

PHILOSOPHY

Mission Statement

The mission of the department is to educate students for future study in philosophy and religious studies as well as for responsible citizenship. In view of this, we strive to acquaint the student with the best thought and literature in our philosophical and religious heritage. The study of philosophy serves to transmit the heritage that created the foundations of contemporary life, and which shape the future in science, religion, politics, law, and morality.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student graduating with a major in philosophy will be able to:

Content

- Describe the contribution of major philosophers to intellectual life
- Discuss the central theories and arguments in the major sub-fields of philosophy
 - logic, metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics
- Describe the range of reasoning techniques and methodologies philosophers use
- Identify major issues in contemporary philosophical debate and research
- Incorporate philosophical terminology

Critical Thinking

- Grasp the essential features and underlying issues of a philosophical problem
- Select and apply relevant frameworks and theories and texts in the analysis of philosophical problems
- Develop, defend, and evaluate arguments
- Avoid logical fallacies, methodological errors, rhetorical devices, unexamined convention wisdom, unnoticed assumption, vagueness, and superficiality

Communication

- Marital a complex body of information in written and oral formats
- Conduct efficient and effective information search and retrieval
- Use information technology efficiently to express ideas

Integrity/Values

- Reflect on personal meaning, developing an increasingly sophisticated set of moral attitudes
- Engage with others, and contribute to the ongoing and open-ended discussion that is philosophical in an honest, responsible, and respectful manner

Project Management

- Define intellectual projects that are personally meaningful
- Manage time effectively
- Move toward autonomy and independence in direction of study
- Demonstrate flexibility in processing new information and facing new situations

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

In the Philosophy major, you will demonstrate specific skills in projects and assignments throughout the undergraduate program. The design of the senior capstone project will give you an opportunity to showcase your academic accomplishments in a unified format through the production of a substantial term paper. Exemplary projects will be submitted to showcase opportunities on and off campus.

Job Prospects for Philosophy Graduates

Philosophy graduates work in a variety of contexts. Some positions require additional graduate training, but graduates may qualify for other kinds of positions upon completing the undergraduate degree.

College Professor
Linguist
Cleric
Teacher
Public policy/government

Lawyer
Computer Scientist
Manager
Systems Analyst
Human Resources Officer

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