

<b>Department of Philosophy</b>
<b>Faculty of Arts</b>
<b>University of Jordan</b>

**Study Plan For the B.Sc.  
in  
Philosophy**

**First: University Requirements: (27) Credit Hours**

**A- obligatory (Core) Requirements: (21) Credit Hours**

**B- Elective Requirements: (6) Credit Hours**

**Second: Faculty Requirements: (24) Credit Hours**

**Third: Specialization Requirements (81) Credit Hours as Follows:**

**First: The University Requirements: (27) credit hours, allocated as follows:**

1. **Obligatory Requirements: (21) credit hours**
2. **Elective Requirements: (6) credit hours**

**1. Compulsory Requirements: (21) credit hours to be chosen from the following**

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
2200100	Military Science	3
1501101	Arabic Communication Skills (1)	3
1501102	Arabic Communication Skills (2)	3
1502101	English Communication Skills (1)	3
1502102	English Communication Skills (2)	3
1900100	Computer Skills (1)	3
2300100	National Education	3

**2. Elective Requirements: (6) credit hours to be chosen from the following:**

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
0342100	Science and Society	3
0305100	Environment	3
1000101	Democracy and Human Rights	3
0401100	Islamic Culture	3
0402100	Islamic System	3
2303100	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
2302101	Arab-Islamic Civilization	3
2305100	Introduction to Sociology	3
2307100	Principles of Psychology	3

2304100	Geography of Jordan	3
2601100	Antiquities of Jordan	3
0641100	Domestic Agriculture	3
0803100	Introduction to Library and Information Science	3
0905100	Principles in Public Safety	3
1132100	Sport and Health	3
1601105	Principles of Administration	3
0603100	Principles of Human Nutrition	3
0630100	Agriculture in Jordan	3

- Second: Faculty Requirements: (21) credit hours
- College requirements compulsory (24) credit hours and include the following materials

Course Number	Course Title	Credit hours		Credit hours	Prerequisite
		Theoretical	Practical		
2303103	The Philosophy of Humanities and Social Sciences	3	-	3	-
2302103	Introduction to Studying History	3	-	3	-
2301101	Methodology of Reading Arabic Texts	3	-	3	-
2304100	Introduction to Geography	3	-	3	-
2305100	Introduction to Sociology	3	-	3	-
2307101	The Psychological bases of the Social Behaviour	3	-	3	-
2308101	Principles of Political Sciences	3	-	3	-
1932102	Computer Skills (2) (Humanities)	3	-	3	-

### Third: Specialization Requirements (81) Credit Hours as Follows:

#### A- Obligatory Specialization Requirements: (54) Credit Hours. as following:

Course No.	Course Title	Credit hrs.	Pre requisite
2303111	Problems of Philosophy	3	-
2303112	Main Issues in Logic	3	-
2303113	Epistemology	3	-
2303122	Greek Philosophy	3	-
2303223	Islamic Theology	3	-
2303231	Sufism	3	-
2303241	Philosophy of Ethics	3	-
2303304	Philosophical Texts in Foreign	3	-

2303324	Islamic Philosophy	3	-
2303327	Medieval Philosophy	3	-
2303328	Modern Philosophy	3	-
2303329	Philosophy of Enlightenment	3	-
2303330	German Idealism	3	-
2303333	Modern & Contem. Arab Thought	3	-
2303351	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	3	-
2303414	Symbolic Logic	3	-
2303429	Contemporary Philosophy	3	-
2303454	Logic & Research Method	3	-

**B- Elective Specialization Requirements (27) Credit hrs. as following:**

<b>Course No.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit hrs.</b>	<b>Pre requisite</b>
2303121	Eastern Philosophy	3	-
2303123	Post-Aristotelian Philosophy	3	-
2303242	Aesthetics	3	-
2303243	Islamic Political Philosophy	3	-
2303254	Islamic & Arab Sciences	3	-
2303332	Classical Methodology of Muslim Thinkers	3	-
2303344	Political & Social Philosophy	3	-
2303352	Issues in Contemporary Thought	3	-
2303353	Business Ethics	3	-
2303445	Philosophical Anthropology	3	-
2303452	Main Issues in Philosophy of Human Sciences	3	-
2303453	Philosophy of Language	3	-
2303455	The Logical Linguistic Method in the Science of Fiqh	3	-
2303456	Contemporary Marxism	3	-
2303457	Metaphysics	3	-
2303458	Current Trends in Philosophy	3	-
2303459	Philosophical Figures	3	-

## Course Description

### **Logic and Critical Thinking 2303100**

Thinking ; Thinking Critically ; Problems Solving ; Perceiving ; Language ; Reporting, Inferring, Judging ; Constructing Arguments ; Deductive Arguments , Inductive ; Arguments ; Fallacies.

### **Philosophy of Social and Human Sciences 2303103**

The nature of the human and natural sciences; naturalist and anti-naturalist approaches; the problem of methodology; deductive and intentional models of explanation; rationality; objectivity vs. Subjectivity.

