

Combined BA/MA in Philosophy Worksheet

Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

I. During the first two years, work toward completion of your BA Requirements. In fact, you should take *no* graduate-level courses during these years.

II. During your junior year, continue to *take* undergraduate-level courses only, while beginning to *plan* for your graduate studies

- Apply to the MA program online by the end of the junior year at <http://www.american.edu/cas/admissions/apply.cfm>
- Choose your MA track: History of Philosophy; Philosophy and Social Policy; or Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs _____
- Keep working toward undergraduate requirements (taking courses no higher than those at the 500 level)

III. During your senior year,

- Complete all undergraduate requirements:
 - General education requirements
 - Undergraduate major in philosophy requirements, of which 9 credits (for History of Philosophy, and Philosophy and Social Policy) or 12 credits (for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs) are taken at the 500 level or above (see A-C below)
 - University minimum of 120 credits toward the BA (this includes the 9 or 12 credits that will also count toward the MA)
 - If applicable, all requirements completed for additional majors
 - If applicable, all requirements completed for minors
 - If applicable, all requirements completed for the Honors Program
- Once you have been accepted to the MA program, pick up a *Graduate Handbook* in Battelle-Tompkins 120 or read it online at <http://american.edu/cas/philrel/MA-PHIL.cfm> for the History of Philosophy, and the Philosophy and Social Policy tracks, or at <http://american.edu/cas/philrel/MA-EPGA.cfm> for Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs
- Apply for graduation for your BA degree in the semester in which you will finish all the BA requirements

In addition,

A. If you choose the *History of Philosophy* track for your MA,

- Take 3 philosophy courses (9 credits) at the 500 level or above. These will count for both the BA and the MA, so see your advisor to make sure they meet requirements for both programs
- Take 1 additional course (3 credits) at the 500 level or above. This course will count toward your MA only; therefore, take this course only if you are able to meet the university minimum of 120 credits for the BA without counting this course

- *The remaining 18 credits **must** be taken as graduate-degree standing (**after** you have graduated with your BA)

B. If you choose the *Philosophy and Social Policy* track for your MA,

- Take 3 philosophy courses (9 credits) at the 500 level or above. These courses will count for both the BA and the MA, so see your advisor to make sure the courses meet requirements for both programs
- Take 2 additional courses (6 credits) at the 500 level or above. This course will count toward your MA only; therefore, take this course only if you are able to meet the university minimum of 120 credits for the BA without counting this course
- *The remaining 18 credits **must** be taken as graduate-degree standing (**after** you have graduated with your BA)

C. If you choose the *Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs* track for your MA,

- Take 4 philosophy courses (12 credits) at the 500 level or above. These courses will count for both the BA and the MA, so see your advisor to make sure the courses meet requirements for both programs
- Take 3 additional courses (9 credits) at the 500 level or above. These courses will count toward your MA only; therefore, take these courses only if you are able to meet the University minimum of 120 credits for the BA without counting these courses
- *The remaining 18 credits **must** be taken as graduate-degree standing (**after** you have graduated with your BA)

IV. Meet all requirements for the MA in philosophy. Follow the guidelines below to complete the BA/MA program in 5 years. You may study longer than five years if needed; however, you must complete the MA requirements within 3 years from the date of first enrollment in the MA program.**

- Verify that you have **officially** graduated before taking these the courses below. If you have not finished an undergraduate requirement, these courses will **not** count toward your MA
- Take 9 credits for the fall semester and complete one qualifying paper
- Take 9 credits for the spring semester and complete one qualifying paper
- Make sure to complete all MA requirements using the appropriate MA checklist for your track (e.g., History of Philosophy; Social Policy; Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs)

*Per University Regulation 40.10.13.G. Absolutely **no** exceptions will be made, so make sure you plan accordingly and in consultation with your advisor.

**Per University Regulation 40.10.13.I.