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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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2ND YEAR

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Philosophy alongside some electives.

- Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

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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.

- Consider contributing to publications on campus such as Ultraviolet Magazine or the Queen's Journal.

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).

- Consider publishing in an undergraduate journal, such as McMaster’s Percepta or UBC’s Hemlock.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Frontier College Queen's Students for Literacy.

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

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GET THINKING GLOALLY

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.

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

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

- 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.

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!

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* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online tool. My Major Map tool.