

**LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

Name of Program and Degree Award: Philosophy B.A.

Hegis Number: 1509.00

Program Code: 02647 – PHIL-BA

1. **Type of Change:** *Change in Degree Requirements*

2. **From:** ~~Strike through~~ the changes

Students who Major in Philosophy may choose either Option A: Knowledge and Reality or Option B: Ethics and Public Policy.

Major Requirements – Overall

**Type:** Completion requirement

Earn at least 27 credits

Major Requirements – Option A: Knowledge and Reality

**Type:** Completion requirement

Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

Category 1: Logic

Earn at least 3 credits from the following:

PHI 170 – Introduction to Logic

PHI 230 – Intermediate Logic

Category 2: Introductory Courses

Earn at least 3 credits from the following:

PHI 169 – Critical Reasoning

PHI 171 – Problems of Philosophy

PHI 172 – Contemporary Moral Issues

PHI 173 – Justice and Society

PHI 174 – Theories of Human Nature

PHI 175 – Philosophy of Religion

PHI 176 – Philosophy of Freedom

PHI 177 – Philosophy of Contemporary Music

Category 3: Knowledge, Language, and Mind

Complete at least 2 of the following Courses:

PHI 231 – Philosophy of Language

PHI 237 – Issues in the Philosophy of Religion

PHI 349 – Philosophy of Mind  
PHI 353 – Philosophy of Science  
PHI 354 – Philosophy of the Social Sciences  
PHI 355 – Theory of Knowledge  
PHI 356 – Metaphysics  
PHI 357 – Educating Kings and Citizens

Category 4: Ethics, Politics, and Aesthetics

Complete at least 2 of the following Courses:

PHI 218 – Fundamentals of Human Rights and Peace  
PHI 221 – Ethical Issues in Computing and Technology  
PHI 232 – Classical Ethical Theories  
PHI 233 – Aesthetics  
PHI 234 – Philosophy of Law  
PHI 235 – Political Philosophy  
PHI 236 – Social Philosophy  
PHI 239 – Philosophical Ideas in Literature  
PHI 247 – Environmental Ethics  
PHI 248 – Philosophy and Film  
PHI 250 – Contemporary Social Ethics  
PHI 330 – Business Ethics  
PHI 336 – Disability, Ethics and the Body  
PHI 338 – Race and Ethnicity in Society  
PHI 339 – Philosophy of Sport  
PHI 341 – Medical Ethics  
PHI 358 – Ethical Theory  
PHI 364 – Capitalism and Its Critics  
PHI 369 – Global Justice  
PHI 370 – Legal Reasoning  
PHI 434 – Neuroethics

Category 5: Philosophical Traditions

Complete at least 2 of the following Courses:

PHI 225 – Philosophy and Gender  
PHI 238 – Asian Philosophies  
PHI 241 – Existentialism  
PHI 242 – History of Philosophy I: Ancient  
PHI 243 – History of Philosophy II: Modern  
PHI 244 – History of Philosophy III: Nineteenth Century  
PHI 245 – American Philosophy  
PHI 251 – History of Philosophy IV: 20th Century  
PHI 269 – Introduction to African Philosophy  
PHI 305 – African Philosophical Thought

• Note: Two 3-credit courses in Philosophical Traditions (Category 5), one of which must be either PHI 242 or PHI 243

One additional Course

Complete at least 1 of the following:  
Earn at least 3 credits from Categories 3 or 5  
OR

Earn at least 3 credits from the following:  
PHI 365 – Special Topics in Philosophy

- Note: Earn at least 3 credits from Categories 3 or 5 or PHI 365.

Additional Comments:

- At least three courses (9 credits) should be at the 300- or 400-level.

Major Requirements – Option B: Ethics and Public Policy

**Type:** Completion requirement

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3. **To:** Underline the changes

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**4. Rationale (Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):**

The Department would like to add new courses that were recently approved as well as some existing courses into the major.

PHI 337 “Topics in the Philosophy of Religion,” which deals primarily with metaphysical and epistemological issues in the philosophy of religion, is being added to Category 3, “Knowledge, Language, and Mind.” Now that we have the minor in Religious Studies, this course is being offered more often together with REL 337, with which it is cross-listed.

PHI 343 “Philosophy of Technology,” which explores philosophical issues arising from the nature and use of technology, is being added to Category 3, “Knowledge, Language, and Mind.” Given the developments in technology and especially with the

advent of AI, the department plans to offer this course more often. We are also in the process of (hopefully) hiring a faculty member who will teach this course as part of their regular rotation.

PHI 227 “Ethics of Data Science,” which addresses ethical issues that arise in the field of data science, is being added to Category 4, “Ethics, Politics, and Aesthetics.” This course was requested by the faculty who oversee the new Data Science major, and is a course we also plan to offer more often.

5. **Date of departmental approval:** March 27, 2026

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**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

1. **Type of change:** *New Course*

2.

Department(s)	Philosophy
Career	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Philosophy
Course Prefix & Number	PHI 491
Course Title	Philosophy Internship
Description	Independent research project that applies philosophical theories and methods to supervised field placement or internship experience.  Note: May be repeated up to 6 credits with departmental permission.
Pre/ Co Requisites	Departmental permission
Credits	3 (May be repeated up to 6 credits)
Hours	3
Liberal Arts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	ELO - Intern
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science  <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World

3. **Rationale:**

This new PHI 491 Philosophy Internship course will allow Philosophy majors and minors who receive internships through the Arts and Humanities Experiential Learning Program to combine the internship with an independent study in Philosophy to receive college credit concurrently with the internship. Students will work with a faculty member to produce an independent research project that applies philosophical theories and methods to their supervised field placement or internship experience.

4. **Learning Outcomes (By the end of the course students will be expected to):**

1. Articulate a philosophical question relevant to the fieldwork or internship experience that will then serve as the basis for a research project in philosophy
2. Engage in philosophical research about the research question
3. Produce a written, academic paper that uses philosophical methods to defend a thesis that provides an answer to the research question
4. Develop and deliver an oral presentation that explains and summarizes the results of the research

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1. **Type of Change:** *Withdrawal of courses*

2. **Description:**

- **PHI 166 Philosophy of Freedom, 3 credits, 3 hours**

Examination of a broad range of philosophic questions whose unifying theme is the idea of freedom. Topics may include liberation strategies for both individuals and social groups, freedom as an ultimate category or value, and the concept of freedom present in most modern philosophies.

- **PHI 168 Philosophy of Contemporary Music, 3 credits, 3 hours**

A critical examination from a philosophic point of view of contemporary genres of music. Topics may include a philosophic analysis of the meaning and value of forms such as rap music, within their cultural contexts and in relation to the larger American society.

3. **Rationale (Explain why this course/program is no longer needed in the Department):**

PHI 166 Philosophy of Freedom is being withdrawn because it was replaced by PHI 176 Philosophy of Freedom.

PHI 168 Philosophy of Contemporary Music is being withdrawn because it was replaced by PHI 177 Philosophy of Contemporary Music.

4. **Date of departmental approval:** March 27, 2026