

Communications & Critical Thinking Option
(For Students entering Fall 2006)

A Philosophy major with a Communications & Critical Thinking Option consists of 30-45¹ credits. The department does not specify course work for the major, but recommends that the sequence of courses be designed in close consultation with the student's faculty advisor. A minor is strongly recommended, but not required.

The option in Communications & Critical Thinking is designed to serve the needs of three types of students:

- 1.) Those who seek an interdisciplinary course of study that transcends the confines of traditional programs;
- 2.) Those who are looking to increase their professional options within such fields as publishing, public relations, advertising, sales and marketing, and social services;
- 3.) Those who are preparing for further graduate study, especially in business and law.

Freshman Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Freshman Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
___42.101	(Gen. Ed.) College Writing I	3	___42.102	(Gen. Ed.) College Writing II	3
___92.____	(Gen. Ed.) MA (Mathematics) (92.111/151 recommended)	3	___91.113	Exploring the Internet	3
___45.____	Required Philosophy course	3	____.____	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Art/Humanities)	3
____.____	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3	___45.____	Required Philosophy course	3
____.____	Beginning Language I	<u>3</u>	____.____	Beginning Language II	<u>3</u>
		15			15

Sophomore Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Sophomore Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
____.____	Group A Elective (Crit. Theory) ³	3	____.____	Group A Elective ³	3
____.____	Group B Elective (Pract. Application)	3	____.____	Group B Elective	3
____.____	(Gen. Ed.) Science w/lab	4	____.____	(Gen. Ed.) Science w/lab	4
____.____	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3	____.____	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Art/Humanities)	3
____.____	Intermediate Language I ²	<u>3</u>	____.____	Intermediate Language II ²	<u>3</u>
		16			16

Junior Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Junior Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
____.____	Group A Elective ³	3	____.____	Group A Elective ³	3
____.____	Group B Elective	3	____.____	(Gen. Ed.) Science (non-lab)	3
____.____	(Gen. Ed.) SS (Social Science)	3	____.____	(Gen. Ed.) AH (Art/Humanities)	3
____.____	Minor Elective	3	____.____	Minor Elective	3
____.____	Free Elective	<u>3</u>	____.____	Free Elective	<u>3</u>
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Senior Year/Fall Semester		Cr.	Senior Year/Spring Semester		Cr.
____.____	Group A Elective ³	3	____.____	Group A or B Elective	3
___45.491/496	Practicum Exper./Dir. BA Thesis	3	____.____	300/400 level Minor Elective	3
____.____	Minor Elective	3	____.____	Minor Elective	3
____.____	300/400 level Minor Elective	3	____.____	Free Elective	3
____.____	Free Elective	<u>3</u>	____.____	Free Elective	<u>3</u>
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Total Credits = 120-122

¹ At least 36 credits are recommended in order to be eligible for graduate school

² It is recommended that students continue with foreign language studies through advanced level.

³ Group A Electives: 3 courses must be listed under the 45 (Philosophy) rubric.

* At least 7 Critical Theory Courses must be taken.

Consult the *Schedule of Classes* booklet regarding all Gen. Ed. requirements.
Please see reverse side for lists of courses that fulfill Groups A and B.

Required Philosophy Courses – 2 courses

- 45.201 Introduction to Philosophy
- 45.202 Introduction to Logic and Critical Reasoning
- 45.203 Introduction to Ethics
- 45.206 Introduction to Political Philosophy

Approved Elective Courses for Groups A and B

Group A (Critical Theory) Electives -- choose at least 5*
(At least 3 philosophy courses at the 300 or 400 levels must be chosen.)**

- 42.232 Fiction into Film
- 42.253 Culture of Sports
- 42/59.261 Acting I
- 42.307 History & Development of English
- 42.308 Analysis of Modern English
- 42.429 Critical Theory & Interpretation
- 46.315 Politics of Film
- 47.365 The Psychology of Language
- 48.260 Sociology of Mass Media
- 48.340 Sociology of Sports
- 48.361 Sociology of Law
- 50.315 Cultural Intro - Languages of Europe
- 52.378 Italian Cinema and Culture
- 78.301 Music, Technology & Society

**All 300 level philosophy courses can be taken in Group A with the approval of the faculty advisor

Group B (Practical Application) Electives – choose at least 3*

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| 42.229 | Essay Writing | 45.356 | History, Theory and Practice of Rhetoric |
| 42.300 | Journalism | 46.210 | Intro to Media and Politics |
| 42.301 | Newswriting | 59.216 | Intro to Communications |
| 42.309 | Writing about Issues | 42/59.261/262 | Acting/Advanced Acting |
| 42.384 | Working with Playscripts | 59.299 | Information Technology and Human Communication |
| 42.386 | Science of Editing | 59.316 | Uses of Multimedia |
| 42.387 | Art of Publishing | | |
| 42.391 | Business Communication | | |
| 42.494 | Directed Study in Theater | | |

*Students must take 1 additional course from either Group A or Group B.

Note: Additional courses for Group A and Group B are added periodically. Check with your faculty advisor.