About the major:
Philosophy is the disciplined and critical inquiry into fundamental questions of human existence: What is the nature of reality? What is knowledge? Does God exist? 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? etc. Philosophers use reason and argument in the attempt to answer these questions.

Major:
- Philosophy BS or BA (Standard Major)

Minor:
- Philosophy

Certificate:
- Ethics

Why study philosophy?
A major in philosophy is excellent preparation for advanced study in a wide range of fields, including law, business, medicine, government, social and ethical advocacy, plus a broad spectrum of academic fields. Students interested in law school should seriously consider majoring or minoring in philosophy; no major offers better preparation for the rigors of law school than philosophy. On average, philosophy majors outperform all other majors on the analytical writing and qualitative reasoning sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and are among the top performers on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).

Required GE:
There are no specific general education courses required for the major.

Introductory Courses:
In addition to an introductory philosophy course such as Basic Philosophical Issues (PHIL 101), Ethical Reasoning (PHIL 120), or Logic and Critical Thinking (PHIL 150), students are encouraged to take Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 235) in the first year. However, not taking any of these classes in the first year won't prevent the student from graduating in four years.

Helpful Tips:
A minor in philosophy will enrich and complement any major field of study, and the Ethics Certificate provides a background for students interested in corporate compliance, business ethics, and health care ethics.

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