

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

ONLINE

UNIVERSITY OF  
**ILLINOIS**  
SPRINGFIELD

The Philosophy Program at UIS focuses in the areas of core analytic philosophy (philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, and related areas) and values (ethics, aesthetics and political philosophy) while providing a sound background in the history of philosophy. The study of philosophy increases an awareness of personal values and the major value conflicts in contemporary society, helps develop an understanding of the nature and limits of various forms of knowledge, and offers experience in critical reflections on major problems of knowledge or value. An undergraduate student may complete a major or minor in philosophy to acquire training in critical thinking and skill in analyzing values; both the major and minor concentration are offered on the UIS campus and online.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Students who seek to participate actively in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities, and complete their degrees in their own time and at their own pace via the Internet.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Interested students should contact Michelle Kenny for support through admission and registration processes. Students must have:

1. A grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale from an accredited college or university. (In justified circumstances, students with lower GPAs may apply.)
2. Submitted a brief paper (800 to 1200 words) presenting a philosophy problem or area of interest
3. Submitted a brief statement of purpose (100 to 200 words) presenting reasons for selecting the UIS online philosophy major.

## COST:

See: <http://www.uis.edu/registration/tuition/index.html>

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Once admitted, students can register via <http://www.uis.edu/registration>.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, spring and summer semesters.

## DELIVERY MODE:

Entirely online via the Internet. Lake County students who do not have access to a computer should contact the University Center for convenient computer access.

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

The UIS Follett's Bookstore can be accessed at: <http://www.uis.bkstr.com> or other online providers.

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Contact the Online Program Coordinator for specifics and see general information about the UIS transfer process at: <http://www.uis.edu/admissions/transfer/>

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

Minimum of 120 hours required with at least 48 hours of upper-division credit. At least 30 of these hours must be taken at UIS to receive a degree from UIS.

## FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Call (217) 206-6724 or or visit the website at: <http://www.uis.edu/financialaid>.

## MINOR INFORMATION

The UIS Philosophy program also offers an online Philosophy minor to complement the University's online majors. It requires students to take 16 hours, of which eight hours must be upper division courses taken at UIS; three courses must be from specific areas of philosophy.

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## WEBSITE:

<http://www.uis.edu/philosophy>

## REQUIRED COURSES:

Course Title	Credit Hours
Critical Thinking/Logic course	(4 sh)
Core Analytic courses	(8 sh)
Philosophy History courses	(8 sh)
Values courses	(8 sh)
* Ethics course	(2 sh)
Specialization course	(4 sh)
Philosophy Elective course	(4 sh)
Senior Seminar	(4 sh)
University requirements	(10 sh)

\* At least 2 hours of Ethics is required. Lower-division courses work may be accepted to meet requirement; if taken at UIS, 2 hours are counted toward Values concentration.