



WASHINGTON
&
JEFFERSON
COLLEGE

Philosophy

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 and 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.

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Major Requirements

Nine PHL courses, with no more than four at the 100 level

Included must be:

PHL 123: Introduction to Logic

PHL 201: Classical Philosophy, PHL 204:
Early Modern Philosophy, or
PHL 205: Nineteenth Century
Philosophy

At least one course at the 300 level

PHL 450: Research Seminar in Philosophy

Minor Requirements

Six courses in PHL, with no more than four at the 300 level

Available courses include Moral Philosophy, Faith and Reason, Philosophy and Race, Adventures in Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Moral Theory, Biomedical Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy and Gender, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind, Kant, Pragmatism, and Experimental Philosophy

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

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

Careers

- Law
- Business
- Journalism
- Medicine
- Social Work

Alumni Achievements

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

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