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.

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**ALUMNI JOBS**

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- 13% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT**
- 18% of alumni work in **LAW**
- 27% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**alumni STORY**

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-Christine Esselmont, PhD

**2018-19 thresholds**

- 0.7 cGPA **AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE**
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- 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
PHILOSOPHY MAJOR MAP

MAJOR BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR

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.

2ND YEAR

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.

3RD YEAR

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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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

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 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.

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

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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

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

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.
Sample Year by Year

**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
- 3.0 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: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar