Philosophy, according to Plato, concerns itself with the good, the true, and the beautiful. Grappling with life’s big topics, it also provides students with critical thinking skills that enable you to uncover hidden assumptions, identify core premises, and evaluate arguments. We offer courses that span the history of philosophy, from the ancients to contemporary thinkers, and others that cover broad philosophical topics – from ethics and aesthetics to metaphysics and the nature of truth.

### Sample Year by Year

#### PLAN:
6.0 units plus electives (or a combination of a minor and electives) to a total of 120 units.

#### 1ST YEAR
- 6.0 units from PHIL at the 100 level (PHIL 111/6.0 or PHIL 115/6.0 is recommended)
- 24.0 units of electives

#### 2ND YEAR
- PHIL 250/6.0
- PHIL 257/6.0
- 6.0 units from PHIL Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

#### 3RD YEAR
- PHIL 361/3.0
- 15 units from PHIL 328/3.0, PHIL 329/3.0, PHIL 330/3.0, PHIL 335/3.0, PHIL 373/3.0, PHIL 374/3.0
- 12.0 units from PHIL Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

#### 4TH YEAR
- 6.0 units from PHIL at the 400 or 500 level
- 12.0 units from PHIL Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: [QUarts.com/academic-calendar](http://QUarts.com/academic-calendar)

### 2018-19 thresholds

- **0.7 cGPA**: AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE min C in PHIL 1##
- **0.7 cGPA**: PENDING LIST min pass in PHIL 1##

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: [QUarts.com](http://QUarts.com)*
PHILOSOPHY MAJOR MAP

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1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Philosophy along with some electives. See the back page for specific courses to consider. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about plan options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Join teams or clubs on campus. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.
- Consider contributing to publications on campus such as Ultraviolet Magazine or the Queen’s Journal.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Frontier College Queen’s Students for Literacy.
- Get involved with the Philosophy Departmental Student Council (DSC). Start or contribute volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Model Court. If interested, attend the Queen’s Media and Journalism Conference or the QIAA Global Passport Online Database and Internship Fair.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help with career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- Start going deeper into the discipline of Philosophy, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Employment Relations. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society. Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Get involved with the Philosophy Departmental Student Council (DSC). Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Model Court. If interested, attend the Queen’s Media and Journalism Conference or the QIAA Global Passport Online Database and Internship Fair.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as the Philosophy Major’s Career Handbook. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

3RD YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Philosophy. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Deepen or expand your student experience with extracurriculars. Think about participating in student or University government. If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12–16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
- Attend the Philosophy Colloquium series. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

- Consider unfamiliar ideas and evaluate opposing arguments. Generate ideas about complex subjects. Consider publishing in an undergraduate journal, such as McMaster’s Perceptia or UBC’s Hemlock.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities career related. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Consider volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Model Court. If interested, attend the Queen’s Media and Journalism Conference or the QIAA Global Passport Online Database and Internship Fair.
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GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Manage your time and resources. Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities career related. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Where can I go?

- A degree in Philosophy can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
  - Applied ethics
  - Archives
  - Cultural affairs
  - Human rights
  - Media and communications
  - Medical ethics
  - Politics and government
  - Public and private research
  - Public policy

What will I learn?

- A degree in Philosophy can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
  - Think critically and systematically
  - Generate ideas about complex subjects
  - Use methods of analysis and logical reasoning
  - Form and defend positions
  - Consider unfamiliar ideas and evaluate opposing arguments
  - Identify underlying assumptions across a range of issues
  - Summarize and communicate complex material
  - Speak and write at a superior level
  - Interpret historical and contemporary ideas and texts
  - Listen attentively, read carefully, and reflect thoughtfully
  - Work in groups to solve problems and make presentations
  - Manage your time and resources

- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
- Consider joining the Canadian Philosophical Association.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Philosophy.
- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.