



ONLINE

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

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## WEBSITE:

<http://www.uis.edu/philosophy>

## REQUIRED COURSES:

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Course Title	Credit Hours
Matriculation Module (Orientation & Assessment)	0
Area 2 Requirements: 1 class in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy & 1 class in the History of Modern Philosophy	8
Area 3 Requirements: 2 courses in ethics, aesthetics or political philosophy	8
Area 1 Requirements: 2 courses in issues related to core philosophy	8
Philosophy Specialization Course	4
Senior Seminar	4
Philosophy Elective	4
<b>GENERAL ELECTIVES (12 hours)</b>	
Elective (Can include Philosophy courses):	6
Elective (Courses must be taken outside Philosophy discipline):	6
UIS Requirements	13
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>61</b>

The UIS Philosophy program also offers an online Philosophy minor to complement the University's online majors. It requires students to take 16 hours, of which eight hours must be upper division courses taken at UIS; three courses must be from specific areas of philosophy.

The Philosophy Program at UIS focuses in the areas of core analytic philosophy (philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, and related areas) and values (ethics, aesthetics and political philosophy) while providing a sound background in the history of philosophy. The study of philosophy increases an awareness of personal values and the major value conflicts in contemporary society, helps develop an understanding of the nature and limits of various forms of knowledge, and offers experience in critical reflections on major problems of knowledge or value. An undergraduate student may complete a major or minor in philosophy to acquire training in critical thinking and skill in analyzing values; both the major and minor concentration are offered on the UIS campus and online.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

Students who seek to participate actively in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities, and complete their degrees in their own time and at their own pace via the Internet.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Students must have

1. A grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale from an accredited college or university. (In justified circumstances, students with lower GPAs may apply.)
2. Taken two college-level classes of philosophy, at least one of them in the area of critical thinking or logic (note that new philosophy majors will be able to take such prerequisites at UIS)
3. Submitted a brief paper (800 to 1200 words) describing your interest in philosophy and goals for your study
4. Submitted a brief statement of purpose (100 to 200 words) presenting reasons for selecting the UIS online philosophy major.

Recommended: Submission of one to three reference letters from individuals who can attest to the ability for successful academic study.

### COST:

See: <http://www.uis.edu/registration/tuition/index.html>

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Once admitted, students can register via <http://www.uis.edu/registration>.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, spring and summer semesters.

### DELIVERY MODE:

Entirely online via the Internet. Lake County students who do not have access to a computer should contact the University Center for convenient computer access.

### TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

The UIS Follett's Bookstore can be accessed at: <http://www.uis.bkstr.com> or other online providers.

### TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Contact the Online Program Coordinator for specifics and see general information about the UIS transfer process at: <http://www.uis.edu/admissions/transfer/>

### TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

61 credit hours in upper division course work plus transfer hours for a total of 120 hours.

### FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Call (217) 206-6724 or visit the website at: <http://www.uis.edu/financialaid>.