Department of Philosophy



Philosophy is about the big questions — questions about reality, the mind, and language; about knowledge, experience, and science; about freedom, ethics, and responsibility; about governance, law, and society; about race, gender, and sexuality — and many more. We won't tell you what to think about these questions — but we will help you to think for yourself, and to develop and defend your own answers to these questions in conversation with the great philosophers from the ancient world to the contemporary. In doing so, you'll develop the kind of skills that make philosophy students so popular with employers, law schools, and graduate admissions committees.

B.A. Philosophy

The philosophy major provides an in-depth introduction to philosophy, with required courses in every major era in the history of philosophy, as well as in ethics, logic, and metaphysics. Students can combine their study of philosophy with a double major or a minor in many areas of the arts and humanities, the sciences, or business disciplines.

Minor

The philosophy minor offers students a great opportunity to study philosophy in tandem with their major area of study. The requirements allow students to choose the courses they want to take with the instructors they want to study with, giving them the flexibility to focus on the areas that interest them the most or to spread their study across a range of different areas of philosophy. As a result, the minor is an attractive and popular addition to many programs of study, and one that can add significantly to a student's employability.





Explore Courses of Study and More



PLACES AND PEOPLE

The philosophy department, which calls St. Catherine of Siena home, hosts a Philosophy Club and Film Series to discuss a variety of philosophical topics. Students can also get involved by joining Phi Sigma Tau, the International Philosophical Honors Society, which sponsors several events every year.

With more than 20 full-time faculty members, the philosophy department is one of the largest at Providence College, comparable in size to the departments at many major research universities.

Selected Places of Employment

Archdiocese of Boston
Bishop Fenwick High School
Diocese of Burlington
RGIS
Rosenberg Jacobs Heller & Flemming
Ski Butlers

Selected Graduate Schools

Dominican House of Studies
Georgetown University Law Center
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Providence College
Roger Williams University School of Law
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Saint John's Seminary
University of Connecticut Law School
University of New Hampshire School of Law

81%

of **philosophy graduates** are employed or attending graduate school (Providence College classes of 2018 - 2022)