COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN
- You must take either a 1000-level core (any core philosophy class) or 2970 (Gateway Seminar) prior to taking a 3000-level class.
- These courses are designed primarily to develop critical reading and writing skills, and to prepare you for upper-level work in philosophy.

SOPHOMORE
- You must take two 3000-level courses prior to taking 4970 (senior seminar).
- The 3000-level courses provide general background in philosophy, covering its major areas as well as its history.

JUNIOR
- 4970 serves as the department’s capstone course, and is a course in which you will apply the skills you have developed to a more advanced topic in philosophy.

SENIOR
- You are encouraged to meet with a faculty advisor or with the Department Chair regularly.
- Junior year is the time to start planning for graduate school.
- Begin exploring program options and prep for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).
- Ask the Career Center for help in preparing your curriculum vitae (CV) and statement of intent.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE
- Meet with your academic advisor regularly for individual planning and guidance.
- You are encouraged to meet departmental colloquia as well as conferences to gain professional exposure.

GAIN EXPERIENCE
- You are encouraged to attend departmental colloquia as well as conferences to gain professional exposure.
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.
- The Department supports trips for students to the American Philosophical Association conference (usually in Chicago) and to the Alabama Philosophical Society Conference (in Pensacola).
- If you are interested in government and politics, consider pursuing a congressional internship in D.C. through the Auburn on the Hill program.

GET INVOLVED
- Join Phi Sigma Tau (the Philosophy honor society), which has an active Auburn chapter.
- Auburn Philosophy Club is the Department’s undergraduate organization.
- The organization sponsors frequent panel discussions at local coffee houses where broad and controversial philosophical topics are discussed.
- Utilize AUinvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
- If pursuing graduate education, get involved with undergraduate research opportunities.
- Pursue a leadership role in at least one of the organizations you participate in.
- Leadership can serve as a great way to make meaningful memories and gain related experience.