

## Philosophy

### [At UW-Eau Claire]

What is the nature of reality? What is knowledge? Is my will free? What is the difference between right and wrong? What is the relation between the mind and the body? What is the meaning of life? Philosophers use reason and argument in the attempt to answer these questions. If this interests you, then explore a major in philosophy at UW-Eau Claire.

### Great skills

As a philosophy major, you'll develop strong analytical and synthetic reasoning skills along with problem solving and organizational abilities that will make you extremely valuable to employers in the 21st century. It can broaden your intellectual horizons and enhance your capacity for self-expression. In addition to preparing students to become philosophers, this major can lead to other fields including law, journalism, publishing, ministry, government, teaching, medicine, business and public health.

### Score!

The major is an excellent background for graduate study in a variety of areas. In fact, philosophy majors consistently score in the highest percentile of the LSAT, GMAT and GRE exams (exams often required for graduate school admission) and go on to study in first-rate graduate and professional programs.

### Applied student experience

Students have the opportunity to publish articles in the department's journal, *Prism*. They can also gain apprenticeship courses within the department, the most popular being the teaching apprenticeship courses. They can also work as student interns and assist in philosophy courses at local high schools.



### High caliber faculty

The faculty of the philosophy and religious studies department is made up of high caliber professors. They are professors who graduated from Iowa, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Syracuse, Northwestern and Marquette Universities.

They are proud of the personal attention they give their students, and are driven to help you learn and succeed.

### Published faculty

Faculty are well published and are involved in numerous faculty-student research projects. Some examples include: Dr. Ned Beach's "Der Metaphysische Empirismus in seiner Beziehung zu Schellings Gottesbeweis," book chapter in *Negativität and Postivität als system*. Berliner Schelling Studien, Volume 9, edited by Elke Hahn (Berlin: Total Verlag, 2009), pp. 33-55; and Dr. Sean McAleer's *The Virtues of Humor: What the Office Can Teach Us About Aristotle's Ethics: in Philosophy and the Office*, ed. Jeremy Wisniewski (Blackwell Publishing 2008).

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### [Majors]

Philosophy - liberal arts

### [Minors]

Philosophy - liberal arts

### [Suggested freshman curriculum]

Basic Philosophical Issues  
Moral Problems in Contemporary Life  
Logic and Critical Thinking  
Ancient Philosophy  
Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy  
Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy  
General Electives

### [our graduates]

Typical positions held by philosophy graduates include researcher, policy analyst, youth minister, teacher, development or program manager, or continued education at law school or graduate school in religious studies.

### Places you'll find recent graduates:

- *Judicator*, State of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- *Continued Education*, John Marshall Law School
- *Programmer Analyst*, Compuware Corp, Madison, WI
- *Community Relations Coordinator*, United Cerebral Palsy, Eleva, WI
- *Organizing Director*, The State PIRGs

## for more information

For more information about the philosophy program:

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## note:

### Special requirements

In addition to a variety of general education courses, the department would like students to complete Phil 101, Basic Philosophy, Phil 235, Ancient Philosophy or one general course in philosophy before taking upper level courses.

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