



Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at The Graduate Theological Union

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE B.A. PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy consists of two years of upper division undergraduate courses in philosophy and electives. This program is best suited for persons interested in obtaining a second Bachelor's degree or for students wishing to complete their B.A. with a philosophy major.

For students without a Bachelor's degree a minimum of 84 units of previous college work from an accredited institution is recommended for admission to the B.A. in Philosophy program. So that students will have the necessary background in the liberal arts, a minimum of 60 of these 84 units are required and should be distributed amongst the areas listed below:

Verbal Skills 4 courses or a minimum of 12 semester units in the following areas: grammar, rhetoric, composition, speech, and foreign languages. One course must be in speech and another in composition.

Quantitative Skills 2 courses or a minimum of 6 semester units in the following areas: mathematics, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and computer science. It is recommended that at least one course be in computer science.

Social Sciences 5 courses or a minimum of 15 semester units in the following areas: psychology, sociology, social and political history, western civilization, economics, anthropology, archeology, and American history. If there is no college course in American history, the applicants must demonstrate that they have passed American history and U.S. government courses in high school with a grade of C or above.

Natural Sciences 3 courses or a minimum of 9 semester units in the following areas: physics, geology, chemistry, biology, physiology, physiological psychology, anatomy, embryology, general science, ecology, health science.

Humanities 5 courses or a minimum of 15 semester units in the following areas: world literature, drama, literary criticism, art, art history, intellectual/cultural history, history of science, music, history of music.

Additionally, a minimum of 27 **Electives** units would ordinarily be distributed among various disciplines. In some cases, a prospective student may be able to complete these elective units at the Dominican School concurrently with the normal requirements of the B.A. program. This decision would be based on an analysis of transcripts of previous college work and in conversation with the Academic Dean.

The above schedule is based upon semester units. Quarter units may be converted to semester units by multiplying them by two-thirds; for example, 90 quarter units equal 60 semester units.