

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

PHI2045S – Philosophy of Race

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 (subject to the prerequisites listed in the Faculty Handbook.) 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)
PHI2012F – Philosophy of Psychology & Mind	Psychology
PHI2016S – Philosophy of Art & Literature	Literature, Fine Art, Music, Drama
PHI2042F – 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
PHI2045S – Philosophy of Race	Anthropology, History, Law, Sociology

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

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