

BU Hub & the philosophy major

The BU Hub is Boston University's general education program (www.bu.edu/hub/what-is-the-hub). In the course of fulfilling the requirements for a philosophy major, students will also fulfill a broad range of Hub requirements. By default these will include PLM, HCO, GCI (1 unit), ETR, WIN (1 unit), CRT, and RIL (1 unit). In addition, the other GCI and WIN units, AEX, SI1, SI2, SO1, SO2, QR1, IIC, and OSC can easily be fulfilled by taking courses required for the major. Many joint majors will naturally fulfill requirements besides these—e.g. QR2 and TWC.

Following is a list of the six Hub capacities, and the philosophy courses that currently satisfy them (*courses marked with an asterisk are pending final administrative approval, and will become effective in Spring 2021 if approved; †courses marked with a dagger will count for Hub credit only as of Spring 2021):

1. PHILOSOPHICAL, AESTHETIC, AND HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION

- a. (PLM) Philosophical Interpretation & Life's Meanings (1 unit): almost any PH course
- b. (AEX) Aesthetic Exploration (1 unit): PH 159, 259
- c. (HCO) Historical Consciousness (1 unit): PH 110, 242, 310, 415, 418

2. SCIENTIFIC & SOCIAL INQUIRY

- a. (SI1) Scientific Inquiry I (1 unit): PH 470
- b. (SO1) Social Inquiry I (1 unit): PH 253, 255, 418, 436
- c. (SO2) Social Inquiry II or (SI2) Scientific Inquiry II (1 unit): PH 458†, 465, 477

3. QUANTITATIVE REASONING

- a. (QR1) Quantitative Reasoning I (1 unit): PH 261, 360
- b. (QR2) Quantitative Reasoning II (1 unit): no PH course

4. DIVERSITY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- a. (IIC) Individual in the Community (1 unit): PH 256, 458†
- b. (GCI) Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literacy (2 units): PH 245, 246, 247, 300
- c. (ETR) Ethical Reasoning (1 unit): PH 100, 150, 155, 248, 251, 255, 300, 350, 436, 453, 454*

5. COMMUNICATION

- a. (FYW) Freshman Writing, e.g. WR 120 (1 unit): no PH course
- b. (WRI) Research Writing, e.g. WR 150 (1 unit): no PH course
- c. (WIN) Writing Intensive (2 units): PH 266, 300, 426, 458†
- d. (OSC) Oral and/or Signed Communication (1 unit): PH 409, 426
- e. (DME) Digital/Multimedia Expression (1 unit): no PH course

6. INTELLECTUAL TOOLKIT

- a. (CRT) Critical thinking (2 units): almost any PH course
- b. (RIL) Research & Information Literacy (2 units): PH 310
- c. (TWC) Teamwork/Collaboration (2 units): no PH course
- d. (CRI) Creativity/Innovation (2 units): no PH course
- e. (LSK) Life Skills (no units required): N/A

This list is current as of October 31, 2020.

