

**A Guide to
Programs in Philosophy
for Undergraduates
2017-2018**

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Faculty Areas of Specialization

Name	Areas of Specialization
Albert, David	Philosophical Problems of Modern Physics; Philosophy of Space and Time; Philosophy of Science
Bilgrami, Akeel	Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Language; Political Philosophy and Moral Philosophy; Moral Psychology
Carman, Taylor	19 th and 20 th Century European Philosophy
Clarke-Doane, Justin	Metaethics; Epistemology; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Mathematics
Collins, John	Metaphysics; Epistemology; Decision Theory
Fusco, Melissa	Philosophy of Language; Decision Theory
Gaifman, Haim	Logic, Foundations of Probability; Rational Choice, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Language, Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein
Goehr, Lydia	Philosophy of Music; Aesthetics; Critical Theory; Philosophy of History; and 19 th and 20 th Century Philosophy
Gooding-Williams, Robert	Social and Political Philosophy (esp. antiracist critical theory); History of African-American Political Thought; 19 th Century European Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche); Existentialism; and Aesthetics
Honneth, Axel	Social and Political Philosophy; Ethics; Social Theory
Jagannathan, Dhananjay	Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy; History of Ethics
Kitcher, Patricia	Kant; Philosophy of Psychology; Freud
Kitcher, Philip	Pragmatism (especially Dewey); Science and Social Issues; Naturalistic Ethics; Philosophy in Literature

Lando, Tamar	Logic; Epistemology
Lewis, Karen	Philosophy of Language; Philosophical Linguistics
Mann, Wolfgang	Ancient Philosophy; German Idealism; Metaphysics
Mercer, Christia	Early Modern Philosophy; History of Platonism; History of Women in Philosophy
Moody-Adams, Michele	Moral Philosophy and Applied Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy; The Philosophy of Social Science; The Empiricists
Morrison, John	Philosophy of Mind; Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Spinoza)
Neuhouser, Frederick	19th-century German Philosophy; Social and Political Philosophy
Paul, Elliot	Early Modern Philosophy; Epistemology; Creativity
Peacocke, Christopher	Philosophy of Mind and Psychology; Metaphysics; Epistemology
Rovane, Carol	Metaphysics; Philosophy of Language and Mind; Ethics
Stojnić, Una	Philosophy of Language; Formal Semantics and Pragmatics of Natural Languages; Philosophy of Logic; Philosophy of Mind; Cognitive Science; Epistemology
Tabb, Kathryn	History of Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Science and Medicine; Bioethics
Varzi, Achille	Logic; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Language
Vogt, Katja	Ancient Philosophy, Metaethics, Normative Epistemology, Skepticism

PASS/FAIL Courses taken pass/fail normally do not count towards the major.

SUMMER COURSES Two courses taken in summer sessions can count towards the major.

SUBSTITUTIONS In some cases, it is possible to substitute courses for the specific courses required. Any requests for substitution must be submitted to the DUS (Director of Undergraduate Studies). Students who have already been allowed substitutions cannot expect to receive further substitutions.

CLASSES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS In some instances, courses in other departments can count for credit towards the major. For example, the Religion department offers courses in philosophy of religion, and the Political Science Department offers courses in political philosophy. Questions about whether courses in other departments will count towards the major should be submitted to the DUS.

BARNARD COURSES The Columbia and Barnard Philosophy departments function together as a unit. The courses specifically designed for Barnard students (first-year and senior seminars) do **not** count towards the Columbia major or concentration. But all other courses in the Columbia-Barnard joint curriculum **do** count for the major or the concentration, regardless of whether the instructor is associated with Barnard or with Columbia.

CORE CLASSES Core classes such as Contemporary Civilization may not count towards the major or concentration.

TRANSFER CREDIT / STUDY ABROAD Courses taken at other institutions may count only after review and approval by the DUS (a written record of approval must be submitted to 708 Philosophy by the student or DUS). No more than 5 courses taken elsewhere may be applied to the major, and no more than 4 to the concentration.

The Joint Major in Economics-Philosophy

Philosophy Adviser: Professor Philip Kitcher, 717 Philosophy Hall, psk16@columbia.edu

Economics Advising: Contact econ-advising@columbia.edu

Economics-philosophy is an interdisciplinary major that, while introducing students to the basic methodologies of economics and philosophy, stresses areas of particular concern to both. These include subjects such as rationality and decision making, justice and efficiency, freedom and collective choice, the logic of empirical theories and their testing. Many of the issues are dealt with historically.

Two advisers are assigned for the interdepartmental major, one in the Department of Economics and one in the Department of Philosophy. Please note that the economics adviser can only advise on the economics requirement and the philosophy adviser can only advise about on the philosophy requirements.

The departmental advisers strongly encourage prospective majors to discuss the major early in their sophomore year. Each major is expected to talk to the departmental advisers in the middle of his or her junior year and at the beginning of his or her senior year.

Philosophy Requirements for the Joint Major

PHIL C1010 Methods and Problems of Philosophical Thought

PHIL V3411 Symbolic Logic

PHIL V3701 Moral Philosophy (or another adviser-approved course in moral or political philosophy)

PHIL V3551 Philosophy of Science or PHIL W3960 Epistemology (or another adviser approved course on topics in either epistemology or philosophy of the sciences).

PHIL G4561 Probability and Decision Theory

ECPH W4950 Senior Seminar in Economics and Philosophy

Economics Requirements for the Joint Major

(NOTE: Please consult with the Economics Department on these Economics requirements.)

ECON W1105 Principles of Economics

ECON W3211 Intermediate Microeconomics

ECON W3213 Intermediate Macroeconomics

ECON W3412 Intro Econometrics

MATH V1101 Calculus I

MATH V1201 Calculus III

STAT W1211 Introduction to Statistics B (or a higher level statistics course)

Three Economics electives. Two of these must be chosen from a prescribed list available from the Economics Department; the third may be any elective at the 3000 level or above.

Senior Theses

Undergraduates majoring in Philosophy or Economics-Philosophy may apply to write a Senior Thesis. Students who wish to write a thesis should approach a faculty member at the end of their junior or beginning of their senior year, and begin working on the application early in the Fall semester of their senior year. Applications are due in early December, and will be reviewed by a committee which will include the Director of Undergraduate Studies; students will be notified of the committee's decision within two weeks. Students whose applications are approved should register for their faculty advisor's section of Supervised Senior Research for the Spring term of the senior year. Theses are due in early April. All students who complete theses will be considered for Departmental Honors.

Departmental Honors

Departmental honors are highly competitive. Normally no more than 10% of the majors graduating in the department each year will receive departmental honors.

In order to qualify for departmental honors in philosophy, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.6 in the major.

For students with a GPA of 3.6 or above, there are two possible routes to consideration:

1. A student may complete a senior thesis; all students who complete senior theses will be considered for honors.
2. A student may be nominated by a faculty member early in the spring semester of the senior year; nominated students will be invited to submit a writing sample. A nominated student who is also writing a thesis may submit their thesis as the writing sample, or may choose to submit a different work.

Both the senior theses and writing samples are due in early April. The departmental honors committee will then review the submitted material and the academic records of the writers, and will report to the full faculty.

The full faculty will then decide which students to recommend for departmental honors to the Columbia College and General Studies administrations.