

COURSES:

PHILOSOPHY MAJOR:

10 courses, including:

- PHIL 1154 Practical Logic
- PHIL 2514 Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy
- PHIL 2554 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3414 Ethical Theory
- PHIL 4444 Senior Seminar

And one of the following:

- PHIL 3404 Epistemology
- PHIL 3424 Metaphysics

4 electives

PHILOSOPHY MINOR:

5 courses, including:

- PHIL 2514 Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy
- PHIL 2554 History of Modern Philosophy
- 1 3000-level philosophy course
- 2 electives

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ABOUT THE MAJOR:

Studying philosophy at Transylvania will provide you with a solid historical foundation in the discipline and strengthen your reasoning, writing and critical thinking skills. Not only will philosophy help you come to terms with some of life's most important questions, but it will also provide you with the tools, background and resources to scrutinize carefully the difficult ethical issues that face professionals and all citizens today.

Studying philosophy, you will examine the basic concepts of self-identity, knowledge, reality and morality. You will examine many issues related to your own life, and in turn develop a deeper appreciation for whatever field you may enter.

Every life and every profession demands ethical scrutiny. That's why so many pre-med, pre-law, science, art and business students also study philosophy. It's among the most highly regarded preparatory majors for law school, medical school and other graduate programs. In fact, philosophy majors consistently score higher than nearly every other major on the Graduate Record Examinations and Law School Admission Test.

Interdisciplinary learning is a key component of the Transylvania philosophy program. Students connect their philosophical inquiries to other fields, including biology, religion, gender studies and political science, to broaden their understanding of the world. Transylvania students benefit from several distinctive extracurricular dimensions of the philosophy program. Examples include membership in the Sophia philosophical society, planning a Transylvania philosophy conference for undergraduates from around the country and presenting work at professional conferences. Our philosophy program not only offers solid classes and award winning teaching, but also a special kind of culture and society that extends beyond the classroom.

"There is simply no field of study better suited to cultivating a critical analytical, deliberative, independent and sensitive mind than philosophy. In a word, philosophy cultivates 'excellence' in thinking."

Peter S. Fosl, professor of philosophy

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy
Bioethics
Queer Theory
Stanley Cavell and Film Theory
Philosophy of Religion
Cosmopolitanism and Communitarianism
Environmental Philosophy
Philosophy of Law

WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK:

Dean, Dorton & Ford, PSC
University of Kentucky Hospital: Oncology and Hematology
U.S. Department of Housing
Judd Films
West Sixth Brewing
Web consulting
National Park Service
The Office for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response at Harvard University
Teach for America, Louisburg, N.C.
Spherion of Central Kentucky Inc.

WHERE OUR GRADUATES STUDY:

Duke University School of Law
Emory University Law School
Harvard Law School
The New School for Social Research
Penn State University
University of Edinburgh
University of Massachusetts
University of Michigan Law School
University of Minnesota
Vanderbilt University Law School
Yale University Medical School

