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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Philosophy

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Learn to apply logical, creative, and clear thinking to address today's ethical and political issues

- Find out who you are, what you value, and what happiness means to you

- Address fascinating and wide-ranging subjects

- Enjoy close interaction with caring, committed faculty

- Join a supportive and fun group with the student Philosophy Club

- Teach and do philosophy in the community

- Develop critical thinking skills

- Prepare for graduate, law, medical, and business school

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WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY AT UMAINE?

The University of Maine "advances learning and discovery through excellence and innovation while addressing the complex challenges of the 21st century through research-based knowledge." Philosophy is at the heart of this mission. We reflect on human nature, culture and the world. What is truth? What is real? What is beauty? What is the good life? What does it mean to know? What values should inform our relationships with other people, communities, and the natural environment? Philosophy not only broadens students' horizons, but helps them better understand themselves and their own values and goals. Philosophy is especially effective in developing students' analytic and writing skills through courses that cover the 2,000-year history of philosophy — from Plato and Aristotle to the latest 21st-century developments. As philosopher Rene Descartes wrote, "It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." In addition to its major, the Department of Philosophy offers minors in philosophy, and ethics and social and political philosophy. These minors combine well with many majors offered at UMaine. The department welcomes double majors and minors from other fields and offers many interdisciplinary and cross-listed courses. For students who like thinking big, and/or care about ethical and political issues related to their main disciplines, philosophy is a fantastic addition.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?

Philosophy doesn't train students for a specific career. Instead, it develops the skills in writing, thinking, questioning, and problem-solving necessary for the twenty-first century workplace, where frequent job and career changes are the new normal. So the better question is "Of the many career options open to me as a philosophy major, which one is best for me?" Each year, our students pursue careers in law, business, government, health and education.

Philosophy graduates can be found in all walks of life, becoming teachers, doctors, media specialists, actors, novelists, filmmakers, social workers, professional athletes, business executives, nurse practitioners, information technologists, farmers, entrepreneurs, politicians and political analysts.

OUR FACULTY

Philosophy faculty members are recognized scholars and dedicated teachers. They take both pride and joy in teaching and learning from students. They have received many awards and grants, including UMaine's Distinguished Maine Professor Award, the Presidential Research and Creative Achievement Award, the Presidential Outstanding Teaching award and the Senior Fulbright Scholar Award, as well as grants from the Smithsonian and National Endowment for the Humanities. Faculty members are serious researchers, presenting at national and international conferences and publishing books and articles in prominent journals.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Our major is very flexible, so students can explore areas of philosophy that particularly interest them while they learn the fundamentals of the philosophical tradition. Logic and the history of philosophy are key to understanding how and why to do philosophy. The curriculum is especially strong in ethics and political philosophy. Our courses tend to be smaller, and all encourage discussion and active learning. A new internship option will be introduced in the 2015-2016 academic year.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

The Student Philosophical Society and Phi Sigma Tau, the philosophy honor society, bring our students together for movies,
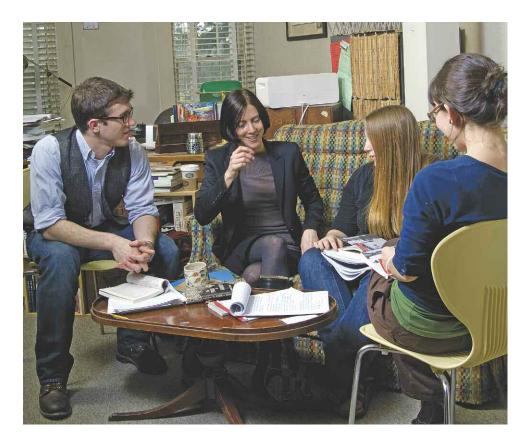
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Philosophy

Minor in
Philosophy
Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy

Five-Year Master in
Business Administration

discussions, peer writing sessions, and brainstorming events. Philosophy majors meet to discuss philosophical topics and engage with invited speakers. Our colloquium series brings philosophers with national reputations to campus. Outstanding students are recognized with Department honors for students including the Levinson Award for the best paper in an essay contest, the Roger B. Hill scholarship for a promising junior, the Schwartz Award for excellence in applying philosophy outside the classroom. We also recognize an outstanding senior, and exceptional achievement in ethics courses.

Students can take philosophy to the community under the supervision of our faculty, present their ideas at regional and national undergraduate conferences, and submit their best work to undergraduate philosophy journals.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.

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Philosophy has a naturally synergistic relationship with all other academic disciplines; it opens doors for any prospective goals."

— Hayden Dow, Class of 2017

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