



Philosophy

WASHINGTON
& JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

Philosophy **explores fundamental questions of existence, knowledge, meaning, and value.** It also **hones skills that are of crucial importance in a wide range of careers.** Philosophy majors consistently **rank near the very top** when it comes to average scores on such standardized tests as the LSAT and GMAT. The **mid-career salaries of philosophy majors are among the highest** among all majors in the humanities and social sciences. With its **emphasis on challenging questions, careful analysis, rigorous argumentation and creative problem solving,** philosophy enriches the mind and makes a great second major.

Major Requirements

Eight Philosophy courses, including:

- Argument Mapping (PHL 112) or Introduction to Logic (PHL 123)
- One course in the history of philosophy:
 - Classical Philosophy (PHL 201)
 - Early Modern Philosophy (PHL 204)
 - Nineteenth Century Philosophy (PHL 205)
- At least one course at the 300 level
- Research Seminar in Philosophy (PHL 450)

No more than four PHL courses at the 100 level can count towards the major

Minor Requirements

Five PHL courses, including at least two at the 200-level or above.

Sample Courses

- Moral Philosophy (PHL 130)
- Philosophy and Race (PHL 137)
- Theories of Knowledge (PHL 220)
- Adventures in Metaphysics (PHL 221)
- Moral Theory (PHL 230)
- Bioethics (PHL 232)
- Theories of Justice (PHL 235)
- Philosophy and Gender (PHL 236)
- Aesthetics (PHL 238)
- Free Will (PHL 241)
- Philosophy of Mind (PHL 242)
- Moral Psychology (PHL 245)
- Kant (PHL 341)
- Experimental Philosophy (PHL 342)
- Pragmatism (PHL 343)
- Advanced Topics in Philosophy (PHL 370)

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Beyond the Classroom

Students have many opportunities for research, internships, conferences, and networking beyond the classroom that give them an advantage to prepare for life after W&J.

Opportunities

- Phi Sigma Tau (National Honor Society)
- Undergraduate and professional philosophy conferences
- Undergraduate philosophy journals
- Summer programs in philosophy at prestigious national universities

Employment

Philosophy students are equipped with knowledge and skills to pursue careers in fields that include:

- Law
- Business
- Journalism
- Medicine
- Social Work

Alumni Achievements

- Senior Vice President & Head of Tax, Atlantic Global Risk, New York, NY
- Radiologist, Charleston, SC
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Pittsburgh, PA
- Reporter, CBS 13, Portland, ME



Program Website

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A full list of courses and descriptions can be found online in the College catalog.