

# Expand your worldview

Philosophy may be the oldest field of rigorous study, but philosophical questions still remain at the frontiers of knowledge in many research areas.

Join Carleton's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and gain the kinds of critical and reflective thinking required to solve and engage with the biggest questions of our time. By the end of your degree you will become adept at shifting between different ways of thinking or different conceptual frameworks, learned in part by exploring the theories produced by some of the great minds of the past, such as Aristotle, Descartes and Kant.

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# Philosophy



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Our small class sizes will allow you engage in dynamic and thoughtful discussions with students and professors.

# Philosophy (BA)

Carleton's acclaimed Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy offers courses on topics including the history of philosophy, ethics and social/political philosophy, philosophy of mind and language, metaphysics and epistemology.

Programs and courses span the entire history of western philosophy, aesthetics, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of mind and psychology, logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of science, metaphysics and epistemology.

**Choose your program**

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**
- Bachelor of Arts (Non-Honours)**
- Bachelor of Arts (Combined Honours)**

If you have an interest in two different fields of study, Philosophy can be studied along with another discipline

for a combined degree. For example, if you are interested in the area of ethics and political philosophy, you can study Philosophy along with a program in Biology, Economics, Human Rights and Social Justice, Journalism, Law, Political Science, Sociology or Anthropology.

You can combine Philosophy with a range of disciplines depending on your interests, such as Philosophy and Psychology, Linguistics, History, Women's and Gender Studies, or Philosophy with Art History, English or French.

If you are majoring in another area of study but have an interest in Philosophy, you can take Philosophy courses as electives or pursue a 4.0-credit minor program in Philosophy.

**Your first-year experience**

**First-Year Seminars**

All first-year Bachelor of Arts students at Carleton are strongly encouraged to enrol in one of our First-Year Seminars

(FYSMs). Experienced instructors teach small groups (a maximum of 30 students) and provide early and frequent feedback on class assignments as well as instruction in research, writing and study skills. Students are limited to one FYSM and although some FYSMs count as courses leading to a major, you do not have to choose a First-Year Seminar in your major discipline.

**Benefit from small class sizes**

You will have opportunities to study in small classes, where professors lead lively discussions and give helpful advice on improving your work. Our internationally-recognized faculty deliver a wide range of exciting courses and encourage deep learning. You will also be following in the footsteps of many notable public figures who have studied philosophy at Carleton.

**Wide choice of topics**

Our professors have expertise in a wide range of topics within philosophy, which means that you will have an equally wide range of courses from which to choose, within three distinct categories:

- Ethics, society and aesthetics
- Language, mind and world
- History of philosophy

"The Philosophy Department at Carleton is an extremely welcoming and special place to learn, especially since the students and faculty cultivate a sense of community. The diversity of philosophy courses offered fosters a sense of intellectual curiosity and has provided me with a well-rounded undergraduate education. The mentorship I have received through discussions with professors in and outside of class has allowed me to develop my skills as a philosophy student, while at the same time facilitating personal growth. In addition, the opportunities presented to undergraduate students allow us to contribute to the teaching and learning community at Carleton. I've been fortunate to receive a number of teaching assistantships, in addition to completing the Student as Partners Program, where I worked closely with an instructor to improve an existing course. I'm truly grateful to the students and professors at Carleton, all of whom have contributed to an excellent environment in which to study philosophy."

**Jack Ragan**, Philosophy student

**Benefit from our ideal location in Ottawa**

Institutions such as Library and Archives Canada, the Canadian Museum of History, and the National Gallery of Canada all contribute to the cultural advantages of studying in the nation's capital. Many nationally and internationally renowned speakers and dignitaries visit our city and students can hear them speak at public lectures, conferences and in Parliament.

**Your career**

Philosophy develops your ability to assess ideas, think clearly and creatively, and appreciate multiple perspectives on matters of the deepest importance. Because of this, the study of philosophy prepares you to engage meaningfully in whatever profession you choose.

Carleton Philosophy graduates have gone on to secure meaningful and rewarding careers across a wide range of industries and sectors across Canada and abroad. Sample careers could include:

- advocacy
- cognitive science
- consultancy
- ethics
- law
- public affairs
- social policy analysis
- teaching