### **Philosophical Problems 2303111**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Free will and determinism; the existence of God; moral knowledge; a priori and posterior knowledge; scientific explanation

### **Main Issues in Logic 2303112**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Terms and propositions; direct inference; Aristotalian syllogism: its rules and models; translation of arguments from ordinary language; to logical language formal and informal fallacies; conjunction, disjunction, equivalence and negation; propositional calculus ; rules of inference.

### **Epistemology 2303113**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Nature of Knowledge; the possibility of knowledge; agnosticism and responses to it; problem of sense perception: naïve realism, critical realism; sense data theory; phenomenology; the problem of truth and truthfulness; scientific knowledge.

## **Eastern Philosophy 2303121**

### **Prerequisite: None**

The development of religious thought in ancient Egypt, ancient Iraq and Syria, and its impact on Neo-Platonism ancient Persian thought: Zoroastrianism, Manicism, Mazdaism; Indian thought; Chinese thought.

## **Greek Philosophy 2303122**

### **Prerequisite: None**

Pre-Socratic Greek philosophy: Ionian philosophy, Eleatic philosophy, Pythagorean philosophy ; Socrates, Plato, Aristotle.

## **Post-Aristotelian Philosophy 2303123**

This course deals with the philosophical schools after the death of Aristotle, after the independent Greek City-state disappeared and through the Hellenistic World. These schools are Epicurianism, Stoicism, the Sceptics, the Middle and new Academies, Plotinian Neo-plotonism. Epistemology, physics and Ethics are issues to be discussed.

## **Islamic Theology 2303223**

### **Prerequisite: None**

The emergence of Islamic theology; its origins, sources and purposes; views of Islamic theologians: Mu'tazilites, Ash'arites, Mutazilites; Iqwan Al Safa; phenomenalism and God's Attributes, ancient atomic theory; cause and effect; fatalism.

## **Sufism 2303231**

### **Prerequisite: None**

The mystical experience and its relation to philosophy; emergence of Sufism in Islam and to what extent it was influenced by alien factors; Shariah and the deep truth in it; trait of Sufism in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century of Hijrah; divine love, spiritual states and stations; the Sufi philosophy of Al - Ghazali.

## **Philosophy of Ethics 2303241**

### **Prerequisite: None**

Ethical conduct; ethical consciousness; ethical evaluation; rules and norms; value judgement; justification of ethical judgement; ethical concepts: virtue, duty, good; freedom and responsibility; the relation of ethics to religion and metaphysics.

**Aesthetics 2303242****Prerequisite: None**

The subject matter of Aesthetics and its status in philosophy; Aesthetic attitude and its characteristics; cultural significance of art; the beautiful and sublime in nature and art; the imagination in realizing familiarity and appreciation; structure of art work: medium, form, content and expression.

**Islamic Political Philosophy 2303243****Prerequisite: None**

The emergence of political philosophy in Islamic and Arabic thought; the appearance of the political critique movement; the influence of translation in the development of political philosophy; the concept of “authority “ in Islam: its nature and limits; political concepts: freedom, responsibility, justice, equality; the concept of “state“ in Islamic political thought; revolution and its justifications; tyranny and democracy; examples of political literature:Al-Mawardi & Ibn-Khaldoun.

**Islamic and Arab Sciences 2303254****Prerequisite: None**

The passage of Greek, Persian and Indian sciences to the muslims; major examples of the advancement of sciences in the Muslim world; empirical method; the influence of the Arab and muslim scientists on the progress of science in the West.

**Philosophical Texts in Foreign Language 2303304****Prerequisite: None**

Relevant texts and selected readings.

**Islamic Philosophy 2303324****Prerequisite: None**

The development of intellectuality in Islamic thought; translation of Greek thought into Arabic ( its move and effect ); Muslim philosophers in the East and their main theories: al-Kindi, Al-Farabi, Al - Razi, Ibn Sina ; Muslim philosophers in the west : Inbn-Baja, Ibn-Tofiel, Ibn-Rushd.

**Mediaeval Philosophy 2303327****Prerequisite: None**

St. Augustine , St. Anselm, St. Aquinas, Albert the Great ; discussion of their issues which may include knowledge and the existence of world, knowledge of God and proofs for its existence, the problem of universals.

**Modern Philosophy 2303328**

**Prerequisite: None**

Rationalist philosophy: Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz; empiricist philosophy: Locke, Berkeley, Hume; German idealism: Kant, Hegel.

**Philosophy of Enlightenment 2303329**

**Prerequisite: 2303328**

The French Enlightenment: The scepticism of Bayle, Montesquien and his study of law , Voltaire and deism, Condillacy and human mind, Helvetius On Man. The Encyclopaedia: Diderot and d'Alembert. Materialism: la Mettrie , d'Holbach. Political Philosophy: Rousseaun and the Social Contract. The German Enlightenment Christian thomasius , Christian Wolf. Deism: Reimarus, Mendelssohn, Lessing , educational theory. The Rise of the philosophy of History: Vico, Herder.

