



COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy strives to answer fundamental questions about the world and our place in it. It fosters the ability to **reason critically** and **argue logically**; emphasizes clarity of thought and language; and **develops intellectual flexibility**, enabling majors to flourish in law, medicine, business and other fields.

DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS

- **Comprehensive Support.** In addition to faculty support, students have access to resources such as advising, tutoring, workshops and more.
- **Innovative Practices.** The department has been recognized for its achievements in cultivating a pluralistic curriculum and environment.
- **Outcomes-Focused Academics.** Students not only develop cognitive transferable skills but are offered practical pathways into the legal field.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Core Courses

- PHIL 1101 Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 1611 Elementary Logic
- PHIL 3001 History of Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3002 History of Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 3411 Contemporary Moral Problems

Electives

- PHIL 3511 Ethical Theory
- PHIL 3550 Issues in Political Philosophy
- PHIL 3701 Human & the Divine
- PHIL 3781 Philosophy & Film
- PHIL 4421 Philosophy of Mind

DEGREE OPTIONS

- BA in Philosophy*
 - Honors in Philosophy
- Minor in Philosophy
- Minor in Legal Thought & Liberal Arts
- Dual BA/JD in Philosophy
- MA in Philosophy
- PhD in Philosophy

MAJOR SUBDISCIPLINES

- Law / Political Philosophy
- Ethics / Social Philosophy
- Religion / Religious Studies
- Contemporary Culture
- Science, Mind and Knowledge

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Conferences & Speaker Series
- Internships
- The Philosophy Circle
- SJP Workshop
- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Philosophy Tutoring Center

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MAJOR FACT SHEET

BY THE NUMBERS (Spring 2024)

Student Enrollment

75

Total

49

Undergraduate

26

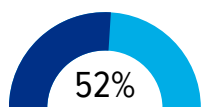
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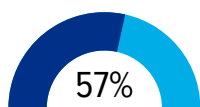
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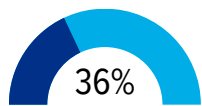
Student Demographics



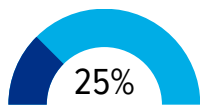
Female



Under 25



Pell Grant



First Gen

Faculty Employed

5:1

Student-Faculty Ratio[†]

16

Full-Time

3

Part-Time

23

Grad Asst

42

Total

Degrees Awarded

17

Total

11

Bachelor's

5

Master's

1

Doctorate

Career Outcomes[‡]

\$56K

Avg Annual Salary
1-3 Years Post-Grad

\$80K

Avg Annual Salary
7-10 Years Post-Grad

74%

Employed in TN

68%

Employed in Memphis

TN Employment Outlook

18.5%

10-Year Job Growth

80

Avg Annual Job Openings

WHO YOU ARE

Personality

- Analytical
- Curious
- Empathetic
- Introspective
- Rational
- Understanding

Interests & Hobbies

- Debate
- Human Behavior
- News & Current Events
- Politics
- Reading
- Social Issues

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Core Skills

- Argumentation & Debate
- Information Management
- Research Methodology
- Rhetorical Devices
- Theory Development
- Textual Analysis

Transferable Skills

- Abstracting Information
- Critical Reasoning
- Persuasion
- Problem Solving
- Public Speaking
- Reading Comprehension

CAREER OPTIONS

Job Titles

- Attorney
- Bioethicist
- Consultant
- Healthcare Administrator
- Historian
- Journalist
- Market Research Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

Industries

- Arts & Media
- Business
- Healthcare
- Law & Advocacy
- Nonprofit

* Online degree options are available for the specified programs through UofM Global.

† Calculated based on the number of student majors and the number of full-time faculty.

‡ Based on self-reported post-graduation outcomes of UofM students who have earned a Bachelor's degree in the last ten years.