



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

EXPLORING THE BIG QUESTIONS



ABOUT US Philosophy begins in wonder. What am I? How can I know things? What is justice? What is truth? We confront questions like these in a diligent, careful, and open-ended manner. Students learn to think critically and write effectively. Philosophy is unlike other disciplines: you learn not just what others have discovered, but also how to think about yourself, the world, and the relation between them.



MAJOR/MINOR In only 36 credits, you will develop skills in reasoning and logic as you think through big questions about reality, how we can know, and how we should live. You will immerse yourself in the history of philosophy while exploring diverse perspectives and considering important non-Western traditions. We offer two minors in Philosophy and Religious Studies. You will learn to investigate reality, confront ethical problems, and develop reasoning and communication skills that will enhance any major.



WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL Our department features world-class teacher-scholars from multiple philosophical traditions and perspectives, including analytic and continental, historical philosophy, and Religious Studies. We offer a major with a flexible structure and offerings that allow students to pick the courses that fit their interests and align with their other studies.



SIGNATURE EVENTS Located in the Philosophy Department, the Denver Program for Humanistic Inquiry engages students in intellectual and cultural events on key topics in human thought, history, science, art and culture, including the future of AI, climate change, and the fate of democracy. Events include film screenings, dramatic performances, and discussions featuring notable public thinkers such as Cornell West, Noam Chomsky, and Martha Nussbaum.

ALUMNI QUOTE "The MSU Denver Philosophy Department is exceptional. The instruction is thorough, and the professors are extremely supportive of their students' success. Through the department, I've honed my knowledge and critical thinking skills. I've presented my work at conferences, and my growth as a student has been supported by the professors and the staff."

- Erica Payne



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PHILOSOPHY | Bachelor of Arts

Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
Cultivate Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with an academic advisor to map out your academic plan Take History of Ancient and History of Modern Philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a Knowledge and Reality course Take a Values course Pick a minor or certificate that fits with your career interests Meet with your advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with faculty advisors to ensure you meet all the graduation requirements. Complete your senior capstone Apply to graduate
Engage Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with professor about opportunities within your department Attend a Philosophy Department or DPHI event Visit a Philosophy Club meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend department and DPHI events Consider participating in the undergraduate research symposium Apply for department travel funding to present your research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in events around campus Gain experience as a TA or tutor Serve as an officer of Philosophy Club
Prepare for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit C2Hub Talk to a faculty advisor about post-grad plans and possibilities Visit the writing or tutoring center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to a professor about graduate school Pursue an internship or volunteer opportunity related to your career interests Attend career fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare resume with C2Hub OR take grad school placement exams and develop applications Attend career fairs and networking events

Over the last five years, 48% of our graduates have been double majors. The department offers courses in four of the nine areas of General Studies.

Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

Career Information

What skills do employers want?

- Communication
- Think critically
- Problem solving
- Organization
- Synthesize and simplify complex data

This major gives me the skills to:

- Analyze complex issues
- Communicate clearly and accurately
- Think logically

What careers can I pursue?

- Writer
- Lawyer
- Public policy analyst
- Non-Profit Professional
- Researcher
- Professional Manager