**German Idealism 2303330**

**Prerequisite: None**

Kant and the Critique of theoretical reason ; subjective and objective idealism : Fichte, Schelling , Hegel and Schleiermacher ; Texts chosen.

**Muslim Thinkers On Methods of Research 2303332**

**Prerequisite: None**

The transition of some research methods of the Greek to Muslims; empirical method as established and applied by Muslims; historical method of Ibn - Khaldoun; historical truth and its criterion; the possibility of prediction.

**Modern & Contemporary Arab Thought 2303333**

**Prerequisite: None**

Trends of Arab thought in Renaissance age: principles of reform with respect to the social, political and religious realms; some contemporary trends of Arab thought like: Muslim Fundamentalism, liberalism, nationalism, marxism; selected texts representing these trends.

**Political & Social Philosophy 2303344**

**Prerequisite: None**

Obligation and commitment; authority: its nature, limits and validity; authority & individual; political ideals: justice, freedom, equality;

political and social change: nation, state, revolution, evaluation of the civil society; basic concepts in political thought: dictatorship, totalitarianism, democracy, liberalism.

### **Philosophy of the Natural Sciences 2303351**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Nature of scientific knowledge; scientific explanation; C. Hempel's model of explanation; causality; determinism and indeterminism; Laws & scientific theories; Progress in scientific knowledge: Karl Popper, Thomas Kuhn, etc.

### **Issues in Contemporary Thought 2303352**

The issues that this course deals with are mainly of social, ethical and political nature such as: social, justice, democracy and human rights, the concept of war and international peace, justice and man's freedom, violence and social-change, alienation and liberation, modernity and rationality ...etc.

### **Business Ethics 2303353**

This course discusses a number of moral topics arising in the areas of business, administration, and in the professional performance in general. It is to introduce philosophical Examination concerning practical problems of ethics such as fraud, corruption, and honesty in advertising, social responsibility, the common human interest ...etc.

### **Symbolic Logic 2303414**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Truth-functional connectives; rules of equivalence and inference; modes of the formal proof; "all" and "some"; logical truths involving quantifiers; rules of generalization and specification and their use in demonstration; properties of relations; symbolizing details; proving invalidity.

### **Contemporary Philosophy 2303429**

#### **Prerequisite: 2303328**

A study of the main trends of contemporary philosophy: phenomenology, existentialism, marxism, pragmatism, positivism, analytical & critical philosophy



### **Philosophical Anthropology 2303445**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

The subject matter of philosophical anthropology; its emergence and development; the positions of existentialism & marxism on this field; critical inquiry in main topics: man and nature, man and deity, man & machine, man & culture; freedom and alienation.

### **Main Issues in the Philosophy of the Human Sciences 2303452**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Explanation and understanding; collectivism and individualism; meaning and interpretation; objectivism & relativism; rationality, reason, tradition and emancipation.

### **Philosophy of Language 2303453**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Meaning and the nature of language: L.Wittgenstein, J.L.Austin; Kripke and others; truth and meaning: Harrison, Davidson, Tarski and others; meta-language theories.

### **2303454 Logic and Research Method**

Logic and language; the role of logic in science; Logicians and induction; possibility of verification; analogy; scientific method: purposive and causal explanation; historical method; logic and other disciplines: medicine, philosophy and Islamic theology.

### **The Logical Linguistic Method in the Science of Fiqh 2303455**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

The role of linguistic studies in forming the logical linguistic method ; the theory of meaning and meaning of meaning ; critique of the Aristotle's logic and its impact on forming the logical linguistic analysis in the science of Fiqh ; the impact of the Stoice's logic in forming the method of logical linguistic analysis ; the analysis of duty and value judgements in the science of Fiqh.

### **Contemporary Marxism 2303456**

#### **Prerequisite: None**

Dialectic materialism Vs. historical materialism: Lucats. Dialectic materialism and praxis philosophy : Gramsche, Kursh , Bloch. Critical Marxism : Adorno , Horkheimer, Marcuse . Structural Marxism: Althuser.

**The Course deals with the essential metaphysical problems and questions posed by ancient, modern and contemporary philosophies; discussion of issues such as Aristotle's Being qua Being, Leibniz' principle of sufficient reason, Heidegger's analysis of Being, the role of metaphysics in philosophical thought and the Islamic views about some metaphysical problems.**

**Current Trends in Philosophy 2303458**

This course examines the ideas of influential philosophers in the current philosophical movements such as Neo-Marxist critical theory , philosophical hermeneutics, psychoanalytic structuralism, deconstruction, modernism and postmodernism , transcendental pragmatism... its.

**Philosophical Figures 2303459**

This course is an in-depth study of one great philosophical figure chosen from the history of philosophy. It is an opportunity to explore the philosophy of the thinker as a whole concentrating on his/her place in the history of ideas and in history itself.

