoning Courses</i>		
PHIL 105	Critical Reasoning	
PHIL 125	Introductory Logic	
PHIL 125H	Introductory Logic Honors	
<i>Courses with a Significant Analytical Component</i>		
PHIL 305	Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 320	Philosophy of Science	
PHIL 321	The History and Philosophy of the Physical Sciences in the 20th Century	
PHIL 325	Formal Logic	
PHIL 335	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 336	Metaphysics	
PHIL 361	Metaethics	
PHIL 421	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 450	Truth & Reality	
PHIL 501	Philosophy of Language	
PHIL 540	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 555	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	
PHIL 5900	Models and Analogies	

Open Electives

Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours 22-23

Total Credit Hours 120

- ¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.
- ² At least 15 of the 27 major credit hours must be at 300-level or above.

The department chair or undergraduate coordinator may approve transfer courses or independent study, e.g. 699 Directed Readings, to count towards the concentration in analytical reasoning.

Students have several options for completing the applied learning requirement. See below.

Applied Learning

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in philosophy with a concentration in analytic reasoning program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing the following program course requirements:

Select **one** item from list A, or **three** items from list B.

A. Substantive Experiences (one item from this list)

- Publish an article in an undergraduate philosophy journal.
- Edit or referee submissions for an undergraduate philosophy journal.
- Give a paper or serve as commentator for a paper at an undergraduate philosophy conference.
- Give a poster presentation at an undergraduate philosophy conference.
- Give a paper or poster presentation at URCAF.
- Take a Directed Readings or Honors option which involves original research or scholarship.
- Internship or co-op experience.
- Serve as logic/critical reasoning tutor.
- Serve as an officer in the Philosophy Society (PS), the Prelaw Student Association (PLSA) or the SGA.

B. Less Substantive Experiences³ (three items from this list)

- Attend lecture of visiting speaker (in philosophy).
- Attend philosophy seminar given by visiting speaker.
- Attend on-campus session of the Kansas Appellate Court.
- Attend on-campus presentation by law school.
- Participate in visits to regional law schools organized by the PLSA.
- Attend an undergraduate or professional philosophy conference.
- Participate in activities of the PS or PLSA.
- Participate in philosophical discussions on social media organized by the PS.

- ³ Attendance/participation is to be verified either through completed registration forms or signatures on sign-up sheets.