

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?



Anything! A degree in philosophy will prepare you to withstand the unpredictable and rapidly changing job market of the 21st century. As jobs (including cognitive jobs) become increasingly automated, as the world becomes increasingly complex, the need for people who understand the human condition, who can think through complex and ambiguous situations, who have a sense of what they stand for and why and so can make those impossible decisions in life becomes ever greater. These are the capacities you develop in yourself through philosophy. It is not surprising, then, that philosophy is mandatory in many of the top universities in the world and that philosophy graduates are successful in just about every walk of life, including the business world. Here is one quote from the internationally known Forbes Business Magazine: "Every year, college students choose their majors with an eye toward the return on investment. Among the usual lucrative suspects like finance and engineering, one liberal arts field stands out: philosophy." Philosophy equips you for life.

Strategy and Policy Planning Education

- Work with various governmental agencies and ministries
- Urban planner
- Hospital Administration
- Local Government
- Community worker & builder
- Culture and citizenship organizations
- Teaching (high school and university)
- Curriculum development

Technology

- Ethics Consultant
- Software developer
- Research & Development

Media Relations

- Communications Officer
- Journalist

Education

- Teaching (high school and university)
- Curriculum development

Law

- Lawyer
- Diplomat
- Mediator

Health Care

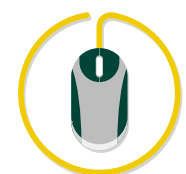
- Bio-Ethics Consultant
- MedicinePublic Health
- Researcher
- Patient Advocate

Social Services

- Social worker
- Lobbyist and activist
- Government Agencies

ONLINE RESOURCES

- King's University College Career Connect**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- King's University College Job Board**
👉 www.kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- King's University College Alumni Services**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- Western University Student Success: Find Work**
👉 success.uwo.ca/careers
- Jobs for Philosophers**
👉 philjobs.org
- University Affairs**
👉 universityaffairs.ca/



A PLACE TO BECOME

Philosophy prepares students to undertake a variety of studies and occupations, especially when it is done in conjunction with other disciplines. Our students have gone onto:

GRAD SCHOOL

- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Queen's University
- Ryerson University
- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Guelph
- University of Toronto
- Western
- York University

EMPLOYMENT

- Criminal, Property, Corporate, Copyright, and International Lawyers
- Policy Planning, Federal Government and Government of Ontario
- International Finance, Bank of Montreal
- Teaching, Highschool and University
- Corporate Leadership, TD Bank
- Urban Planner, City of New York
- Actuary, London Life
- Researcher, Various levels of Government
- Business Owner, Hamilton, London, and Toronto
- Strategy and Planning, IBM Canada

INTERNSHIPS

- Our students have interned in various government, cultural, and community agencies, including the City of London, the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada.

LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM
👉 kings.uwo.ca/philosophy

WELLNESS RESOURCES
STUDENT AFFAIRS
👉 kings.uwo.ca/wellness

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Philosophy at King's helps you to know how to ask the right question at the right time.
- Philosophy at King's helps you develop your ability to deal with complexity and uncertainty.
- Philosophy at King's provides you with an understanding of the history of ideas that have created our world and the capacity to critical thinking that you will need while at university, in your career, and throughout your whole life.
- Philosophy at King's has passionate, award-winning teachers who are also internationally recognized scholars in their fields.
- Philosophy at King's is a community of students and professors helping each other build a strong sense of self, a community where individuals are part of something larger than themselves, a community that helps individuals take the risks needed to discover what they are truly capable of.
- Philosophy at King's encourages creative thinking and innovation so that you can develop your own philosophical voice.
- Philosophy at King's students explore contemporary issues that matter to them and to the world.

"THE UNEXAMINED LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING."

-SOCRATES IN THE APOLOGY



A Place to Be. A Place to Become.

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Philosophy

Awaken Passion and Set it Free



What is PHILOSOPHY?

Philosophy is the key to living well. It is not just an academic discipline; it is a way of life that helps you develop your own internal compass to orientate yourself to what really matters. Only by critically examining your own ideas and perspectives, can you come to a deeper awareness of yourself, others, and the world in which we live, can you come to see the big picture in all its complexity, ambiguity, and beauty. This is why philosophy is said to begin and end in wonder. In Philosophy, you build your character, develop your own perspective, determine the values you truly stand for and know why you stand for them, why they are important. Philosophy is simply thinking and caring about the things that really matter in life. So what do you care about?

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EXPERIENCE GUIDE



THE PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Are looking for a well-rounded education that will lay the foundation for everything life holds out for them, including a meaningful career
- Are seeking to critically understand the power of ideas and push the beyond the boundaries
- Are looking for a way to develop self-awareness, self-transformation, and self-responsibility
- Want to develop an understanding of the world that goes beyond the knowledge of information and empirical ideas
- Want to be change agents towards a more thoughtful and responsible world

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Philosophy gives you the means to build not only your career path but your life path.

