

## BACHELOR

UNIVERSITY OF  
**ILLINOIS**  
SPRINGFIELD

PHILOSOPHY  
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ONLINE

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[www.uis.edu/philosophy](http://www.uis.edu/philosophy)

## REQUIRED COURSES:

## CORE REQUIREMENTS:

\*PHI 301: Critical Thinking or  
PHI 401: Logic (4 hours)  
\*Core Analytical Courses (8 hours)  
\*History of Philosophy Courses (8 hours)  
\*Values Courses (8 hours)  
\*All majors must take PHI 242 or  
PHI 341 or PHI 447  
\* 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.

UIS Requirements (10 hr)

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:

- A brief sample of the student's writing, preferably on a philosophical topic, OR
- A brief statement of purpose (300 to 500 words) presenting the student's reasons for selecting the online philosophy major at UIS.
- One to three reference letters from individuals who can attest to the student's ability for successful academic study. (OPTIONAL)
- Interested students should contact [phi@uis.edu](mailto:phi@uis.edu) for support through admission and registration processes.

## COST:

[www.uis.edu/cost-aid/cost-attendance/tuition-fees](http://www.uis.edu/cost-aid/cost-attendance/tuition-fees)

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Once admitted, students can register at [www.uis.edu/registrar/registration](http://www.uis.edu/registrar/registration).

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Fall, spring and summer semesters.

## DELIVERY MODE:

Fully online. 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 [www.bkstr.com/illinoispringfieldstore/home](http://www.bkstr.com/illinoispringfieldstore/home).

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Contact the Online Program Coordinator for specifics and see general information about the UIS transfer process at [www.uis.edu/transfer](http://www.uis.edu/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 visit the website at: [www.uis.edu/financialaid](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.