

- Major, BA
- Minor

What is reality? What is morality? What are the differences between right and wrong? Ethics? Justice? Why? With a BA in Philosophy from UMass Dartmouth, students will be able to grapple with these topics and gain a broader understanding of the interworkings of today's society. Students looking to garner a greater sense of justice, knowledge, and reality will study and analyze new ideas with time-honored methodologies. A minor in Philosophy is a valuable complement to nearly any degree. Philosophy is also a popular major for those looking to apply to law school.

Skills developed

Problem solving, persuasive writing and communication skills are practiced in both the major and minor, giving students many relevant skills for a successful career. You will learn to analyze and evaluate the ideas of others, and clarify and defend your own ideas. Argumentative skills are especially relevant to the workplace as students will need to deliberate with others regarding projects and points-of-view. Research skills are also relevant and students apply these to workplace situations involving the need to utilize the Internet and other sources for problem-solving information.

Curriculum overview

Philosophy majors engage in a set of introductory courses which include Introduction to Philosophy, Critical Thinking and Introduction to Ethics.

Special topics courses at the 200 or 300 level vary from semester to semester and have included topics like Philosophy and Popular Culture, Philosophy and Literature, Women Philosophers, Social Justice, Conspiracy Theories, and Artificial Intelligence.

Some of the most popular offerings include:

- Ecofeminism: Philosophy and Practice
- Ethics and Health Care Professionals
- Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Exploring Plato
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Happiness
- Philosophy of the Good Life
- Existentialism and the Death of God
- Mind, Meditation and Phenomenology
- Selfhood and Personal Identity
- Buddhism

Top Jobs

Philosophy is an excellent preparation for professional fields such as artificial intelligence, business, communications, government, information sciences, medicine, public relations, and writing—as well as graduate study in philosophy, theology, and many other disciplines. The emphasis on logic, analysis, and clarity of thought also provides a solid foundation for law school. Many Philosophy majors choose to enhance their studies with a minor which will further sets them apart when they graduate.

- Postsecondary educators (median salary \$79,540)
- Information scientists (median salary \$122,840)
- Public relations specialists (median salary \$61,150)
- Lawyers (median salary \$122,960)
- Law clerks (median salary \$59,540)
- Paralegals (average salary \$49,026)
- Journalists (average salary \$41,160)
- Research Analysts (average salary \$56,889)

Graduate School Placements

- Bridgewater State University
- Hunter College, CUNY
- Simmons School of Social Work
- University of Connecticut
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Career Placements

- The Bebis Group
- Junior Achievement of New England
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation
- Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
- Partners HealthCare
- South Coast Serves
- Southern New England Behavioral Health & Trauma Center
- Tech-Etch Inc.
- USS Massachusetts Memorial Inc.

More Info

- Join the Philosophy Association
- Join the UMass Dartmouth Chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honors Society
- Attend development events and conferences
- Research with faculty
- Become a tutor
- Honors College
- Study abroad