

Honors Program in Philosophy

Qualified students may pursue advanced work leading to graduation with honors. An undergraduate student wishing to pursue Departmental Honors in Philosophy must apply for that option. To apply for the honors option, a student must be a philosophy major in his or her last semester as a junior (the semester in which the student will complete his or her 90th credit), and must have a GPA in the major of 3.5 or higher. The application must include a transcript, one letter of recommendation from a member of the Philosophy faculty, and one writing sample (a paper from one of the student's PHIL courses). A committee of departmental faculty will determine whether to accept a student for honors coursework in philosophy. A student may begin honors option coursework only after the completion of 90 credits.

A student will only receive departmental honors if he or she has taken 6 credits of honors coursework and has satisfactorily completed all honors requirements for those courses. A student who fails to complete all assignments, or who completes them in an unsatisfactory way, may receive credit for the course (if earned) but not departmental honors. To receive honors in philosophy, students must complete 6 credits of honors coursework in either PHIL 422, 425 or 471. To graduate with honors in Philosophy, students must complete these courses with a minimum GPA of 3.50. Work submitted toward the fulfillment of the honors option requirements will be reviewed by the instructor of each course for which the work was assigned.

PHIL 425, Independent Study in Philosophy, may be used toward the honors option only if all of the following conditions are fulfilled: the student submits a proposal for his or her independent study course to the department, and the department approves the proposal, before registering for the course; the student and faculty member meet weekly; the student submits written work, as specified by the faculty member, each week; the student submits a final research paper; the assignments for this course are in accordance with the standards and guidelines for honors coursework set by the department.