EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 25, 2021

To be adopted: 

Proposed Changes to Philosophy Major

PRESENT:
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Philosophy are as follows:

Fifty-six (56) units of course work in Philosophy including at least 36 upper-division units.

1. PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H and PHIL 008 or PHIL 008H
2. PHIL 100 (Sophomore-Junior Seminar)
3. Three courses in the history of philosophy, at least one of which must be in ancient Greek or Roman philosophy. Select courses from PHIL 030 (E-Z), PHIL 120 (E-Z), PHIL 121 (E-Z), PHIL 122 (E-Z); a specific list is provided by the Philosophy Department. Not more than two courses may be from PHIL 030 (E-Z)
4. At least two courses in metaphysics, epistemology, or philosophy of language: PHIL 130 through PHIL 152, PHIL 159.

Students are urged to consult the department’s undergraduate advisor in preparing their course of study each quarter while at UCR.

PROPOSED:
The major requirements for the B.A. degree in Philosophy are as follows:

Fifty-six (56) units of course work in Philosophy including at least 36 upper-division units.

1. PHIL 007 or PHIL 007H and PHIL 008 or PHIL 008H
2. PHIL 100 or PHIL 101 (Sophomore-Junior Seminar)
3. Three courses in the history of philosophy, at least one of which must be in ancient Greek or Roman philosophy. Select courses from PHIL 030 (E-Z), PHIL 120 (E-Z), PHIL 121 (E-Z), PHIL 122 (E-Z); a specific list is provided by the Philosophy Department. Not more than two courses may be from PHIL 030 (E-Z)
4. At least two courses in metaphysics, epistemology, or philosophy of language: PHIL 130 through PHIL 152, PHIL 159.

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Justification for adding Phil 101 in requirements:
Philosophy 100 is a required Sophomore-Junior seminar that focuses on analytical reading of philosophical texts and philosophical writing. It is a writing intensive course that is intended to prepare our majors to do well in their upper division courses, and the normal enrollment is 15-20 students. Philosophy 101 is a larger version of the same course with a TA – enrollment of 35-40. The larger version of the course would make it easier for us to meet the demand for the course among our majors (i.e. with fewer offerings of the course). We introduced Philosophy 101 on a trial basis and after several offerings we are satisfied that it accomplishes the intended aims as well as Philosophy 100. To date, we have been allowing Philosophy 101 to satisfy the requirement for our major by petition. We now want to modify
our major requirements to make to clear that this requirement for our major can be satisfied by either Philosophy 100 or Philosophy 101.

**Approvals:**
Approved by the faculty of the Department of Philosophy:  December 2, 2020
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences:  February 15, 2021
Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:  April 5, 2021