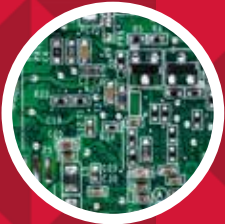


What will I learn?



ETHICS

The search for a criterion of moral conduct. How should people act? What does 'right' or 'goodness' mean?



EPISTEMOLOGY

The study of the origin, nature, and limits of human knowledge. What do people know and how do they know it?



METAPHYSICS

The study of the nature of existence and all that exists. What is real? Is this the real life or is this just fantasy?



HISTORY

The study of philosophical ideas and concepts through time, including ancient, medieval, modern, Western, Asian, religious or secular traditions.



WRITING

The practice of writing logical, analytical essays through critical thinking, evaluation, and use of correct reasoning.



“Although a philosophy degree won't answer the big questions in life, it helped me develop perspective. This is a perspective that not only allows me to engage with the history of philosophy but also with everyday living. A master's degree in philosophy provides a strong foundation for scholarly pursuits and a balanced disposition.” — **Hector Quintero**
Master's Student



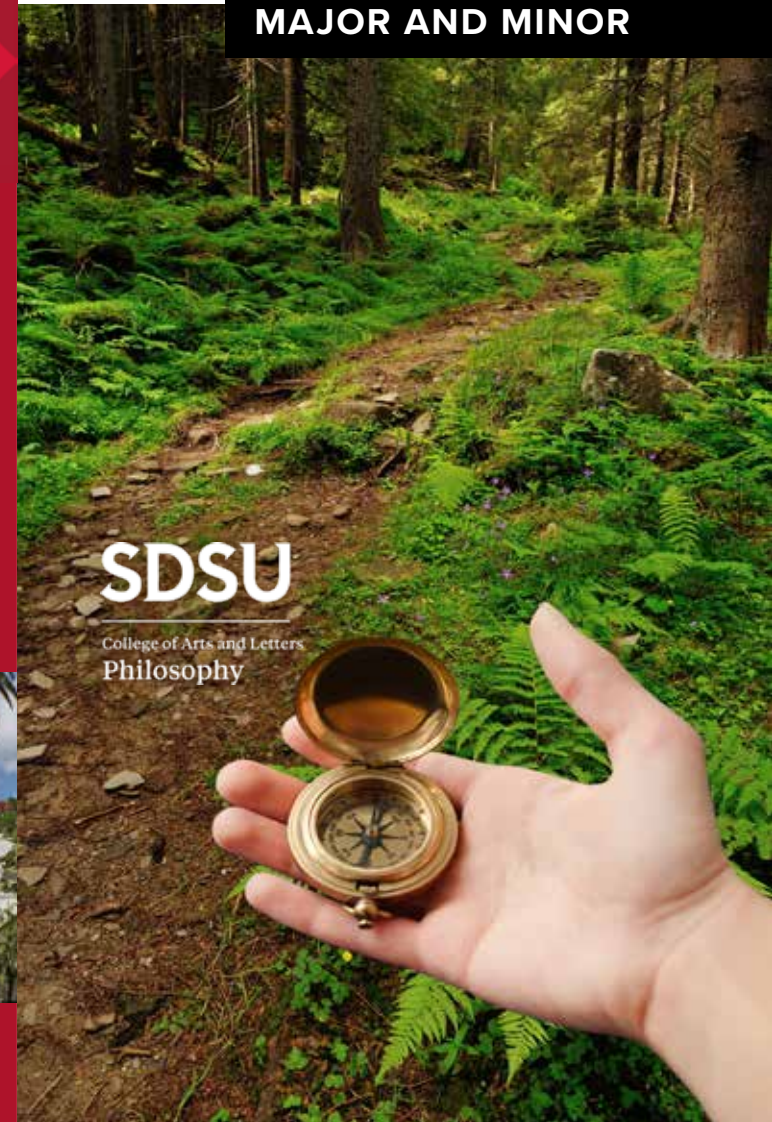
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Why Study Philosophy?

Do you wonder about reality? Do you question what 'truth' is? Philosophy studies the types of questions that other majors do not address. Because of its emphases on clarity, argumentation, and critical evaluation, just a single course in philosophy may provide you with the abilities to:

- Think critically and objectively
- Write clearly and effectively
- Analyze policies for fairness and accuracy
- Present your case convincingly
- Develop creative solutions to unique situations



Becoming a Philosopher

The philosophy major includes the following required courses:

Lower Division Courses (6 units)

PHIL 120: Intro to Logic

3 units of PHIL 100, 101, 102, 140 or 200

Upper Division Courses (27 units)

PHIL 401A and B: History of Philosophy

21 additional units of philosophy

NOTE: Please see General Catalog for course listings, language and writing requirements, and GE requirements. No more than 6 units of 300-level philosophy courses will count towards the major.

Double Major

A second degree in philosophy can add to your primary degree in the eyes of employers. Here are some career opportunities if you pair:

DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY +

+ Biology =

Doctor / Environmental Activist

+ Business =

CEO / Philanthropist

+ Computer Science =

Video Game Designer / AI Developer

+ Physics =

Inventor / Sci-Fi Writer

+ Political Science / History / English =

Lawyer / Judge

+ Psychology =

Neuroscientist / Counselor

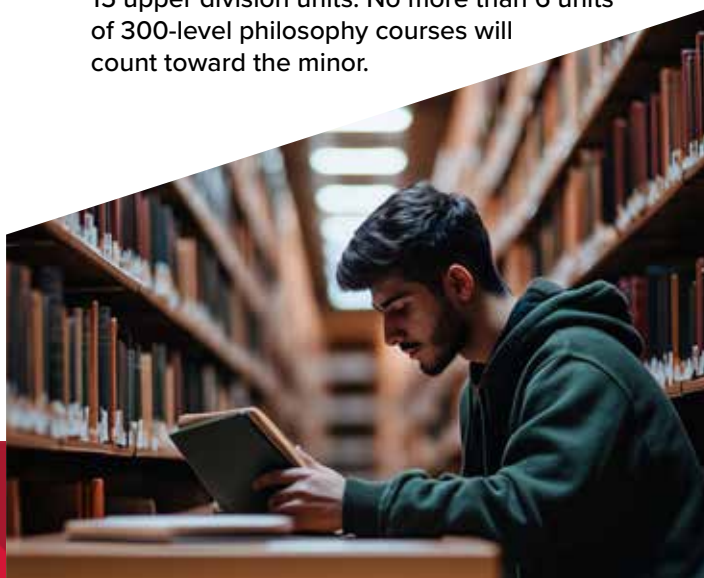
+ Theater / Film / Media Arts =

Director / Actor / Documentarian

Philosophy Minor

Minor in Philosophy (18 units)

The minor in philosophy consists of a minimum of 18 units in philosophy to include at least 3 lower division units and 15 upper division units. No more than 6 units of 300-level philosophy courses will count toward the minor.



I Think. Therefore, I Earn.

CAREER OPTIONS

Entering the workforce?

Thinking about graduate school?

Philosophy majors have the highest overall score on the GRE. On the GMAT, philosophy majors outperform majors in economics, statistics, finance, and accounting.

Interested in a J.D.?

On the LSAT, philosophy majors rank significantly better than any other humanities degree. Philosophers enjoy the best chance of admission to medical school of any major. Out of all the majors in CAL (with the exception of economics), philosophy pays the highest mid-career salary.*

*Source: whystudyphilosophy.com

Philosophy Graduates Find Careers in:

- **Tech Industry**
Computer and Software Design
- **Government and NGOs**
Politics and Community Service
- **Medical Industry**
Medicine and Administration
- **Business**
Management and Entrepreneurship
- **Publishing**
Technical and Creative Writing