

Student Success Map

B.A. in Philosophy
Department of Philosophy

Essentials for Every Semester

- Meet with your major advisor and consult **Advisors** in SSC 220 as needed for course selection strategies. Take courses in the proper sequence.
- Meet deadlines to **register**, pay **fees**, and **apply** for financial aid.
- Check your **DPR**. Are you on-track to meet requirements?
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your **Student Center** prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Check your **Student Center** in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your **Student Center** after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an **Advisor**.

FRESHMAN

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the **Student Learning Center**, **Health Center**, **Academic Advising**, **Wellness Center** and your faculty advisor.

Visit the philosophy department office; meet the advisor, faculty, and students.

Obtain your Major Academic Plan (**MAP**). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.

If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.

Take Philosophy 101 (Intro to Philosophy) for one of your GE requirements.

Visit the **Student Activities Office** and get involved with a club or organization - or start your own. Check out the **Freshman Leadership Opportunity (FLO)**.

Read the **Book in Common (BIC)** and participate in BIC activities.

Attend meetings of the student philosophy club, **Phi Sigma Tau**.

Select courses in GE that meet the **diversity requirements** (US Diversity and Global cultures).

Consider taking a **foreign language**.

Consider a time management workshop in the **Student Learning Center**.

Use the **Career Center** to assess your interests, skills, and work values.

SOPHOMORE

Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (**DPR**) in your Student Center. Go to **Academic Advising** for help.

Complete your **GE Foundation courses**. Explore **GE Pathways**. Consider completing an **interdisciplinary minor** within your GE. Consult an **advisor** for help.

Consider an **internship** to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.

Explore **Study Abroad** opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Or consider **National Student Exchange**.

JUNIOR

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.

Begin your **Upper Division GE Pathway** courses.

Review your involvement, leadership, and cultural resumes. Have you participated in on- or off-campus activities such as clubs, community service, recreational opportunities, musical, dramatic or cultural performances, lectures or forums?

Participate in the **Ethics Bowl**.

Volunteer with **CLIC** or **CAVE**.

Visit the **Career Center** to learn about career opportunities and résumé building. Attend a **career fair** on campus, regularly scheduled early in fall semesters and several times during spring semesters.

SENIOR

Confirm graduation progress with an **Evaluator**.

Discuss post-graduate options with the advisor and other faculty.

Finish all major **requirements**.

Sign up with a **faculty** member to become a Teaching Assistant in a philosophy class.

Network with **alumni**, advisory boards, and other potential employers.

Take **GRE** or other appropriate **exams**. Apply for graduate/professional school.

Graduation and Beyond

Private Sector

- Law
- Business
- Publishing

Government

- Politics
- Legislative Staff
- Public Administration

Non-Profits

- Legal Affairs
- Advocacy
- Ethics Committees

Other Careers

- Teaching
- Medical School
- Public Relations



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Take the Right Classes

Apply What You Learn

Connect with Peers

Think Globally

Prepare for Life After Graduation