Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Philosophy  81 units (minimum)

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The BHA concentration in Philosophy provides students with a broad humanities education and sharpens their analytical skills. We encourage, but do not require, students to choose a thematic concentration through their electives. Sample curricula emphasizing Pre-Law, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Ethics and Social Philosophy, and Philosophy of Mind are suggested below. However, alternative emphases can be proposed and approved by the concentration advisor.

In any of the areas listed, substitutions of courses that cohere with a student's interest may be allowed with approval from the concentration advisor.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year.

BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Introduction to Philosophy  (1 course, 9 units)

80-100  Introduction to Philosophy  9

Area 1: Values and Normative Theory  (1 course, 9 units)

80-130  Introduction to Ethics  9
80-234  Race, Gender, and Justice  9
80-135  Introduction to Political Philosophy  9
80-136  Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics  9
80-244  Environmental Ethics  9
80-245  Medical Ethics  9
80-246  Moral Psychology  9
80-249  AI, Society, and Humanity  9
80-330  Ethical Theory  9
80-335  Social and Political Philosophy  9
80-356  Philosophy of Law  9
80-348  Health, Human Rights, and International Development  9
80-447  Global Justice  9

Area 2: Philosophy of Mind/Language/Metaphysics  (1 course, 9 units)

80-180  Nature of Language  9
80-270  Problems of Mind and Body: Meaning and Doing  9
80-271  Mind and Body: The Objective and the Subjective  9
80-276  Philosophy of Religion  9
80-280  Linguistic Analysis  9
80-282  Phonetics and Phonology I  9
80-283  It Matters How You Say It  9
80-284  Invented Languages  9
80-285  Natural Language Syntax  9
80-286  Words and Word Formation: Introduction to Morphology  9
80-287  Language Variation and Change  9
80-288  Intonation: Transcription and Analysis  9
80-380  Philosophy of Language  9
80-381  Meaning in Language  9
80-382  Phonetics and Phonology II  9
80-383  Language in Use  9
80-384  Linguistics of Turkic Languages  9
80-385  Linguistics of Germanic Languages  9
80-388  Linguistic Typology: Diversity and Universals  9
80-580  Seminar on the Philosophy of Language  9

Area 3: Logic/Philosophy of Mathematics  (1 course, 9 units)

80-210  Logic and Proofs  9
80-211  Logic and Mathematical Inquiry  9
80-212  Arguments and Logical Analysis  9
80-310  Formal Logic  9
80-311  Undecidability and Incompleteness  9
80-312  Mathematical Revolutions  9
80-315  Modal Logic  9
80-411  Proof Theory  9
Area 4: Epistemology/Methodology  

(1 course, 9 units)

80-150 Nature of Reason  
80-201 Knowledge and Justified Belief  
80-208 Critical Thinking  
80-220 Philosophy of Science  
80-221 Philosophy of Social Science  
80-226 The Nature of Scientific Revolutions  
80-305 Game Theory  
80-306 Decision Theory  
80-324 Philosophy of Economics  
80-326 Epistemology of Machine Learning  
80-516 Causality and Machine Learning  
80-521 Seminar on Formal Epistemology: Belief and Evidence  
80-325 Foundations of Causation and Machine Learning

Area 5: History of Philosophy  

(1 course, 9 units)

80-150 Nature of Reason  
80-226 The Nature of Scientific Revolutions  
80-250 Ancient Philosophy  
80-251 Modern Philosophy  
80-252 Kant  
80-253 Continental Philosophy  
80-254 Analytic Philosophy  
80-255 Pragmatism: Making Ideas Work  
80-256 Modern Moral Philosophy  
80-257 Nietzsche  
80-261 Experience, Reason, and Truth  
80-358 Hume

Area 6: Electives  

(3 courses, 27 units)

Three other philosophy courses, or appropriate courses from other departments, with the permission of the concentration advisor.