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)
The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements

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<td>[between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.</td>
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<td><strong>Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree</strong></td>
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Physical Education Requirement
Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program
Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects

Select one introductory philosophy subject (number range 24.00-24.09) ²

Select one of the following History of Philosophy subjects: ³

- 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:

- 24.05 Philosophy of Religion
- 24.08[J] Philosophical Issues in Brain Science
- 24.09 Minds and Machines
- 24.111 Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics
- 24.211 Theory of Knowledge

- 24.212 Philosophy of Perception
- 24.215 Topics in the Philosophy of Science
- 24.221 Metaphysics (CI-M)
- 24.251 Introduction to Philosophy of Language (CI-M)
- 24.253 Philosophy of Mathematics
- 24.280 Foundations of Probability

Select one of the following Value subjects:

- 24.013 Philosophy and the Arts
- 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
- 24.07 The Ethics of Climate Change
- 24.120 Moral Psychology (CI-M)
- 24.140[J] Literature and Philosophy
- 24.222 Decisions, Games and Rational Choice
- 24.230 Meta-ethics
- 24.231 Ethics (CI-M)
- 24.235[J] Philosophy of Law (CI-M)
- 24.236 Topics in Social Theory and Practice
- 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.

Units in Major

- 132

Unrestricted Electives ⁵

- 84-120

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs (36-72)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree

180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

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.

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2 The introductory subject cannot also be used as a departmental distribution subject. Students may substitute an appropriate philosophy concourse 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 (three 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.