Why study Philosophy at CMU?

Philosophers think critically about fundamental questions like: What can I know for sure? Is there objective truth, or is everything just relative? Do we have free will? Is it rational to believe in God? Is the mind or soul more than just the brain? Is morality merely a matter of opinion, or are there facts about right and wrong? Studying philosophy is a great way to develop marketable skills in critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and effective writing.

Highlights of CMU's Philosophy Program include:

• Excellent preparation for post-graduate education, including law school and graduate school
• A curriculum designed to make it possible to combine a Philosophy major with another major
• A strong foundation in the history of philosophy, as well as courses covering more recent developments in philosophy
• Small class sizes, independent study opportunities, and out-of-class activities that provide opportunities to get to know your professors

Program curriculum

A Philosophy major is available as either a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. Required courses cover the history of philosophy, logic, ethics, and the theory of knowledge. Elective courses cover such topics as the philosophy of law, the philosophy of art, the philosophy of mind, social and political philosophy, the philosophy of science, and animal ethics. A total of 33 credit hours are required for a philosophy major, so it is possible to double major in philosophy and many other majors.

CMU also offers a minor in Philosophy. The requirements for the minor are 20 credit hours of Philosophy courses.
The critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and effective writing skills developed by studying philosophy are useful in a wide variety of careers. CMU graduates with philosophy majors work in many fields, including:

- Business
- Higher Education
- Law
- Public Service
- Journalism and Media
- Information Technology
- Counseling
- Health Care

Some of these careers may require additional training, such as a second major or a post-graduate degree.

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