

PHILOSOPHY (COURSE 24-1)

Department of Linguistics and Philosophy (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/humanities-arts-social-sciences/linguistics-philosophy/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Philosophy

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement [between three and six subjects can be from the Departmental Program]; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects ¹	Units
Select one introductory philosophy subject (number range 24.00-24.09) ²	12
Select one of the following History of Philosophy subjects: ³	12
24.01 Classics of Western Philosophy	
24.201 Topics in the History of Philosophy (CI-M)	
Select one of the following Knowledge and Reality subjects:	12
24.05 Philosophy of Religion	
24.08[] Philosophical Issues in Brain Science	
24.09 Minds and Machines	
24.111 Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics	
24.121 Metaphysics (CI-M)	

24.211	Theory of Knowledge	
24.212	Philosophy of Perception	
24.215	Topics in the Philosophy of Science	
24.223	Rationality	
24.251	Introduction to Philosophy of Language (CI-M)	
24.252	Language and Power (CI-M)	
24.253	Philosophy of Mathematics	
24.280	Foundations of Probability	
Select one of the following Value subjects:		12
24.013	Philosophy and the Arts	
24.02	Moral Problems and the Good Life	
24.03	Good Food: The Ethics and Politics of Food	
24.04[]	Justice	
24.06[]	Bioethics	
24.130	Ethics (CI-M)	
24.131	Ethics of Technology	
24.137[]	Feminist Thought (CI-M)	
24.150[]	Liberalism, Toleration, and Freedom of Speech (CI-M)	
24.213	Philosophy of Film	
24.220	Moral Psychology (CI-M)	
24.222	Decisions, Games and Rational Choice	
24.230	Meta-ethics	
24.233	The Ethics of Climate Change	
24.234	Global Justice, Gender, and Development	
24.235[]	Philosophy of Law (CI-M)	
24.236	Topics in Social Theory and Practice	
24.240[]	Literature and Philosophy	
Select one of the following Logic subjects: ⁴		12
24.118	Paradox and Infinity	
24.141	Logic I	
24.242	Logic II	
24.243	Classical Set Theory	
24.244	Modal Logic	
24.245	Theory of Models	
24.260	Topics in Philosophy (CI-M)	12
Restricted Electives		
Select a coherent program of five additional subjects, two of which must be in philosophy, with approval of the major advisor. ⁵		60
Units in Major		132
Unrestricted Electives ⁶		84-120

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs (36-72)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree 180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ No more than four of the total number of philosophy subjects for the major may be introductory philosophy subjects numbered 24.00–24.09. At least two of the total number of philosophy courses must be at the 200 level or above.
- ² The introductory subject numbered 24.00–24.09 cannot also be used as a departmental distribution subject. Students may substitute an appropriate philosophy concourse subject.
- ³ Students may substitute another subject with a history of philosophy orientation, with the approval of the major advisor in consultation with the instructor.
- ⁴ Students may select a logic subject from another department (e.g., Mathematics) with the approval of their major advisor.
- ⁵ See Subjects (<https://catalog.mit.edu/subjects>).
- ⁶ This chart has been calculated based on an overlap of 36 units (three subjects) between the HASS General Institute Requirement and the departmental requirements. Students who develop a program of study with more overlap will be able to select more unrestricted electives to meet the number of total units beyond the GIRs required for an SB degree.