

# PHILOSOPHY

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## Department

Scholars trace philosophy's etymology to the Greek words: Philo (love or loving) and Sophia (wisdom). Thus, philosophy is a love of learning. Philosophy is also the study of knowledge and invites us to critically examine our thoughts about the world, society, our place in the world, and our beliefs. Our beliefs connect us to others and give us a sense of belonging and purpose.

### Occupations

Philosophy is the ultimate "transferable skillset." With a philosophy background, students are well-prepared to pursue a career in a diverse, dynamic, and interdependent world. Students learn to interpret complex materials, explore multiple perspectives, and communicate logically and clearly – valuable in a wide range of workplace and entrepreneurial settings. Philosophy is especially well-suited as a precursor to studying law, with some universities offering undergraduate majors geared to pre-law students. Others pursue graduate theological study and enter the clergy.

- Professors
- Equity and inclusion directors
- Community organizers
- Paralegals
- Lawyers
- Ministers and pastors
- Entrepreneurs
- Human resources managers
- Authors

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