



PHILOSOPHY

BGSU COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The philosophy major serves a wide range of students seeking the skills and understanding of a philosophical perspective on individual areas of interest. These range from specific topics in biomedical and environmental ethics to highly abstract issues about knowledge, reality, religion and morality. Because of its emphasis on careful reading, conceptual analysis, and clear, well-reasoned writing, the major provides excellent training for a variety of careers. Each philosophy major completes a capstone project in their senior year in which they have the opportunity to explore a topic in depth, guided by a faculty member, and to produce a polished piece of philosophical writing that can serve as a writing sample for graduate school applications.



College of Arts and Sciences – Philosophy

Points of Pride

- Philosophy students benefit from small class sizes and exceptional access to distinguished faculty.
- BGSU has an international reputation for its focus on applied philosophy, which includes ethics, meta-ethics, ethical analysis of public policy, and political philosophy.
- The Philosophy Department has an active group of scholars and hosts regular colloquia and annual workshops on applied ethics and public policy.
- Connections across disciplines is emphasized in the department, which is home to the multidisciplinary Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Law (PPEL) major.
- The Philosophy Department organizes the BGSU teams for the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl and the Bioethics Bowl, which participate annually in nationwide competitions.
- The University houses an extraordinary collection of philosophy books and journals.
- The student-run Philosophy Club meets weekly to discuss philosophical issues, often centered on a particular topic, reading or film.

A Public University for the Public Good

The Philosophy Department develops informed citizens ready to engage in rational, civil discourse about important social and political issues. Programs in philosophy teach transferable skills, such as critical thinking, curiosity, open-mindedness, effective communication, and integrative thinking, that promote lifelong personal and career growth and the capacity for leadership in the public and private sectors.

Students may want to consider a minor or second major in the following areas:

- Business
- Economics
- Environmental Policy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Women's Studies

What can I do with this major?

Philosophy graduates pursue careers in the following areas:

- Business
- Counselling
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Government
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Theology

For more information

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