



# Philosophy

## College of Liberal Studies

The significant feature of the Department of Philosophy at UW-La Crosse is its faculty of broad preparation, competence, and interest. The faculty, all of whom have doctorates in philosophy; represent a variety of philosophical viewpoints as well as educational backgrounds.

Philosophy fosters creative and critical thinking and helps one to understand human thought through the ages. Students often major in another discipline at the same time they are studying philosophy. This joint major program is excellent preparation for many programs of study beyond the baccalaureate degree including law, business, and medicine.

### Undergraduate Programs

**Major:**

- Philosophy

**Minor:**

- Philosophy

### Department Features

- Phenomenology Lecture Series
- Philosophy Club
- Socrates Café Discussion Group
- Departmental Honors Program
- Apprenticeships in Philosophy

### Sample Courses

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Asian Philosophy
- Philosophy of Art
- Medical Ethics
- Philosophy of Science
- Environmental Ethics

### Career Opportunities

**Further Education:**

- Graduate study in philosophy, religion, history, psychology, social sciences, counseling, humanities, communication, medicine and the arts
- Law School
- Theological Seminary

**Long Term Career Development:**

- Attorney
- Clergy
- College or University Professor (with Ph.D.)
- Computer Analyst
- Counselor/Therapist
- Humanities Teacher
- Medical, Environmental or Business Ethicist
- Adviser/Manager
- Theorist

### Occupational Outlook

Graduate work is becoming necessary for many professions; graduate studies in philosophy can apply to a variety of professions. Besides teaching, philosophy is important in law, the ministry, education administration, government, social work, journalism, and medicine.

Opportunities will depend on the career in which the student wishes to use his or her philosophy major or minor and on the economic situation.

**Job Titles of Graduates:**

- Government service
- Corporate Manager
- Peace Corps
- Missionary
- University Professor
- Physician
- Attorney at Law
- University Admissions Counselor
- Entrepreneur
- Congressional Staff Member
- Environmentalist
- Political Activist
- Diplomat

### Professional Associations

- American Philosophical Association
- Wisconsin Philosophical Association
- American Association of Teachers of Philosophy
- Central States Philosophy Association
- Society of Christian Philosophers
- Society of Women in Philosophy

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