PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy investigates the fundamental nature of the mind and world, examines general questions about value, and strives to articulate the ideals of rational deliberation. According to Plato and Aristotle, philosophy begins in wonder, and when it is done well, it leads us to new ideas, new knowledge, and clears away confused and misguided ways of thinking. Philosophy helps develop habits of mind that are useful in every walk of life. The philosophy program aims to foster independent and critical thinking in all of our students.

PROGRAMS

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Philosophy Minor
- Ethics Minor
- Critical Thinking Minor
- Human-Animal Studies
- Critical Thinking Certificate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Philosophy examines questions of fundamental importance across every domain of human experience. Philosophy majors are equipped for success in nearly any career field and develop mental virtues that enable lifelong learning and a deeper engagement with the world.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Clear Logic and Reasoning
- Research Skills
- Communication Skills
- Information Management Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Forensic Science and Debate Skills

CAREERS

- Professor
- Psychologist
- Political Scientist
- Lawyer
- Research Consultant
- IT Professional

EMPLOYERS

- Colleges and Universities
- Taylor Corporation
- Thomson Reuters
- Consultants
- HIS Incorporative
- Technology Companies

INSPIRED ACTION

EMPLOYMENT RATE

91.3%

of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 38
Respondents: 32
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

$60,000

The median annual wage for Philosophy and Religion occupations in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Philosophy and Religion occupations, at link.mnsu.edu/philosophy-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE

hss.mnsu.edu/philosophy

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - PHILOSOPHY, BA

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
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Second Year (Fall)	**Second Year (Spring)**
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For more information about program requirements, visit:
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