

# Philosophy (BA)

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*This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences/Philosophy Department and is only available at the St. Louis main campus.*

## Program Description

In the Philosophy Department, we cultivate habits of thinking critically and communicating effectively about significant matters to help people live more attentive, responsive, creative and meaningful lives.

Students with a major in philosophy select: art and creativity; ethics and social justice; or an individualized emphasis. We also offer a minor in philosophy (which may be completed fully online). Students who choose philosophy as their second major, or students who minor in philosophy, may satisfy a significant number of requirements through completion of GCP (Global Citizenship Program) courses.

See also the Philosophy Department website (external to catalog).

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Critically analyze arguments and assumptions, as well as to provide evidence for claims.
- Explain philosophical concepts, arguments and perspectives and the ways in which they are culturally situated.
- Apply philosophical ideas to respond to concrete situations and current problems, both local and global.
- Demonstrate attentiveness to the power imbalances that might prevent members of marginalized groups from leading more meaningful and equitable lives.
- Create their own positions and effectively communicate their ideas.

## Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies

