



# Philosophy

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Who We Are

At Windsor, we are active philosophers, excited about sharing what we do with our students through teaching, and with the wider world through the publication of articles and books. If you want to be part of a group of reflective, highly motivated students and faculty, Philosophy is the program for you.

*the degree  
that works*

## Why Windsor

### The Right Choice

Quality programs. Exceptional faculty members. A friendly, supportive campus. These are just a few of the reasons why Windsor is the right choice for you. We provide "the degree that works," an innovative, student-focused approach that combines learner-centred teaching with practical experiences to prepare its students for the challenges of tomorrow.

### Vibrant and Dynamic

Windsor ([www.city.windsor.on.ca/home](http://www.city.windsor.on.ca/home)) is a friendly community of 200,000. We're known for our exciting arts and entertainment scene, hundreds of restaurants, and abundant shopping. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy our moderate climate, many major waterways and countless parks. And, our strategic, international border location means Michigan is just across the river with concerts, world-class museums and four major league sports teams.

# The Windsor advantage

Philosophy lets you get in touch with the greatest thinkers in the history of Western thought (Plato, Aquinas, Descartes & many more), and also learn the most current developments in contemporary philosophy (e.g., deconstruction, environmental ethics, critical thinking). Windsor's philosophy department is known worldwide for the study of informal logic and the theory of argument, plus it has a strong concentration of expertise in contemporary continental philosophy.

## The Right Courses

Some courses are organized around the history of philosophical thought: for example, Greek philosophy, or 17th century philosophy, or contemporary French philosophy. Others are organized around perennial questions humans face (about the nature of mind, knowledge, action, reason, values, morality, the state). Still other courses are more practically oriented, such as business ethics, environmental ethics, and critical thinking.

## Why a Degree in Philosophy?

Philosophy is the confrontation between the human mind and the most pressing and enduring questions humans face. What is the meaning of life? Is there a right and wrong? Are there gods? Do conscious, thinking beings differ from mere machines? What is a good society?

Philosophers always try to gain insight into such questions by learning how the greatest thinkers have wrestled with them over the centuries. But they also seek to understand the impact of contemporary perspectives and experience on how these questions are best asked and answered. Rigorous philosophical thinking

helps you work out lucid and coherent answers to such questions.

It also helps the human community to gain a perspective on the ideas it has inherited and to work its way to more adequate ideas. The great changes in human history, like the Protestant Reformation, the rise of modern science, the French and American Revolutions, have all had their roots in philosophical reflection.

## Career Paths

Philosophy is a good background for the study of law and, with the proper course selection, other rewarding professional degrees. Many go from an undergraduate major in philosophy to graduate work in political theory, communications, or media studies. An undergraduate degree in philosophy is a step towards graduate work and a career of philosophical research and teaching. Our graduates include community leaders, lawyers, journalists, people in business, and administrators, as well as university, community college and high school teachers.

## Four-Year Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy (40 courses)

You study the historical philosophical background of our culture (classical Greek, the rise of the Modern Age, 19th and 20th century) and the central topics of philosophy: ethics, logic, nature of knowledge, and nature of reality. Plus, you can focus in-depth on issues that interest you. With 20 philosophy courses and 20 option requirements, you can get a broad liberal arts education. It's possible to get enough credits for a "teachable subject" if you choose to go on to the Faculty of Education. You can take your option

requirements in computer science, business or other "practical" subjects, or in other fields. This degree is an excellent grounding for law, business or other professions, or for post-graduate study in philosophy.

## Four-year Combined Bachelor of Arts Degree (40 courses)

Create your own custom-made degree by combining Philosophy with any other subject. Recent graduates have earned degrees in Philosophy combined with English, with Political Science, with Biology, with Physics, and with Psychology. You take 16 courses in each major subject and eight option requirements. This is an in-depth degree in two fields – demanding, and rewarding.

## Three-year Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy (30 courses)

An abbreviated, less in-depth version of the four-year program (see above). You take 10 - 16 philosophy courses and 14 - 20 option requirements in other subjects. You similarly study the historical background, recent philosophy, and central topics of the field, and have enough options available to round out your university education in a well-balanced way. Minor in Philosophy

If you choose some other major, by taking six philosophy courses as options you can qualify for a Minor in Philosophy.

## Admission Requirements

The OSSD, six Ontario Academic Courses (OACs) including OAC English 1.

## Philosophy Degrees Available at the University of Windsor:

- Four-Year Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Four-year Combined Bachelor of Arts
- Three-Year Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Minor in Philosophy

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