The philosophy program provides a strong grounding in the history of philosophy as well as training in philosophical analysis and writing. Such training is one of the best ways to develop critical thinking and communicative skills applicable to many professional fields. While some students pursue graduate studies in philosophy, the major is also excellent preparation for a wide variety of life and career paths, including law, theology, business, cognitive science, literary professions (e.g., publishing), politics and public advocacy.

**DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN PHILOSOPHY**

The B.A. in philosophy includes a foundation including Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Philosophical Classics and a senior capstone. Other elective areas of study include Asian Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, and many others.

**MINORS**

**PHILOSOPHY MINOR (18 CREDITS)**

We offer a wide range of courses allowing for the exploration of the many facets of philosophy. Some emphasize the history of philosophy in the Western tradition (e.g., Ancient Greek Philosophy and Modern Philosophy). Others emphasize non-Western traditions (e.g., Asian Philosophy and Native American Philosophy). Many emphasize the integration of philosophy with other disciplines (e.g., Art & Aesthetics; Philosophy of Science; Philosophical Psychology; Philosophy and Neuroscience). Many students combine philosophy with a second major in disciplines such as anthropology, biology, English, history, linguistics (a major option within English), mathematics, physics, psychology and sociology.

**FAST FACTS**

Nationwide, philosophy majors achieve top scores on graduate school entrance exams such as the LSAT, GRE and GMAT. Philosophy majors tend to outperform all other majors on the verbal and analytical reasoning sections of the GRE.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Philosophical Society** - The Philosophical Society provides students with the opportunity to interact and socialize with other students interested in philosophy. The club organizes informal meetings, guest speakers, an annual Student Philosophy Symposium and trips to philosophy conferences and other co-curricular activities.

**STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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