

# Philosophy Major & Minor Learning Goals and Outcomes

## Content Knowledge

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**Goal:** Students will understand the core issues of philosophy and its history

**Outcome:**

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major questions, central methods, issues, figures, and arguments in the cores areas of philosophy and its history.

## Intellectual Skills

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**Goal:** Students will think clearly, critically, creatively, and independently

**Outcomes:**

2. Students will employ the tools of formal and informal logic to identify, construct, analyze, evaluate, and respond to arguments.
3. Students will approach questions of value with clarity, balance, open-mindedness, and rational rigor.
4. Students will make connections across texts and philosophical traditions and/or between philosophy and everyday life.

**Goal:** Students will be effective readers and communicators

**Outcomes:**

5. Students will read and interpret texts in accurate and philosophically sophisticated ways.
6. Students will clearly articulate ideas and arguments in writing and speech.

## Intellectual Values and Attitudes

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**Goal:** Students will cultivate philosophical values and attitudes, enabling them to live richer lives.

**Outcome:**

7. Students will engage in self-reflection and achieve greater self-understanding, exhibiting openness to alternative possibilities and conceptual frameworks.

## Course Alignments

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Every course in the department develops skills in most of the above areas, but special emphasis occurs in the following courses. These outcomes apply to both the philosophy major and minor.

**Outcome 1.** 235, 236, 316, 317, 326, 331, 335, 336, 338, 339, 340, 343, 345, 355, 365, 371

**Outcome 2.** 101-485

**Outcome 3.** 120, 301, 305, 306, 308, 310, 320, 325, 331, 332, 333, 334, 377

**Outcome 4.** 101-485

**Outcome 5.** 235, 236, 305-485

**Outcome 6.** 235, 236, 305-485

**Outcome 7.** 101-485