PHILOSOPHY

This major is designed to acquaint students with the fundamental problems of Western thought and introduce them to the concepts and techniques necessary for independent philosophical thinking. It provides a broadening perspective for various areas of specialization in the natural and social sciences and in literature and the arts.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Eight required courses:

- One Philosophy Gateway course
- One History of Philosophy course
- One Logic course
- One Ethics, Law, and Value Theory course
- One Systematic Philosophy course
- Three Philosophy electives

Examples of Philosophy courses include:

- Freedom, Equality, and Social Justice
- The Origins of Free Market Thought in Early Modern Europe
- Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind
- The Meaning of Life
- Logic and Language
- Existentialism
- Wittgenstein
- Ethics
- 20th Century Anglo-American Philosophy
- Symbolic Logic
- Science and Rationality
- Philosophy of the Mind

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Honors Program: Ideal for students planning to continue their studies at the graduate level or those looking for a more intensive course of study, the Honors program requires a capstone seminar and completion of a senior thesis. Students must also earn a 3.5 GPA or higher in their upper-division Philosophy courses.

Philosophy Club: Students from any major with an interest in philosophy can join this club. Meetings include guest speakers and discussions on many different philosophical topics.

Study Abroad: Explore the origins of Western philosophy by spending a year in Athens while learning about ancient Greek civilization and Byzantine art and examining cultural trends in modern Greece.