

BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours of study, at least 60 of which or at least the last two full-time semesters before graduation are at SVU. No more than 9 credit hours will be granted for internship courses.
2. Complete all general education requirements.
3. Complete all requirements of at least one major.
4. Earn a minimum grade point average of 2.00 on all course work taken at the University.
5. Comply with all University standards, regulations, and procedures, from the date of matriculation through the date of final graduation.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (44-58 credit hours)

Writing and Computer Skills (4)

1. ENG 120 College Composition (3)
2. ISD 103 Technology Tools (1) (waived for students who demonstrate comparable skills)
3. Advanced Writing: a paper of at least 3000 words that (a) is written for an upper-division Advanced Writing course, (b) satisfies the style standard in the course's discipline, and (c) accounts for the comments of the instructor (Note: This requirement is met by PHI 498.)

Foreign Language (0-14)

1. Second language proficiency at the intermediate level as demonstrated through completion of a fourth semester foreign language course (202) or above, or through assessment test results. Students with some background in a second language who wish to continue in that language at SVU must take a placement test to determine whether to enroll in 101, 102, 201, 202, or above.

Cultural Heritage (18)

1. One member of each of the following pairs (9 credit hours):
ENG 210 & 215 Literature of Western Civilization
HIS 210 & 215 Western Civilization
PHI 210 & 215 History of Philosophy
2. One member of either of the following pairs (3 credit hours):
ART 210 & 215 Art History
MUS 210 & THE 215 Music & Theatre History
3. Both members of one of the above five pairs (an additional 3 credit hours)
4. HIS 220 American Civilization I (3)

Natural Sciences and Mathematics (10)

1. One general education physical science course from chemistry or physics (3-4)
2. One general education life science course from biology (3-4)
3. One of the general education physical or life science courses must have a laboratory component.
4. One general education mathematics course (or PHI 223 Introduction to Logic: see course description) (3)

Skills for Life (6)

1. Four SER service courses (2) (1 course waived for transfer students with 30-59 credit hours at entry to SVU; 2 courses waived for those with 60 or more credit hours at entry.)
2. Three PER physical activity courses (3)
3. PER 143 Health & Wellness (1)

Electives (6)

1. Two general education courses (6 credit hours) in addition to those used to satisfy requirements in other general education categories

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (29 credit hours)

Philosophy wrestles with fundamental questions in all areas of human knowledge and activity. Such questions include: How does knowledge differ from mere belief? Do I determine my actions or are they determined by causes other than myself? Is my mind different from my body? What makes an action right? What makes a life good? What makes a society just? What makes a work of art beautiful? Struggling with and developing reasoned views about such issues enlarge one's capacity for clear thinking, effective writing, and persuasive speaking. Philosophy encourages the intellectual curiosity necessary for a life of sustained inquiry and cultivates a taste for matters of importance over matters of show. Moreover, philosophy's preference for rational persuasion over compulsion prepares one for responsible citizenship in a diverse nation and world.

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (29 CREDIT HOURS)

Core (11 credit hours):

- PHI 210 History of Philosophy: Knowledge & Reality (GE) (3)
- PHI 215 History of Philosophy: Justice & Virtue (GE) (3)
- PHI 223 Introduction to Logic (GE) (3)
- PHI 498 Senior Paper (2)

Electives I (3 credit hours from among the following):

- PHI 326 Epistemology (3)
- PHI 333 Metaphysics (3)

Electives II (an additional 15 credit hours from among electives I or the following):

- PHI 340 Ethics (3)
- PHI 350 Political Philosophy (3)
- PHI 375R Topics in Philosophy (Var.)
- PHI 385R Directed Study in Philosophy (Var.)
- PHI 475R Topics in Philosophy (Var.)

Note: Philosophy majors are encouraged to learn well at least one of the four following languages: French, German, Greek, Latin.