

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The philosophy program offers a rigorous liberal arts education. It trains students to speak and write carefully, think and reason critically, and to seek out creative connections between ideas of all kinds. Philosophy is an excellent undergraduate preparation for almost any professional field. Philosophical inquiries can cover a wide range of subject matters including ethics and politics, art and literature, history and religion, technology, and the sciences. The benefits of a philosophy degree last a lifetime, setting students on a path toward self-development, intellectual sophistication, and the enrichment that comes from living a more reflective life.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

*For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:*

#### CLAS Academic Advising

[clas\\_advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:clas_advising@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

*For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:*

#### Philosophy Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advising Contact Information](#)

Visit the department website [here](#)

Plaza Building (PL) Mezzanine Level 108

303-315-7223

*For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:*

#### Office of Admissions

[admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto:admissions@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005

303-315-2601

### GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

*All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:*

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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**The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.**

**Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements.** In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Philosophy B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36\* PHIL credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) PHIL credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 18 PHIL credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Courses taken at other institutions must either be transferred as direct equivalent to a CU Denver course or be approved by an advisor in the Philosophy Department for application towards the major.
6. For those students who both major in philosophy and minor in ethics, philosophy or philosophy of science, up to two courses can satisfy the requirements for both.
7. \*For those students who qualify for and fulfill the requirements of graduation with Honors, a minimum of 42 PHIL hours is required.
8. Though certain courses may satisfy different requirements, no single course may count for more than one requirement towards the major.
9. Courses not specifically listed here but offered by the University may count toward the degree upon the approval of the major advisor.
10. Students should work with their Department Undergraduate Advisor to determine a course plan that follows one of the listed pathways: Ethics and Values; Philosophical Traditions; Mind and Consciousness; Science, Technology, and Knowledge; or Social Justice, Politics, and Diversity.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com). It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements. All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 40</b>		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1240 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	PHI 1011 or GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	or GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 ( <i>except the course used for Core Math</i> ) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* ( <i>see note below</i> )	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	
<b>CLAS Graduation Requirements</b>	<b>15 - 29</b>		
CLAS Communicative Skills	3	PHI 1013	
CLAS Second Language	0 - 10	e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122 <i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	
CLAS Humanities	3	Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course	
CLAS Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course ( <i>except GT-SC courses</i> )	
CLAS Social Sciences	3 - 4	Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, PSC, or SOC course ( <i>except GT-SC courses</i> )	
CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab	3 - 5	GT-SC1 <i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>	
<b>PHIL Recommended Courses</b>	<b>9</b>		
PHIL 1012 Truth, Reality, and the Good Life: Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHI 1011 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Humanities</i>	
PHIL 1020 Right, Wrong, and Seeing the Difference: Introduction to Ethics	3	PHI 1012 <i>Course can fulfill CLAS Humanities</i>	
PHIL 2441 Logic, Language, & Scientific Reasoning	3	PHI 1013 <i>Course can fulfill CLAS Communicative Skills</i>	
<b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:</b>	<b>60</b>	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>	

\*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.

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**SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER**

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

**Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement.** Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 1012 or ASL 1122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

Year Three	Fall	CRS
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity <sup>M</sup>	3
	General Elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring		CRS
Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
General Elective		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Year Four	Fall	CRS
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)	3
	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring		CRS
Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
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Upper-Division PHIL Course (see PHIL advisor)		3
General Upper-Division Elective		3
General Elective		3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended