Mission
To instruct people in critical and imaginative thinking, to teach Western and Eastern philosophical traditions, and to inspire the wonder at the world that Plato says begins all philosophical reflection.

The Department of Philosophy offers the following degree programs:

- Philosophy, BA (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/)
- Philosophy Minor (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-minor/)

Program Objectives
1. Enable our students both to understand and accept their responsibilities as citizens and future leaders and also to succeed in their professional lives with the skills of critical thinking, imaginative problem-solving, and rigorous thought, which philosophy instruction imparts.
2. Promote the active development and dissemination of high-quality research. Every member of the department should be actively engaged in the production and publication of original philosophical works.
3. Fulfill service responsibilities to the university, the wider philosophical community, and finally, by promoting educational programs aimed at the university and larger community, to educate the general public about the value of philosophy.

Major in Philosophy

- Philosophy, BA (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/)

Minor in Philosophy

- Philosophy (http://catalog.uah.edu/undergrad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-minor/)

PHL 101 - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
Semester Hours: 3
Introduction to philosophical reflection focusing upon central problems in the major branches of the western tradition: metaphysics, epistemology and value theory.

PHL 102 - INTRO TO ETHICS
Semester Hours: 3
Major ethical positions in both classical and modern thought. The course may include a consideration of case studies drawn from practical contexts in engineering, medicine and other areas.

PHL 103 - INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC
Semester Hours: 3
Methodology of formal and informal reasoning.

PHL 150 - TECH, SCIENCE & HUMAN VALUES
Semester Hours: 3
A philosophical examination of the intersection of human values with science and technology. Questions include: what exists, the nature and extent of knowledge, and moral problems posed by technical and scientific change.

PHL 220 - CRIT THINKING FOR INTEL ANALYS
Semester Hours: 3
Examines critical reasoning strategies designed to correct cognitive biases and improve tradecraft skills in the context of intelligence analysis.

PHL 301 - ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY
Semester Hours: 3
Survey of classical philosophy from the Pre-Socratics through Aristotle. Prerequisite: 3 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.
PHL 385 - SELECTED TOPICS
Semester Hours: 3

Intensive examination of particular problems, periods, or movements in the history of philosophy. Prerequisite: 3 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 395 - RESEARCH SEMINAR
Semester Hours: 3

Intensive examination of particular problems, periods, or movements in the history of philosophy. Intensive examination of selected topics leading to the preparation of a substantial philosophical paper. Required of all majors. May be taken twice for credit. Prerequisite: 3 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 397 - PHILOSOPHY INTERNSHIP
Semester Hours: 1-3

A supervised experience in a professional environment enhanced by a student's background in philosophy. Paid or unpaid. Prerequisites: 18 hrs of PHL, JR/SR standing, minimum 3.0 GPA in PHL Major, approval of department chair.

PHL 399 - DIR STUDY IN PHILOSOPHY
Semester Hours: 1-3

Independent study in an area of philosophy selected in consultation with faculty advisor. Requires approval of department chair. Prerequisite: 3 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 401 - METAPHYSICS
Semester Hours: 3

Critical examination of traditional and contemporary responses to questions about the nature of reality. Prerequisite: 6 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 402 - EPISTEMOLOGY
Semester Hours: 3

Investigation of fundamental problems of knowledge such as the relation of knowledge and belief, truth, certainty and skepticism, perception, logic, explanation, and justification. Prerequisite: 6 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 403 - ADV MORAL PHILOSOPHY
Semester Hours: 3

Critical examination of significant works in moral and political philosophy such as the relationship between morality and human nature, the individual and the state, and the consequences of actions. Prerequisite: 6 hrs of PHL, except PHL 103.

PHL 438 - CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT
Semester Hours: 3

Systematic study of recent and current thinking on issues and problems of politics, social theory, and ethics with special attention to the philosophical dimension of these issues and problems. Prerequisite: 6 hrs of PHL or PSC, except PHL 103.