

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

# PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy is the critical study of ideas, experiences, and meaning. Philosophy is for people who like to ask and think about the 'big' questions: What is truth? Are human beings free? What does it mean to be human? How should we treat others? What does a just society look like? Can computers think? Philosophy is devoted to rational inquiry itself, rather than memorizing facts and received theories.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY HONORS DEGREE?

**I COULD BE A...** journalist, writer, editor, filmmaker, politician, activist, policy analyst, communications co-ordinator, youth advocate, lobbyist, business account manager, consultant, human resources professional, publisher, politician, NGO program co-ordinator, lawyer, doctor.

**OR WORK IN...** public sector, private sector, non-profit, research, marketing, advertising, and law.

### OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Ethics
- Philosophy of art
- Philosophy of mind
- History of philosophy
- Symbolic reasoning and logic
- Philosophy of science
- Indian philosophy

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

#### PHILOSOPHY HONORS COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Honors in Philosophy requires a minimum of 16 to a maximum of 20 courses in Philosophy, including:

- One of: PHIL 120, 220, or 325 (formal reasoning)
- Two of: PHIL 230, 233, 240, 333, 336, or 343 (history of philosophy)
- One of: PHIL 200, 205, or 215 (metaphysics/mind/epistemology)
- One of: PHIL 250, 270, 280, or 350 (ethics/political philosophy/aesthetics)
- four courses at the 400-level
- PHIL 498 Honors essay

The Honors program offers unique opportunities to students passionate about philosophy!

- Expand your philosophical studies
- Hone your independent research and writing skills
- Conduct a major research project in an area of special interest
- Receive mentoring from a faculty advisor

An Honors degree is a mark of excellence that will strengthen your resume as well as applications to graduate and professional programs.

### TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY PHILOSOPHY

- 1 Develop a distinct advantage in any profession that demands effective speaking and writing skills, incisive analysis of ideas and project proposals, and complex problem-solving.
- 2 Become equipped to respond to complex ethical, social and political issues in the real world through careful reflection and deliberation.
- 3 Enhance your intercultural communication and global perspective by attending the Philosophy Summer School at Beijing Normal University.
- 4 Challenge yourself to engage with learning in fresh new ways and conduct research under the guidance of a faculty member.
- 5 Gain professional experience, make connections, and explore career options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.

#### WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

#### STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

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### ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

#### ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

Ethics, Community Engagement and Service-Learning, International Learning, Peace and Post-Conflict Studies, Applied Social Science Research.

#### PARTICIPATE IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:





Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.

# BA PHILOSOPHY HONORS

# DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

## LEGEND

-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES

## EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.



Make use of academic resources, like Centre4Writers, financial aid, tutors, Academic Success Centre, Accessibility Resources and more.



Join the Undergraduate Philosophy Association, or Minority and Philosophy UAlberta.



Take your two required Language Other than English courses.



Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you're learning and practise self-care.



## MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.



Present your research at the Philosophy Honors workshop.



Explore the Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.



Participate in the Philosophy Summer School at Beijing Normal University.



Submit an essay to the Kornelsen Essay Prize!



Ask professors to be academic references.



## LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.



Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps, from graduate studies, to professional programs, to employment.



Have inspired conversations and animated debates on global topics during International Week on campus.



Put the finishing touches on your Honors thesis and apply to graduate!

