Learning Objectives

The School of Philosophy offers courses in most areas of philosophy, including epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, philosophy of art, social, legal and political philosophy, as well as the history of philosophy, both ancient and modern.

Equally important to each of the three programs offered in the Philosophy Department, is the development of the skills necessary for rigorous, critical, and independent thought.

Philosophy majors should graduate with the ability (i) to independently read and comprehend philosophical texts, so as to identify and state the central theses of these texts, and to reconstruct the key arguments in favor of these theses, (ii) to critically evaluate arguments, uncovering their hidden assumptions and assessing the soundness of the premises and the logical relations between the premises and the conclusion, (iii) to defend their own point of view by formulating valid arguments and anticipating and responding to objections, and (iv) to communicate effectively in speaking and in writing, demonstrating clarity, precision and rigor.