

Philosophy

The study of philosophy includes critical analysis, interpretation, and questioning everyday values and concepts in the modern world. By incorporating both historical thought with current philosophical ideas, philosophy students gain a well-rounded perspective in subject areas from ethics to metaphysics.

Undergraduate: Students pursuing an undergraduate program in philosophy may receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy. A BA degree provides well-rounded academic programs, including general education course requirements in social science and humanities. A sample of courses available at the undergraduate level Critical Reasoning, Feminist Philosophy, Metaphysics, 19th Century Philosophers, Ethics, Existentialism, Philosophy of Race, Advanced Logic, and Asian Philosophy.

Graduate: Students pursuing a graduate program in philosophy may earn a Master of Arts (MA) or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Degree titles vary by institution and academic program. Graduate students usually will choose among a variety of degree concentrations such as American Philosophy, Applied Philosophy, Bioethics, British Empiricism and Analytic Philosophy, Classical Philosophy, Ethics, History of Philosophy, Logic and Computation, Logic and Methodology, Phenomenology Philosophical aesthetics, Philosophy of Children, Philosophy of Religion, Political Theory, Systematic Philosophy, and Theology. A sample of courses available at the graduate level include Aesthetics, Social and Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Symbolic Logic, Medieval Philosophy, Descartes, and Metaphysics.

Occupations in Philosophy:

With a degree in philosophy, consider your professional opportunities as a Professor, Clergymen, Religious Worker, Teacher, Counselor and Guidance Counselor, or Author.

Choosing a Philosophy Program:

If you are considering continuing your education in this field, you should become familiar with academic trends and current developments. Utilize current literature and consider the existing research of professors in matching your academic and career goals with the right institutions for you. EducationUSA Centers provide advising services and a diverse collection of materials to assist students searching for schools and financial aid program. To find the nearest EducationUSA Advising Center, visit www.educationusa.info/centers.php.

There is no professional or programmatic accrediting organization for academic programs in philosophy, however, prospective students should be sure to research all recognized regionally accredited programs at www.chea.org.





Associations and organizations affiliated with the study of philosophy:

- American Philosophical Association, www.apaonline.org
- Ancient Philosophy Association, www.ancientphilosophysociety.org
- Radical Philosophy Association, www.radicalphilosophy.org
- Pragmatism Cybrary, www.pragmatism.org

Scholarly Journals Related to the Study of Philosophy: Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Mind, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, International Journal of Applied Philosophy.

Undergraduate Program Search Print and Online Resources:

- College Board, www.collegeboard.com
- Search for schools with Collegeboard's online, "College Matchmaker."
- Read about specific majors and careers using the "Major and Career Profiles" search www.collegeboard.com/csearch/majors_careers/profiles/

Graduate Program Search Print and Online Resources:

- Peterson's, www.petersons.com
- Peterson's Graduate Programs in the Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences; Book 2

Find Scholarships to Study Philosophy:

- EducationUSA Financial Aid links, www.educationusa.info/pages/students/finance.php
- Funding U.S. Study, www.fundingusstudy.org
- Peterson's Scholarship Directory, www.petersons.com
- The Fulbright Program, <http://fulbright.state.gov>
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, www.woodrow.org/newcombe

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