# Philosophy (BA)

The study of philosophy is about asking big questions – the meaning of life, the nature of the world around us, and what forms the basis of morality. While learning is more often focused on the 'what', students of philosophy take on the challenge of determining the 'why.'

By choosing to study philosophy you can learn valuable life skills to put to use in both your professional and personal lives. These life skills encompass effective communication, critical and logical thinking, and an ability to grasp all angles of an argument and analyze it to get to the crux of an issue - a skill-set vital to work in law, politics, business, and academia.

Philosophy tackles the most fundamental questions such as "How should I live? Is there a God? What are my rights and responsibilities? Do I have free will?" Studying philosophy will provide insight into such questions and help you develop the skills of analysis, argumentation, and clear expression. Philosophical questions underlie the theory and practice of every academic field.

## Be Inspired

Acadia's Philosophy Department prides itself on having excellent student-teacher contact. We provide our students with an exceptional grounding in critical thinking and through our rigorous program, our graduates go on to high academic achievement. Recent graduates have won the prestigious Presidential Graduate Fellowship at MIT, gained admission to graduate schools at Brown, Carleton, Cornell, Dalhousie, Harvard, Indiana, McGill, Memorial, MIT, Ottawa, Princeton, Purdue, Queen's, Simon Fraser, Toronto, UBC, Victoria, Western, and York; gained admission to law school at Dalhousie, Osgoode Hall, Ottawa, Queen's, and Wales; gained admission to medical school at Memorial; and won graduate scholarships totalling well over $500,000. Philosophy prepares you for whatever career challenges you'll face later in life.

## Future Careers

- Government
- Journalism
- Law
- Paralegal


- Policy analysis
- Policy research

- Public relations
- Teaching

# First Year at a Glance

**Semester One**

**PHIL 1413**
Introduction to Philosophy
**ENGL 1413**
Writing & Reading Critically 1
**LANG xx13**
Language other than English
**ARTS xx13**
Introductory arts course
**SCIENCE xx13**
Introductory science course

**Semester Two**

**PHIL 1423**
Introduction to Philosophy
**ENGL 1423**
Writing & Reading Critically 2
**LANG xx23**
Language other than English
**ARTS xx23**
Introductory arts course
**SCIENCE xx23**
Introductory science course

**Honours:** Thesis-based, with research

**Get Involved:**
Acadia Philosophy Society
Acadia Debate Club

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