

PHILOSOPHY, B.A.

Every field and career path needs people who can think logically and communicate effectively. Students majoring in philosophy learn how to examine complex problems, analyze internal logic, question assumptions, understand other points of view, and find unique and creative solutions. Graduates with these skills are sought after in fields like law, medicine and business, as well as the arts, humanities, history and social sciences.

Our department offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy with an optional undergraduate research track leading to a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction and an optional major concentration in Society, Ethics, and Law. Students in the major may also pursue the Bachelor of Arts degree with Leadership Distinction, which offers several paths for engagement beyond the classroom, such as advocacy, professional and civic engagement, internships and research opportunities.

Philosophy majors, on average, outperform other majors on the GRE, LSAT and GMAT, making it a great primary or secondary major for those pursuing a graduate or professional degree. Philosophy majors also lead the way in the pursuit of advanced degrees such as medical school, law school and business school as well as Ph.D. and master's degrees.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the history and most important disciplines of philosophy.
2. Students will read philosophical texts knowledgeably and critically.
3. Students will recognize philosophical questions and grasp philosophical arguments.
4. Students will engage in philosophical discussion and will be capable of presenting philosophical ideas in class.
5. Students will write philosophical papers that require research, interpretation and argument.