



FRESHMAN

### YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Take core courses, focusing on classes that will enhance your verbal and analytical skills, such as RWS 1301 and 1302.
- Examine the options for your core Math requirement.
- Take PHIL 1301 or PHIL 2306 to determine if Philosophy is the right major for you.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor before registration.
- Visit the Academic Advising Center for a language placement exam.
- Meet with the undergraduate Philosophy student advisor once you declare your major, as early as the second semester of your first year.
- Talk with Philosophy faculty about the types of skills a Philosophy degree can enhance in order to help you with a wide range of life opportunities. Philosophy cultivates transferable skills that apply to Business, Law, and Medicine. Furthermore, Philosophy majors score highly on major postsec exams that lead students to opportunities outside of Philosophy.

### ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.
- Explore student organizations such as The Philosophy Club.
- Engage with your field by attending lectures in the Philosophy Speaker Series, including in-house faculty colloquia.

### LIFELONG SUCCESS

- Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume or CV.

SOPHOMORE

- Take PHIL 1304, Logic, by the end your Sophomore year to develop background knowledge for more advanced coursework.
- Begin taking upper division coursework in Philosophy that reflects your interests.
- Unlock 4000-level Philosophy courses by taking at least two 3000-level Philosophy courses.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the undergraduate Philosophy student advisor.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Discuss minor options with your advisor.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Talk with Philosophy faculty about the types of skills a Philosophy degree can enhance in order to help you with a wide range of life opportunities.

- Discover community engagement opportunities in your field through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Continue to engage with The Philosophy Club, and explore other student organizations.
- Explore the world with a Study Abroad course.
- Engage with your field by attending lectures in the Philosophy Speaker Series, including in-house faculty colloquia.

- Network at employer recruitment activities with JobMine.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.

JUNIOR

- Complete two 4000-level Philosophy courses by the end of the first semester.
- Take PHIL 2306, Ethics, or PHIL 3302, Ethical Theory, by the end of your Junior year.
- Complete your language requirements.
- Two tiers of upper division courses – 3000 and 4000 – the 4k's require at least 3000 – level courses.
- Select a minor or double major that complements your interests within Philosophy.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the undergraduate Philosophy student advisor.
- Ask your advisor about postsecondary opportunities, such as graduate school in Philosophy or other professional postsecondary options like law school.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school, particularly if you are minoring in Legal Reasoning.
- Visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center once you reach 90 hours for a review of your degree plan.

- Ask faculty mentors about summer workshop opportunities in Philosophy.
- Join the American Philosophical Association if considering graduate school in Philosophy.
- Cultivate leadership opportunities with The Philosophy Club.
- Consider submitting papers to student or professional conferences as advised by your faculty mentors.
- Build on your community-engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.

- Identify a faculty mentor for guidance on research opportunities, postsecondary options, and in anticipation of securing a letter of recommendation for graduate and professional applications.
- Investigate opportunities for graduate or professional study.
- Ask the chair or graduate director about the MA fast track program for Philosophy.
- Research your direction in life, and determine whether you will pursue graduate work, private employment, or other postsecondary opportunities.
- Research relevant exams for graduate or professional study, such as the GRE, LSAT, GMAT, or MCAT.

SENIOR

- Complete your major requirements. The BA in Philosophy requires 30 credit hours in Philosophy, 24 credit hours of which must be taken at the 3000/4000 level.
- Complete minor or double major requirements.

- Schedule an appointment early to meet with the undergraduate Philosophy student advisor.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.

- Expand your leadership efforts with The Philosophy Club.
- If interested in graduate school in Philosophy, work closely with your faculty mentor on developing a writing sample for applications. Speak with your faculty mentor about preparing this writing sample as part of an Honors thesis.
- Consider submitting papers to student or professional conferences as advised by your faculty mentors.
- Engage with your field by attending lectures in the Philosophy Speaker Series, including in-house faculty colloquia.

- Register early to take exams before or during the first semester of your Senior year. Provide yourself with time to retake exams if needed.
- If not pursuing postsecondary education, consult your faculty mentor about the Philosophy Department's resources for students interested in entering the private sector. Speak with your faculty mentor and advisor about your Philosophy degree's value to employers.
- Work closely with your faculty mentor to prepare applications at the beginning of your Senior year.
- Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities.
- Refine your resume or CV with a Career Education Workshop.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

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### EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Global Awareness
- Problem-solving
- Social Responsibility
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Confidence
- Critical Thinking



## Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication. The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

## Seek UT

The UT System has developed **SeekUT** to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this **free**, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

[www.utsystem.edu/seekUT](http://www.utsystem.edu/seekUT)

## Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track. ([degreeplans.utep.edu](http://degreeplans.utep.edu))
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). ([sa.utep.edu/selc](http://sa.utep.edu/selc))

## The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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