

University of Georgia
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Undergraduate Handbook 2019–20

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FACILITIES

ACCESS TO MAIN OFFICE

We welcome faculty and students. Feel free to stop by during the day. The usual office hours are 8-5 daily Monday through Friday. Please let us know how we may be of help.

MAIL ROOM AND BULLETIN BOARDS

Faculty and Graduate Student mail boxes are located in the mail room. If an undergraduate student wishes to place something in a faculty box, this must be done through one of the persons in the main office. Outside the mail room and in the main hall is a television monitor on which important announcements are posted. The student will find the announcements of scholarship competitions, guest speakers, and the like.

RESOURCES

DEPARTMENTAL

The department offers A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Philosophy. The department also participates in a master s level artificial intelligence program and is associated with the Environmental Ethics Certificate Program and the Women's Studies Program. Courses offered for these programs are also available to our students.

The University's Main Library contains three million volumes, including an excellent collection in philosophy. The Library is connected to all major research libraries in the United States.

COLLOQUIUM SERIES

The department has an active colloquium series. Through the program of guest speakers, each year a number of people famous in their respective area come from around the world to present papers, lectures, and conferences all of which is open to the undergraduate student.

IMPORTANT E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Department Office Contact for Undergraduates.....nhines@uga.edu
UGA Career Center.....http://www.career.uga.edu/
UGA CURO Programhttp://curo.uga.edu/

USEFUL COMPUTER AND NETWORK ADDRESSES:

UGAMailwww.ugamail.uga.edu
Philosophy Home Pagewww.phil.uga.edu
University Home Pagewww.uga.edu
Libraries Home Pagewww.gil.uga.edu
Franklin College.....www.franklin.uga.edu
UGA Bulletin Boardwww.bulletin.uga.edu
Philosophy databases.....www.libs.uga.edu/philosophy-guide

PHI SIGMA TAU

The national philosophy honor society sponsors guest speakers throughout the year. The mission of the club is to promote interest in and discussion of philosophical issues. Over the years, Phi Sigma Tau has sought to complete this mission by hosting graduate student conferences, organizing a lecture series by professors from our university, hosting philosophical conferences, and sponsoring visiting speakers. Phi Sigma Tau is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. It is easy to join Phi Sigma Tau; complete a form and pay a one-time fee of \$25.00. As a member of Phi Sigma Tau, you will receive copies of the journal Dialogue.

The more members that we have to join the more likely we are to receive funding from Student Activities. As the population and the number of clubs on campus has grown, competition for funds has become more intense. Therefore, the more members we can claim the better. The e-mail contact address for Phi Sigma Tau is ugaphilosophyclub@gmail.com.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

HORACE B. RUSSELL PRIZE AWARD

The Horace B. Russell Prize, in the amount of \$200.00, is awarded each year to the undergraduate who writes the best essay in ethics. Candidates are nominated by their instructors.

RICHARD H. SEVERENS SCHOLARSHIP

The Richard H. Severens Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.00, is awarded each year to a senior who is an Honors philosophy major. Honors thesis plans will be a criterion in awarding the scholarship and the recipient must also provide a writing sample. A GPA of at least 3.15 during the scholarship period is required. The Richard H. Severens Scholarship is made possible by the donors of the Richard H. Severens Scholarship Fund.

DANIEL HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in the amount of \$1000.00 and recognizes a junior or senior-level student who has exhibited a broad intellectual curiosity and philosophical creativity. Applicants must provide a writing sample. They must also demonstrate significant financial need. Scholarship awards may be applied to the recipient's tuition and fees, books, or other academic materials. The scholarship may also be applied to travel expenses relating to the presentation of philosophy papers at academic conferences.

FRANK R. HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, recognizes junior or senior-level philosophy majors who exhibit excellence in grades as well as an interest in issues in Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy or Medieval Philosophy. As stipulated by the benefactor, these areas will be taken 'as defined in the western tradition as classically understood'. This interest is shown by overall course work immediately related to these areas and a submitted research paper dealing with a topic directly related to one of them.

