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.
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

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