Department Overview

Philosophy questions our deepest assumptions about the world and our lives. It demands that we think for ourselves about the values we hold, the lives we contemplate leading, and the nature of the universe in which we find ourselves.

Questions we consider include the following. What is a meaningful life? How should I treat others? What are my responsibilities to the environment? What is truth? What is beauty? What is the nature of reality and the mind?

Students of philosophy are empowered to think logically, critically, and rigorously about these topics, as well as many others that transcend the discipline of philosophy.

Studying philosophy teaches us how to assess the positions of others and more precisely articulate our own. In our courses, you will also learn to read carefully and write argumentatively by examining responses to the big questions by thinkers from a variety of time periods and cultures.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Phenomenology Lecture Series
• Departmental Honors Program
• Philosophy Club
• Apprenticeships in Philosophy

Undergraduate Program

Major:
• Philosophy

Minor:
• Philosophy

Sample Courses

• Introduction to Philosophy
• Asian Philosophy
• Philosophy of Art
• History of Ancient Philosophy
• Philosophy of Language
• Environmental Ethics
• Philosophy of Food
• Philosophy of Film

Professional Associations

• American Philosophical Association
• Wisconsin Philosophical Association
• American Association of Teachers of Philosophy
• Society of Women in Philosophy

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Philosophy

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Program Major Requirements (30 Credits):

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Note: Majors must take four philosophy courses at the 300/400 level including PHL 496. No more than six credits of PHL 494, PHL 495, and PHL 497 shall count toward the major.

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Career Paths

The philosophy department seeks to help students develop:

- Critical and creative thinking for the rapidly changing, interdependent world in which we live.
- Enhanced problem solving skills, and the ability to view matters from a variety of different perspectives.
- An ability to analyze and understand philosophical problems met by professional people and intelligent citizens.
- Sensitivity and competence in thinking across disciplinary, gender, and racial lines.
- Foundational skills and abilities for post undergraduate study.

Increasingly, employers have come to value philosophy majors for their innovation and attention to detail. Philosophy students are well-prepared for the future, and go on to successful careers in a number of professions, including law, medicine, journalism, education, politics, and business. Even more importantly, studying philosophy enriches one’s own personal life: the knowledge, skills, and perspectives afforded by the study of philosophy not only prepare one for professional success, but also provide countless ways through which to engage life’s complexities.

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
- Clerk
- College or University Professor (with Ph.D.)
- Computer Analyst
- Counselor/Therapist
- Humanities Teacher
- Medical, Environmental or Business Ethicist
- Business Management
- Politics

JOB TITLES OF GRADUATES:

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