Why Study Philosophy?

Philosophy is the study of what there is (metaphysics), what we can know (epistemology) and the nature of the good, the right, and the beautiful (ethics and aesthetics).

Studying philosophy will teach you to think clearly and critically, and to communicate complex ideas effectively both orally and in writing. These skills will serve you well both as a student of philosophy and as an engaged and responsible citizen.

Career Opportunities

Your philosophy courses will prepare you for a wide range of careers—in law, business, finance, management, technology, journalism, education, politics, and civil service—by cultivating your abilities to think critically and creatively about complex problems, and to express yourself with confidence and clarity. According to the data provided by the American Philosophical Association (2016–2017), students that major in philosophy have the highest starting salary in the humanities and they earn more than any other humanities major throughout their career. As a student of philosophy, you will gain valuable skills that will help as you prepare to embark on a career.
Majors and Minors

MAJORS
- Option I: PHILOSOPHY
- Option II: PHILOSOPHY AND LAW
- Option III: PHILOSOPHY AND OTHER FIELDS
- Option IV: PHILOSOPHY AND BUSINESS
- Option V: PHILOSOPHY HONORS

MINORS
- PHILOSOPHY
- PHILOSOPHY AND THE ARTS
- PHILOSOPHY AND THE SCIENCES
- PHILOSOPHY, CULTURE, AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
- LOGIC, REASONING AND RATIONALITY
- PROFESSIONAL AND APPLIED ETHICS

INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS
- COGNITIVE SCIENCE
- CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- GLOBAL STUDIES

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“[Philosophical] questions enlarge our conception of what is possible, enrich our intellectual imagination and diminish the dogmatic assurance which closes the mind against speculation.”

Bertrand Russell