ABOUT THE MAJOR

Philosophy is the study of the general understanding of the whole of reality. In this major, you will draw on the insights of the great historical philosophers, on what has been learned in all other major fields of study, and on the rich perspective embodied within our ordinary ways of thinking. You will address a diverse array of deep and profoundly important questions. Examples include the nature of the self and of personal identity; the existence or nonexistence of God; the nature of such phenomena as time, mind, and language; and the sources and limits of human knowledge.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: critical thinking, communication, analytical thinking, and research (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

Career Opportunities

Philosophy majors from IUPUI will find opportunities in many different fields including community and social services, business development, communications, and more. The field of public relations is expected to grow at an average rate of 6% and the field of social and community service management is expected to grow at 10%.

Salary Information

The average starting salary for IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates who studied philosophy was $47,500 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

(This section is intended for informational purposes, not predication of actual salary.)

Graduate & Professional School Paths

Philosophy majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Philosophy, Law, Public Affairs, Education, Computer/Information Technology, Social Science, and Health Fields among others.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

IU School of Liberal Arts
Philosophy Department
Cavanaugh Hall 331
liberalarts.iupui.edu/philosophy

American Philosophical Society
www.apaonline.org

Liberal Arts Career Development Office
Cavanaugh Hall 243B
317-274-1224
liberalarts.iupui.edu/careers

Have questions for Academic & Career Development? Schedule an appointment:
acd.iupui.edu (317) 274-4856

Sample Coursework:

- Introduction to philosophy
- Logic
- Ethical theory
- Personal & social ethics
- Philosophy of science
- Medical ethics
- Philosophy of film

Possible Careers:

- Attorney*
- Editor
- Event coordinator
- Financial analyst
- Journalist
- Policy researcher
- Political scientist*

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

Where Could I Work?

- Business development
- Community and social services
- Education
- Eli Lilly & Company
- Indiana University Health
- Public relations

Complementing Interests:

Artistic    Investigative    Enterprising

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