



PHILOSOPHY

100%

of our students
complete an internship
or undergraduate
research.

Philosophy major • Philosophy minor

Learn how to analyze the environments and people around you, study and apply ethical theories, develop thought-provoking, rational arguments and examine the nature of existence, reality and knowledge as you prepare to apply a collection of philosophical skills to any number of professional fields.

THE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Philosophical theories and real-world applications

The Franklin College philosophy program equips students with the critical skills needed in any role or industry – an approach that serves philosophy majors well as they prepare to enter a workforce in a constant state of change. While students explore logic, ethics, political theory and some of the world's most influential thinkers, they are simultaneously honing a marketable set of core skills they will carry with them for the rest of their lives, including:

- Civil and intellectual argumentation
- Self-examination
- The application of ethics
- Understanding and empathizing with alternate perspectives
- Appreciating diversity of thought and values
- Creative thinking and problem solving
- Idea articulation, both written and verbal

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The philosophy major culminates with a senior research project through which majors explore an area of personal and professional interest; past students have explored the ethics of prostitution, intersectionality and whether demons can exist alongside God.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Independent studies and internships

The philosophy program requirements are intentionally flexible, allowing students to customize their learning path. Students are offered the opportunity to explore topics of interest through independent studies while mastering the core concepts of the discipline. Philosophy majors independently examine topics ranging from the ethics of serial killers to moral responsibilities to refugee states.

In addition to independent coursework, every philosophy major completes an internship during their college experience. Students have worked in a range of professional environments, including law firms, nonprofits, businesses and higher education institutions

POST-GRADUATION

Unlimited career potential

While many disciplines narrow down students' career options, philosophy opens up nearly every door. Equipped with sharp critical thinking and problem solving skills, analytical prowess and a unique perspective on the world, philosophy majors have gone on to contribute to a breadth of professional fields, including:

- **Business and marketing:** Engineering, writing, analysis, human resources
- **Medicine and human health:** Psychology, health administration, neurology
- **Secondary and higher education:** Academia, high school teaching, counseling
- **Government, law and nonprofits:** Political science, economics, history, philanthropy

While most Franklin College philosophy majors go directly into the field upon graduation, some students choose to pursue advanced degrees in philosophy or law.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- **Law school preparation:** Philosophy majors consistently outperform most other majors on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and GRE General Test, making this a prime major or minor for students considering a career in law or applying to graduate school.
- **Double major:** Many philosophy majors leverage the program's flexibility to double major in another discipline and cultivate a highly marketable and well-rounded skill set. Common supplementary majors include psychology, sociology, religious studies, English and business.
- **Department contact information:** Read more about the program at FranklinCollege.edu/philosophy or contact the department chair, Jim Alexander, directly at 317.738.8154 or jalexander@FranklinCollege.edu.