

Philosophy

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Interdisciplinary Arts and Science



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Philosophy Experience Map



University of Windsor

Highlights and Skills

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Philosophy **G****H****C** Examine humanity's most challenging questions in this internationally renowned program known for its courses in political thought and argumentation theory. 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.

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

Interdisciplinary Arts and Science **H** If high achievement and diverse academic pursuits are in your DNA, this elite program is for you. It's for students who want to develop knowledge and skills in the sciences, arts, humanities and social sciences. Blend your interests – drama with biomedical or biochemistry with music. 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 logic reasoning and critical reasoning
- Building sturdy, well-supported points of view; expressing persuasively and intelligently one's competing view
- Identifying and clarifying the distinctive qualities of arguments using clarity and critical reason

G General - 3-year program **H** Honours - 4-year program **C** Combined Honours programs 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.



CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework (Outstanding Scholars, peer mentoring, VIP)



EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside the scope of set curriculum (Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

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.



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)

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

Academics

Your Coursework



First Year

- 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 
- Complete required courses for **Public Administration** or **Law and Politics Certificate**
- Take a field work or practicum course to optimize your senior experience 

Experience

Ways To Get Involved



- Investigate research opportunities as part of the **Outstanding Scholars program** 
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years 
- 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 
- Participate in the **UWill Discover** undergraduate research conference 
- Offer to participate in and organize **Undergraduate Philosophy Conference** at the University of Windsor
- Consult with undergraduate advisor about possibly studying philosophy abroad 
- 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 
- Become a tutor for **Students Offering Support (SOS)** 
- Join the **UWindsor Model NATO** or **Model United Nations**
- Work with a local organization to gain experience
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Career

Plan Ahead For What's Next



- Start by making a list of things that you enjoy and areas in which you excel
- Meet with a career advisor in **Career Development and Experiential Learning (CDEL)** for help developing a plan for your future years
- Consider a **Career Exploration Program** 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
- Chat with an advisor during **CDEL's Drop In** hours 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 Shadow Experience**, job fairs, and industry networking events
- Explore further educational opportunities by attending the **Graduate and Professional Schools Fair** and researching admission requirements for programs that interest you
- Create a **LinkedIn** profile and have it critiqued by **CDEL**
- 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
- Set up a mock interview with a career advisor for professional school or job applications
- Take part in recruitment events and job fairs hosted by **CDEL** and other organizations
- 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]

93% Employment Rate of Graduates

Employment rate of graduates 2 years following degree completion (OUGS Humanities, 2019)

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 & Problem Solving



Professionalism & Work Ethic



Teamwork & Collaboration



Communication





Campus Resources

- Research undergraduate scholarships and bursaries through the **Student Awards and Financial Aid Office**
- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** for help with academic assignments
- Check out the **Bounce Back** program designed to improve academic performance as well as decrease feelings of stress and anxiety through both effective learning strategies and life skills acquisition
- Build leadership skills and find leadership opportunities at the **Leadership Hub**
- Get advice and support about your academic status by making an appointment with **Central 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**
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Look into the **Ignite: Work Study** program for on-campus employment
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career Development and Experiential Learning**
- Develop your entrepreneurial skills and learn how to start your own business at **EPICentre**
- Find support for Indigenous learners and broaden your understanding of Indigenous culture by visiting the **Aboriginal Education Centre - Turtle Island**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services**, the **Wellness Outreach Office** and **Lancer Recreation**
- Receive confidential mental health counselling delivered by trained professionals at the **Student Counselling Centre**
- **Prevent.Resist.Support.** Seek personal support or learn more about sexual violence prevention and resistance education through the **Office of Sexual Violence Prevention, Resistance & Support**
- Explore professional development opportunities through **Continuing Education**



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