Philosophy B.A.

Major
Bachelor of Arts
Philosophy
College of Liberal Arts

Studying Philosophy prepares students to become involved citizens and to work at a variety of careers in a conceptually and morally complex world.

Why UMD

• Philosophy majors at UMD do exceptionally well on the LSAT, GRE, MCAT and GMAT, and many go on to Law School, Medical School and Graduate School.
• Philosophy students grapple with some of the most difficult problems (Do we have free will? What determines ethical standards? Can we prove that God does or does not exist?), and in so doing, acquire the skills to analyze and assess complex chains of argument, to weigh them, and to propose new and creative counterexamples, and to propose solutions.
• These skills export well into most fields of human endeavor.
• To see more about the virtues of Philosophy and kinds of employment that our graduates have achieved, visit the Department of Philosophy

Scholarships

• Ehlers Scholarship ($2000)
• Ehlers Book Prizes ($250, towards textbooks)
• The Center for Ethics and Public Policy Essay Prize ($250, towards textbooks)

Student Clubs

The Philosophy Department has a very active undergraduate Philosophy club, the Socratic Society.

Requirements

The Philosophy B.A. requires 31-38 credits, which makes it a good choice as a double-major, as the skills that Philosophy provides partner well with many other disciplines (for example: Criminology or Political Science for the Law; Biology for Medical School; and Ethics supplements almost any career). We also offer an Applied Ethics track and the Cognitive Science Minor.

Acquired Skills

Philosophy students learn to think critically, communicate effectively, solve problems creatively, craft logical arguments and spot bad arguments.

Career Possibilities

Philosophy majors can look for careers in:
• Law

Health Professions
• Local, State, and Federal Government
• Business
• Information Technology
• Science

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Graduate Report

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers
Here's a sampling of positions Philosophy B.A. grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Guardian & Conservator - Thomas Allen, West St. Paul, MN
- TBI Residential & Community Services, Duluth, MN
- Graduate School, Philosophy, University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Youth Minister - St. Joseph's Church, Lino Lakes, MN

For more data see the Philosophy B.A. Graduate Follow-Up Report.
For ideas about Philosophy B.A. and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.