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.

**REASONS to study PHILOSOPHY**

1. Philosophy puts you in dialogue with society’s brightest minds, from the ancients to more cutting-edge contemporary thinkers.
2. Philosophy is a gateway to professional degrees — Law, Medicine, Public Policy, and more.
3. Students gain analytical skills, and can better understand presuppositions behind arguments.
4. Philosophy will teach you to challenge your own worldview.
5. We offer exchange opportunities to more than 100 schools in over 30 countries.

**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 3% of alumni work in **HEALTH CARE**
- 13% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT**
- 18% of alumni work in **LAW**
- 27% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

“Philosophy department is both intimate and vibrant – offering the benefits of smaller classes with the advantages of a diverse faculty. The departmental life is further enriched by the internationally renowned academics that frequently speak at our weekly classes.”

- Christine Esselmont, PhD

**2019-20 major 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. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

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### Philosophy MAJOR MAP *

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR**

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

**2ND YEAR**
- **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.

**3RD YEAR**
- **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 continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Model Parliament. If interested, attend the Queen's Media and Journalism Conference or the QIAA Global Passport Online Database and Internship Fair.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- **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.

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

* 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 My Major Map tool.
MAJOR MAP

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

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For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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POSIIONS

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

• Graduate with “Professional Internship” on your degree.
• Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
• Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

• 2nd or 3rd Year Students
• Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

• Gain a year of career-related work experience.
• Build network connections.
• Receive support from Queen’s staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS

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Communications & Market Research Intern
Resource Organization Technician
Course & Program Development Intern
Technical Writer
Economic Analyst

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