



The study of philosophy is the attempt to understand the world in as unified and general a way as possible. Philosophy majors address the most fundamental questions: *What is reality? What is good? How is knowledge possible? What makes for a good life?*

One reason the study of philosophy is useful is that the methodology of philosophy is applicable to any subject matter whatsoever, since it involves careful reasoning, precise application of logic, and thorough analysis of concepts.

Three Ways to Major in Philosophy:

The **Traditional** track provides in-depth coverage in the traditional areas of the History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Ethics.

The **Ethics, Law, and Social-Political Philosophy** track focuses on the ethical, legal, and political relations that we have to one another.

The **Brains, Minds, and Machines** track focuses on questions at the intersection of Philosophy, Psychology, Neuroscience, Computer Science, and Artificial Intelligence.

Course Highlights in Philosophy:

- **PHIL 3110: Ancient Philosophy** - a survey of the very beginnings of Western Philosophy with Plato, Aristotle, and Stoics, the Skeptics, and others
- **PHIL 3040: Philosophy of Law** - an overview of central issues including the nature and legitimacy of the law, competing theories of legal reasoning and interpretation, theories of punishment, etc.
- **PHIL 3250: Limits of Consciousness** - focuses on philosophical problems arising from the psychological and neuroscientific study of conscious experience

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Knowledge & Skills Gained as a Philosophy Major:

- Develop critical reasoning and analytical thinking through the evaluation of ideas and arguments
- Study the nature of thought and foundations of reason itself
- Learn to reason about moral value through the study of ethical theory
- Understand and appreciate the origins of ideas and development of culture through the history of philosophy

Double Majoring with Philosophy:

When you add Philosophy as a double major, you gain a broader perspective and depth of understanding on your other field of study. You also build the creative, critical, and abstract thinking skills that are the hallmark of a philosophical education. Thus, the double major positions you to stand out in the job market and teaches you essential skills needed to continually advance in your career. A major in philosophy also helps you expand your life beyond your career. You think about what is most important in life and how to pursue it.

Philosophy Major at a glance:

Number of majors: 27

Degrees offered: B.A.

Credit hours needed: 33

Minors offered: Yes



Career Opportunities:

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in all walks of society. Specifically though, Philosophy majors often pursue careers in:

- Law
- Business
- Information technology
- Public administration
- Social services
- Health care
- Criminal justice
- Higher education

When the Philosophy major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- **Philosophy** + Political Science minor + Law school = Attorney
- **Philosophy** + Biology minor = Medical professional
- **Philosophy** + Human Rights minor = Human rights advocate
- **Philosophy** + English minor + Publishing internship = Writer/Publishing
- **Philosophy** + History + Museum internship = Museum curator/archivist/exhibit specialist

Student Opportunities:

- **The Philosophy Club** - The philosophy club is a club run by students for students with the purpose of meeting to discuss philosophy.
- **Philosophy Talks** - Visiting speakers are brought in two or three times each semester to give talks of interest to students.
- **Movie Nights** - Watch philosophical themed blockbusters followed by rousing conversation of the philosophical themes and implications.

Did you know?

In the Graduate Record Exam, those intending to major in philosophy perform better than students in all other fields by a wide margin. In the Verbal Reasoning section and in the Analytic Writing section of the GRE, those intending to major in Philosophy did better than those in all other subjects. In the Quantitative Reasoning section, those intending to major in Philosophy did better than all other non-scientists. Philosophy majors consistently do well in the Law School Aptitude Test and have higher rate of acceptance at law schools than any other major.

For more information:

For program information, contacts, and course requirements visit:

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