The following are five ways to meet the senior project requirement for the philosophy major:

1. Complete an independent research project (a paper of roughly 15 pages) under supervision of a faculty advisor. Senior project papers should be written in drafts with some revision in response to feedback from your supervisor. Instructor permission and registration in PHIL 4995 required.

2. Complete the senior project (a paper of roughly 15 pages) concurrently with a philosophy course taught by a faculty member. The senior project paper can be an elaboration of an assignment for the class, but it must be roughly 15 pages and it should be revised in response to feedback from your supervisor. The senior project cannot be identical with a paper submitted as part of the regular course requirements – some additional work is required. Instructor permission and registration in PHIL 4995 required.

3. Complete all the required work for an 8-xxx level graduate seminar. **Students taking this option are required to obtain instructor permission to enroll in PHIL 5993 (do not register for the associated 8-xxx course!) and also must register for PHIL 4995.**

4. Complete all the required work for an 8-xxx level graduate workshop, which must include one written assignment beyond what is required by the associated 4-xxx level course. Students must take the associated 4-xxx level class, register for PHIL 4995, and attend the workshop meetings. **(Do not register for the 8-xxx workshop!)** Workshop meeting times are usually arranged the first day of class. Instructor permission and registration in PHIL 4995 required.

5. Complete a “non-traditional” philosophy project with guidance from a faculty supervisor. Students have done other kinds of projects besides writing papers for the senior project credit. Examples of such projects include: editing the undergraduate philosophy journal, creating a prototype for a philosophy magazine, or conducting a semester-long philosophy reading group. Not all faculty members are willing to supervise non-traditional projects. So, if you want to take this option it is important to get to know your professors and find someone who is willing to work with you. Instructor permission and registration in PHIL 4995 required.

**To register for PHIL 4995 and/or PHIL 5993**

1. Find a faculty supervisor. Your faculty supervisor is usually someone with whom you have taken a class. Contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies for help if you are having trouble finding someone to supervise your senior project.

2. Pick up a Senior Project Proposal Form from the main office, 831 Heller Hall.

3. Fill out the form, after consultation with your faculty supervisor.

4. Ask your supervisor to sign the form.

5. Take the form to Judy Grandbois in the main office. She will give you a permission number for PHIL 4995 and, in the case of option #3, PHIL 5993.

6. Use that number to register for PHIL 4995 and, in the case of option #3, PHIL 5993.

7. You’re ready to go!