



## B.A. in Philosophy

**Philosophy addresses one's life as well as one's career.** The aim of courses in the Department of Philosophy is to help the undergraduate student examine the ultimate nature of persons, the universe, God, the basic principles of moral evaluation as they apply to personal questions and social and political policies. Since these concepts underlie most human endeavors, the study of philosophy, together with the practice of its methods of analysis and argumentation, prepares students to later responsibly address basic problems—personal, social, or professional.

**Nationally, philosophy majors rank second of all (nearly 100 tested) majors in verbal and analytical aptitudes.** Philosophy assists the student in reasoning well and writing effectively. Consequently, a philosophy major serves as an excellent preparation for the professions, including law, business, and government service as well as for graduate study and the teaching of philosophy.

### Philosophy Major Program

For students who desire to achieve a general liberal arts education and who do not plan to do graduate work in philosophy, courses are selected to enable the student to become a cultured, liberally educated person. For students who plan to do graduate work, the department has designated a faculty adviser for pre-professional philosophy. This adviser carefully selects courses and seminars in order to give students a firm grounding in the discipline and prepare them for acceptance into graduate school.

#### Required courses include:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Symbolic Logic
- History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

History of Modern Philosophy  
Senior Research Seminar

### Philosophy Pre-Law

It is acknowledged that a concentration in philosophy and the other arts provides an appropriate basis for the study of law. The requirements of law schools in the United States have been taken into account in advising a student in the course of study. The philosophy pre-law program includes 30 hours of philosophy and a variety of courses within the required areas of study.



### Complementary Activities

**The Philosophy Club** is composed of students of any major who are interested in philosophy. Members come together in the

spirit of collaboration to learn about and discuss philosophical topics of interest. The club is open to every student who has broad philosophical interests and a desire to participate and contribute to the group, and students may participate at their leisure.

**Mock Trial** prepares students to compete in the American Mock Trial Association's regional and national mock trial tournaments. Students learn to construct all components of a trial, from opening statements, to direct and cross examinations of witnesses, to closing arguments. They become familiar with many of the rules of evidence and procedure governing trial courts across the nation. The program is an excellent introduction to the trial process as it operates in the United States.