Our Program
The study of philosophy provides students with the unique opportunity to carefully analyze and thoughtfully respond to the fundamental ideas and basic concerns present in human experience. It requires the constructive re-experiencing of those problems and doubts in one’s own life which are also found in the writings of the principal representatives of the eastern and western philosophical traditions. Accordingly, the program places foundational importance on the history of philosophy both East and West. The goal is to become acquainted with, evaluate and respond critically and imaginatively to what has been and continues to be of fundamental importance in human experience and to do so in a scholarly manner with an eye toward appropriating the best for oneself and one’s culture.

The philosophy major offers a broad education in the liberal arts, and philosophical methodology emphasizes precision in thought and communication. Philosophy thus provides an excellent vehicle for the development of logical, critical and creative reasoning, analytical reading and writing, and creative problem-solving skills. Since those skills are highly valued by employers and graduate/professional programs alike, career opportunities for philosophy graduates exist in a variety of fields. Examples include education, business, management, government, public administration, medicine and law. The philosophy major is excellent preparation for law school because it cultivates the analytic and reasoning skills necessary for a successful career in law.

An undergraduate major in philosophy is also an excellent second major for almost any field. This is due, in part, to Philosophy’s low unit requirement and emphasis on developing transferable skills highly sought by employers and graduate programs.

Bachelor of Arts
Major in Philosophy

Minors
Asian Aspects of Philosophy
Ethics and Values
Fundamental Aspects of Philosophy
History of Western Philosophy

Related Careers
Business
Education
Government
Journalism
Law
Management
Medicine
Politics
Non-Profit Organization
Theology

Teaching
Elementary or High School
College or University

Pre-college teaching requires a one-year teaching credential program.

Pre-Professional Education
The philosophy major is excellent for those going on to professional training. Philosophy majors annually score at or very near the top amongst majors on entrance exams for graduate school (GRE), Law School (LSAT) and MBA programs (GMAT).

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