PHILOSOPHY (COURSE 24-1)

Department of Linguistics and Philosophy (http://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/linguistics-philosophy/#undergraduatetext)

Bachelor of Science in Philosophy

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

Summary of Subject Requirements Subjects
Science Requirement 6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) 8
Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement 2
Laboratory Requirement 1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree 17

Communication Requirement
2 subjects designated as communication-intensive in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CI-H; see HASS Requirement, above)
2 subjects designated as communication-intensive in the Major (CI-M; see departmental program, below)

Physical Education Requirement
Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points (See Physical Education Requirement for details.)

Departmental Program

Required Subjects
Select one introductory philosophy subject (number range 24.00-24.09) 2 12
Select one of the following History of Philosophy subjects: 3 12
24.01 Classics of Western Philosophy
24.201 Topics in the History of Philosophy (CI-M)
Select one of the following Knowledge and Reality subjects: 12
24.08[J] Philosophical Issues in Brain Science
24.09 Minds and Machines
24.111 Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics
24.112 Space, Time, and Relativity
24.115 Philosophy and Time
24.211 Theory of Knowledge

Select one of the following Value subjects: 4 12
24.02 Moral Problems and the Good Life
24.03 Good Food: The Ethics and Politics of Food
24.04[J] Justice
24.06[J] Bioethics
24.120 Moral Psychology (CI-M)
24.222 Decisions, Games and Rational Choice
24.231 Ethics (CI-M)
24.235[J] Philosophy of Law (CI-M)
24.236 Topics in Social Theory and Practice
24.237[J] Feminist Thought (CI-M)

Select one of the following Logic subjects: 4 12
24.118 Paradox and Infinity
24.241 Logic I
24.242 Logic II
24.243 Classical Set Theory
24.244 Modal Logic
24.245 Theory of Models
24.260 Topics in Philosophy (CI-M)

Restricted Electives
Select a coherent program of five additional subjects, two of which must be in philosophy, with approval of the major advisor.

Unrestricted Electives
Select 84-120 units 5 84-120

Total Units 216
Departmental Program Units That Also Satisfy the GIRs (36-72)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree 180

No subject can be counted both as part of the 17-subject GIRs and as part of the 180–198 units required beyond the GIRs. Every subject in the student's departmental program will count toward one or the other, but not both.

1 No more than four of the total number of philosophy subjects for the major may be introductory philosophy subjects. At least three of the total number of philosophy courses must be at the 200 level or above.

2 The introductory subject cannot also be used as a departmental distribution subject.
3 Students may substitute another subject with a history of philosophy orientation, with the approval of the major advisor in consultation with the instructor.

4 Students may select a logic subject from another department (e.g., Mathematics) with the approval of their major advisor.

5 This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (3 subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.