



DREXEL UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

PHILOSOPHY

DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND PHILOSOPHY

Karl Marx once said, “Philosophers have only interpreted the world ... the point is to change it.” At Drexel, we believe ideas do affect and change the world — from the choices we make to the actions we take to the lessons we learn from them. Philosophy students at Drexel engage in the active development of their reflective, creative, rational, logical and linguistic abilities by exploring the problems of life and the world. Our graduates are prepared to succeed in any field that values careful reflection, logical thinking and clear communication about real issues and concerns. The program is particularly valuable as a preparation for careers in education and law, or for graduate study in philosophy or related fields, such as critical media studies, public policy, and science, technology and society (STS).

DEGREE OFFERED

Philosophy (BA)

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Department of English and Philosophy
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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

Drexel's Philosophy program lives at the intersection of theory and practice. Our majors are flexible thinkers who excel at interdisciplinary work. Students take historical and thematic courses in the main areas of philosophical inquiry, including ethics, metaphysics (philosophy of reality), epistemology (philosophy of knowledge), aesthetics (philosophy of art), social and political philosophy, philosophy of science, and logic. Our elective courses cover a wide range of applied subjects including technology, medicine, law, religion, science, the environment and more. Upper-level seminars are discussion-driven, reading- and writing-intensive, and are typically limited to 10 to 12 students.

Prior to junior year, students choose to focus their studies in one of three areas of concentration:

Philosophy, Technology and Science

Explores the complexity of how knowledge is produced, disseminated and used. Provides a strong foundation for advanced research and practice in many science- and technology-related fields.

Ethical Theory and Practice

Examines the moral dimensions of experience and action with a focus on the aims and conduct of personal, institutional, social and international life. An excellent preparation for any career.

Philosophy and Law

Develops logic and argumentation skills with a focus on ethical and legal issues. A great way to prepare for successful careers in areas related to law, business and government.

Prior to senior year, students may opt to work on a yearlong senior thesis, which includes close mentorship from a faculty member of the student's choosing. This is a self-designed independent research and writing project, culminating in a defense before the program's faculty and students.

The BA in Philosophy allows for a significant number of free electives, making it possible for many students to double major.

We also offer a Minor in Philosophy, as well as Certificates in Philosophy, the Arts and Humanities; Philosophy, Science and Technology; and Ethical Theory and Practice.

DREXEL CO-OP

Through Drexel's cooperative education program, students embark on six-months of résumé-enhancing employment, exploring their career options and building a professional network in the process. Our majors have held co-op positions in publishing, law, community organizing, academic research and more.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?

- No discipline prepares students for success in a wider variety of careers than philosophy. Philosophy students develop reasoning, writing, reading and dialogical skills that prove extremely valuable both in professional occupations and in academic research.
- Philosophy majors use logic and language to draw inferences and assess the reasonableness of claims and arguments. As a result, they fare exceptionally well on graduate, law and medical school examinations, outscoring most other majors.
- Graduates are more likely to be content in their careers if they have spent time thinking about their aspirations and the meaning of success. Philosophy classes, more than almost any other courses, present students with the challenge of confronting themselves, their values and their world.



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