

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy is many things—a reasoned pursuit of fundamental truths, a quest for a deeper understanding of life, a study of principles of conduct. It seeks to establish standards of evidence, to provide rational methods of resolving conflicts, and to create techniques for evaluating ideas and arguments.

Philosophy pursues questions in every dimension of human life, and its techniques apply to problems in any field of study or endeavor. Philosophical inquiry develops the capacity to see the world from the perspective of other individuals and other cultures, it enhances our ability to perceive the relationships among the various fields of study, and it deepens our sense of the meaning and varieties of human experience.

Philosophy focuses on a wide range of topics of significant human interest. It teaches us to probe more deeply into fundamental questions and to develop reasoned responses to them. The study of philosophy is relevant to all aspects of life and can be pursued productively at many levels.

Philosophy's breadth allows you to approach it from many

different directions, so it is not necessary to follow a single structured sequence of courses. As a philosophy major at Wichita State University, you design an individual course of study in close consultation with your department faculty adviser.

The study of philosophy requires the close reading of texts, critical thinking, attention to detailed argument and articulate expression of ideas. It provides, therefore, excellent preparation for a wide range of endeavors in which such skills are necessary. Philosophy graduates pursue many careers, including teaching, law, medicine, city management, news reporting and business.

WSU's philosophy department reflects the scope and diversity of the philosophical enterprise both in the wide variety of courses it offers and in the interests of its faculty.

Admission

When you choose to study philosophy, you'll be admitted to the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. You will be assigned a faculty adviser in the philosophy department who will help you develop your program

of study and who will outline specific requirements.

If you are still deciding on a major when you start at Wichita State, the Liberal Arts and Sciences Advising Center can help you explore career and major options.

Related Opportunities

Wichita State's philosophy department sponsors the Philosophy Society, open to any University student who is interested in philosophy. If eligible, you may join the national philosophy honorary society, Phi Sigma Tau.

If eligible, you may be selected for University academic honor societies such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Mortar Board.

Related Programs

If you are in a preprofessional program such as prelaw or premedicine, you are encouraged to major or minor in philosophy. Also, if you have a professional major such as computer science or business, it can be enhanced by acquiring a broad humanities background through a second major in philosophy.

**GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS**

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The General Education Program is an integral component of every degree at Wichita State University. These courses make up about one third of any degree. The goals of the General Education program are:

- **To study and apply mathematical principles;**
- **To study and apply principles of written and oral communication;**
- **To study and apply basic library research skills including basic assessment of various kinds of sources;**
- **To study the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities and fine arts in order to understand how scholars in those fields work;**
- **To study human diversity and its implications for society on a global basis.**

Successful completion of the General Education Program and LAS College requirements provides knowledge and skills leading to life-long learning in an ever-changing global world.

Descriptions of the General Education Program and of the courses that are included in it are available both in the *University Catalog* and in the *Schedule of Courses*. These documents are available both in hard copy form and online at the WSU Web site: www.wichita.edu. Click on "Browse A-Z" and use C for the *Catalog* and S for the *Schedule of Courses* menu option, and then select "General Education."

When you enter the university, you will work with an academic advisor to select general education courses for your major and your degree choice.

For More Information

To receive more information, or to arrange a campus visit, contact:

Office of Admissions
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount
Wichita, Kansas 67260-0124
www.wichita.edu/admissions

Major Requirements*	
Philosophy majors, in consultation with a faculty adviser, develop an individualized course of study consisting of at least 27 hours. Two sample plans are given; many others are possible.	
For a student wanting a broad education in humanities:	
The Meaning of Philosophy	3
Introductory Logic	3
Moral Issues or Ethical Theory	3
History of philosophy courses (ancient Greek, early modern, later modern, nineteenth century)	6-12
Science and the Modern World or Philosophy of Science or Theory of Knowledge	3
Philosophy electives	3-9
For a student in prelaw:	
Introductory Logic	3
Moral Issues or Ethical Theory or Philosophy of Health Care	3
Political Philosophy or Philosophy of Feminism	3
Philosophy of Law	3
Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
Early Modern Philosophy	3
Science and the Modern World or Philosophy of Science or Theory of Knowledge	3
Philosophy electives	6
*Some of the courses listed in Major Requirements count toward the General Education Requirements.	

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