STRATEGIES OF KNOWLEDGE:

- Become aware of how knowledge is constructed and deployed
- Learn to see things from a variety of perspectives until you develop your own perspective, ultimately leading to independent thinking
- Learn why ideas matter and how they influence the world
- Learn to deal with unanswerable questions, ambiguity and perplexity
- Learn about the limits of knowledge and the importance of different modes of knowledge
- Create and develop unique ideas

COMPETENCIES AND ABILITIES:

- **Communication:** critically and precisely communicate your ideas in oral and written form
- **Creative problem solving:** think outside the box and solve problems using a unique approach
- **Decision making:** make good judgements and decisions
- **Entrepreneurial thinking:** spot opportunity gaps, adapt to new challenges, and achieve planned goals
- **Innovative thinking:** push the boundaries beyond what is known to be possible
- **Lateral thinking:** solve a problem using an indirect and creative approach
- **Disruptive logic:** identify the logic of your opponent to gain a competitive edge

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience yourself and activate the latent potentials that lie hidden within you in meaningful ways
- Be part of a thoughtful community seeking to push the boundaries and build a better world
- Identify your blind spots and overcome them
- Develop self-confidence and rise up to any challenge

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Philosophy at King's is a creative and passionate community of scholars and students working together to build intellectual openness and resiliency of character that transform the individual and the world. We engage students in reflective modes of thinking to recognize, examine, and challenge perspectives by asking the right questions, at the right time, in the right way. The Philosophy program is designed to help you develop as thinker and as person. In the course of your studies, you will cultivate the ability to creatively solve problems, to deal with complexity and ambiguity, to follow an argument all the way down to its fundamental presuppositions and question them. While Philosophy does not prepare you for a particular profession, it prepares you for life which includes a career with meaningful work – whether it be in healthcare, politics, the legal profession, in NGO leadership, etc.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY TODAY?
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A PLACE TO BE

THINK Imagine, Create

FIRST YEAR

- Take **Philosophy 1900E: Laying the Foundation for your Education** to learn how to get the most out of your university education
- Explore a variety of Philosophy courses covering topics of Great Human Questions, Finding Happiness, Power, Social Politics, Culture, and more
- Connect with faculty and academic counsellors about your academic goals and interests

DISCOVER Possibilities

- Join King's Philosophy Students Association to discover your own personal philosophy that does not "indulge in the self"
- Attend Philosophy seminars, pub nights, movie nights, debates and discussions, and book studies
- Visit the Career Counsellor at King's to review potential career opportunities with your degree
- Sign up for intramurals, join a club at King's and check out the Western Mustangs games

ENGAGE In Local and Global Community

- Attend King's International intercultural events
- Consider joining the KUCSC as a first year or program rep
- Apply for residence and participate in the living learning communities
- Attend events organized by the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CAREP)

MIDDLE YEARS

- Check out the wealth of undergraduate research opportunities on campus
- Be a notetaker through the King's Accessibility Services
- Attend the STARS Learning Lab Drop-in Sessions
- Choose your program module for Philosophy (i.e., Minor, Major, Specialization, or Honors Specialization)

- Apply to one of six scholarships available to Philosophy students, including Great Philosopher's Award
- Study abroad for one or two terms at Leuven University in Belgium
- Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students at King's
- Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions
- Think about writing thought-provoking articles for the Regis or the Western Gazette
- Review leadership roles offered by King's and Western

- Participate in running the CAREP conferences (Centre for Advanced Research of European Philosophy)
- Explore opportunities such as research assistants and scholarships
- Consider different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree

GRADUATING YEAR

- Attend Graduate School Education Sessions
- Take advanced topics courses, such as Buddhist Philosophy and Overcoming Modern Nihilism, Ethics for a Digital World, or a seminar in Ancient Philosophy

- Meet with faculty to talk about graduate school and reference letters
- Meet with career services to review resume and job search tools
- Conduct informational interviews with organizations you would like to work for
- Check out the Life after King's Series to hear about what you can do with your Philosophy degree
- Attend the employer information sessions and Career Fairs

- Help run the King's Philosophy Students' Association
- Contribute to the King's Undergraduate Research Journal
- Meet with alumni for informational interviews

THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- Check our programs offered by Student Affairs
- Continually review your financial aid
- Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree
- Volunteer and support your community at King's
- Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- Check out Career Connect on a regular basis
- Meet with faculty during their office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE



Paula Rayo, MPEd
Honors Specialization in Psychology and Minor in Philosophy
Master of Professional Education, Western University
Graduation Year: 2016

“Philosophy gave me an internal compass to gracefully confront all of life's uncertainties.”

CURRENT CAREER

Senior Instructional Designer

CAREER OVERVIEW

I design learning and development solutions for clients in a variety of industries. I've worked on projects for non-profit organizations, real estate, law, government, investment corporations, construction, and post-secondary education. I work with a team of learning consultants, developers, and project managers to deliver engaging and effective training.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI

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