



University  
of Windsor



**PHILOSOPHY  
EXPERIENCE MAP**

# PHILOSOPHY



**Philosophy**

**Philosophy Combined Honours programs**

**Interdisciplinary Arts and Science**

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SKILLS

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**Philosophy** **CHC** You may join this program internationally renowned for its courses in argumentation theory and political thought. Philosophy gives you a broad vision of the world and the ability to make intelligent decisions, laying the foundation for a variety of careers. You can study philosophy exclusively, or combine it with another discipline. Classes are small and full of opportunities to discuss today's most pressing topics such as artificial intelligence, feminism, the environment and politics.

**MIN. AVG.\* 70% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS**  
ENG4U required.

## Interdisciplinary Arts and Science **CHC**

If high achievement is in your DNA, this elite program is for you. It's for students who want to develop knowledge and skills in the sciences and the arts, humanities and social sciences. You can tailor your program to match your interests and career aspirations. Our students go on to do research or graduate degrees in their field. This program is small by design to give your talents the attention they deserve.

**MIN. AVG.\* 80% ONTARIO COURSE REQUIREMENTS**  
ENG4U, MHF4U, and two from SBI4U, SCH4U, or SPH4U. MCV4U is strongly recommended.

## FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Appreciating the thoughts and ideas of people from other times and places; expressing and evaluating these ideas with respect to historical and modern contexts and competing philosophies
- Understanding and internalizing several major philosophical tenets, figures, texts, and schools of thought
- Closely evaluating competing arguments and ideas to articulate fine differences and areas of commonality
- Examining and explaining beliefs, arguments, and ideas using sound logical reasoning and rationality
- Building sturdy, well-supported points of view; expressing forcefully and intelligently why one's view is preferable to competing alternatives
- Identifying and isolating the distinctive qualities of arguments using clarity and reason

**CHC** General **CHC** Honours **CHC** Combined Honours programs available **CHC** Thesis available \* Minimum grade point average for admission to program. A higher average may be required.

## BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your

university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

## CAREER PLANNING CYCLE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation and beyond. It is a fluid, dynamic, and lifelong process. You can move on or return to an earlier stage in the cycle at any time.



	<p><b>CURRICULUM</b> Courses of study specific to each program</p>
	<p><b>CO-CURRICULAR</b> Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)</p>
	<p><b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b> Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)</p>

## EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES USING THIS CHART

Explore a selection of opportunities recommended for students in your program. This chart shows some of your many options – you don't have to do everything on it or limit yourself to it. Engage in opportunities from each of the three categories to set yourself up for success.

### HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICE (HIP) HIP

A HIP is an enriching educational experience that can be life-changing and often includes learning outside of the classroom while encouraging meaningful interaction and collaboration, such as:

- Co-op, internship or field experiences
- Research with faculty
- Culminating senior experience
- Capstone courses
- Service-learning
- Learning communities
- Study abroad

## FIRST YEAR

### ACADEMICS

*Your coursework*



- Take required courses including Introduction to Western Philosophy
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of Philosophy courses to determine your core interests
- Meet with an academic advisor such as the department head or a faculty advisor

## MIDDLE YEARS

- Take required courses and check in with an academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Explore different facets of argumentation, reasoning and logic by enrolling in varying course offerings
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

## FINAL YEAR

- Meet with an academic advisor to go over degree requirements
- Complete all required courses for your degree
- Apply to graduate through **UWinside Student Portal**
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication HIP
- Complete required courses for **Public Administration** or **Law and Politics Certificate**
- Take a field work or practicum course to optimize your senior experience HIP

### EXPERIENCE

*Ways to get involved*



- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars program** HIP
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years HIP
- Try out the **Philosophy Club** and get to know the upper-year philosophy students
- Participate in the **Bystander Initiative** workshop to gain skills that will help you be an effective and supportive ally to prevent sexual assault on campus
- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as **VIP-Community Service Learning**

- Explore possibility of helping faculty members with their research HIP
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference HIP
- Offer to participate in and organize **Undergraduate Philosophy Conference** at the University of Windsor
- Consult with undergraduate advisor about possibly studying philosophy abroad HIP
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Run for a **UWSA** executive position
- Conduct field research with a faculty member HIP
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** HIP
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**
- Work with a local organization to gain experience
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference HIP
- Offer to participate in and organize **Undergraduate Philosophy Conference** at the University of Windsor

### CAREER

*Plan ahead for what's next*



- Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a career assessment appointment to help you identify possible career paths
- Get involved with a part-time job, volunteer opportunity, campus group, or research assistantship
- Attend **CDEL** workshops to learn how to find a summer or part-time job and write a university-level resumé
- Drop in to meet with one of **CDEL's** peer advisors to get answers to your career and job search questions

- Research career fields and occupations with the help of a **CDEL** career advisor
- Explore opportunities and meet potential employers by participating in job fairs and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs you are interested in
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews and join online communities like **LinkedIn** and **Ten Thousand Coffees** to connect with people in your targeted profession or industry
- Search job postings to learn what skills, knowledge, and credentials you will need for potential careers

- If you are considering applying to graduate or professional school, be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with **CDEL** to prepare application documents like a resumé, cover letter, CV, or personal statement for jobs and education programs you are applying to
- Attend **CDEL's workshops** on interview skills and job search strategies
- Use **InterviewStream** to practice your interview skills online
- Set up an in-person mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**

# LIFE AFTER GRADUATION



Studying philosophy provided me with the analytical and problem-solving skills that are much needed in many industries today. It also taught me to see the world in new and different ways, to think critically and creatively, and to keep a good humour about life."

*Katie Sulatycki – BA (Honours) in Philosophy [2013]*

## 96.6% EMPLOYMENT RATE OF GRADUATES

*Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2017)*

### CAREER TRACKS\*

Campaign manager  
Civil service  
Communications official  
Consultant  
Entertainer

Entrepreneur  
Event co-ordinator  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Legal consultant

Librarian  
Media analyst  
Paralegal  
Policy analyst  
Politician

Professor  
Project manager  
Research co-ordinator  
Teacher  
Writer

*\* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.*



### COMMON SECTORS FOR GRADUATES

- Academia
- Government
- Law
- Media, journalism, and communications
- Research

### CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING



PROFESSIONALISM AND WORK ETHIC



TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION



COMMUNICATION



# CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Research scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Learn about our **Bounce Back** program designed to support students struggling to find both personal and academic success in their post-secondary experience
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Experience international service learning on an **Alternative Spring Break** team
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Academic Advising**
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting **Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence education through the **Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention Office**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**

*We've got you covered!*

## GET IN TOUCH

### STUDENT RECRUITMENT

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