The application deadlines for the Severens, Hart and Harrison scholarships will be announced on www.phil.uga.edu

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PHILOSOPHY (A.B.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Go to this UGA catalogue Link for Major Requirements:

<http://bulletin.uga.edu/MajorSpecific.aspx?MajorId=127>

In summary, an undergraduate Philosophy major must complete all of the requirements of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for graduation as well as have two literature courses, one humanities course and three semesters of the same foreign language. The major student must also complete PHIL 2010/2010H, PHIL 2030/2030H and PHIL 2500/2500H with a grade of “C” or higher. The major student must also complete PHIL 3000 and PHIL 3010 as well as six further Philosophy courses at the three thousand level or above. Each course must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR PORTFOLIO

Each philosophy major is expected to submit to the department a Major Portfolio as part of their graduation requirements. The following are guidelines to help you accomplish this task without too much trouble. You are required to choose a faculty member, other than the undergraduate advisors, to serve as your **Academic Career Advisor**. This faculty member will assist you in your preparation of the Major Portfolio, discuss career choices or opportunities for graduate study, and administer the **exit interview**.

1. During the final semester of enrollment each major shall submit a *major portfolio* consisting of the following: (i) the major requirements completion form, which is available at the front office and which includes a list of all philosophy courses taken; (ii) an example of the student’s best written work; (iii) a statement summarizing the student’s experience as a philosophy major and possible recommendations for the department; and (iv) a brief report of the results of the exit interview with the academic career advisor designed to assess the major’s knowledge in some areas of philosophy which the student has explored during their degree program.
2. Students are encouraged to do a graduation check with the Graduation Certification Office, at least two semesters before graduation. The person to contact is Gregory Kline at gkline@uga.edu

FORMS FOR MAJORS TO COMPLETE

Department of Philosophy Major Requirements Completion Form

Student's Name _____ Student's UGA# _____
Date _____

Courses required if not satisfied in the core:

Requirement	Course Name	Instructor & Semester	Grade
PHIL 2010	Intro to Philosophy		
PHIL 2030	Intro to Ethics		
PHIL 2500	Symbolic Logic		
3rd level foreign language			
Literature course			
Literature course			
Humanities course			

Major Courses in Philosophy – 3000 and 3010 plus six courses numbered above 3010:

Requirement	Course Name	Instructor & Semester	Grade
PHIL 3000	Ancient Philosophy		
PHIL 3010	Modern Philosophy		

_____ **The student has submitted the Major Portfolio**

Career Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____

Make Graduation Check appointment by calling 706-542-1522

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

For the philosophy minor, a student must complete, with a grade of “C” or higher, 18 hours of course work with at least 12 hours of upper division, including PHIL 3000, PHIL 3010 and 2 elective philosophy courses numbered above 3010. If not satisfied by the student’s core courses, PHIL 2010/2010H and PHIL 2030/2030H must also be taken with a grade of “C” or higher.

GRADE APPEALS

Ordinarily the assignment of a grade is solely at the discretion of the instructor. However, to protect students against the possibility of an assigned grade being the result of instructor error, the Department has adopted a formal appeal procedure. Before initiating a formal appeal, the student shall first discuss any disagreement concerning an assigned grade with the instructor of record or, if the instructor of record is not available, with the Head or a representative of the Head. If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student, the Head or a representative of the Head shall meet with the student and the instructor to discuss the student's concern. The purpose of this informal meeting is to explore ways of resolving the conflict. The Head or the Head's representative may make recommendations to the instructor, but these shall not be binding. If the matter is still not resolved to the satisfaction of the student, he or she may initiate a formal appeal as described below.

1. The appeals procedure must be initiated by the student submitting to the Head a detailed written statement of the grounds for dissatisfaction with the assigned grade.
2. The Head shall inform the student in writing that the appeal can result in either an affirmation of the assigned grade or its change to any other grade.
3. The Head shall appoint a committee comprising of Department members having competence in the subject but excluding the instructor who assigned the grade in question. That committee shall investigate the merits of the appeal. Except in instances in which contact is impossible, the instructor who assigned the grade must be given ample opportunity to discuss the case with the committee.
4. The instructor's standards of grading, unless they are widely aberrant, are not *per se* the subject of the committee's inquiry: rather, the committee shall assess the professional propriety of the manner in which the instructor has applied the standards in the individual case.
5. The committee shall determine whether the assigned grade is a proper one. If it decides that it is not, it shall specify the grade to be assigned.
6. The Head shall promptly, in writing, notify the student and (if possible) the instructor concerning the committee's ruling. If the committee has decided that a change of grade is warranted, the Head shall submit the appropriate form to the Dean's office, signed by the Head and countersigned by a majority of the committee.
7. The committee's decision is final. The *Statutes of the University of Georgia* (Article VIII, Section 2) assign to the Faculty the authority and responsibility to maintain academic standards; therefore, except for appeals specified in the *Statutes of the University of Georgia* and in the *Bylaws of the University Council of the University of Georgia* no grade, including W or I, can be assigned or changed by administrators of the Department, the College, or the University.