

Philosophy Program Goals:

- Develop the ability to think critically and clearly, and to demonstrate this ability through the analysis and writing of well-reasoned argumentative essays.
- Become familiar with some of the major figures, ideas, and arguments in the Western philosophical tradition.
- Engage in formulating your own ideas and developing the skills necessary to articulate these ideas.
- Develop the ability to listen to opposing views and to assess the logic inherent in these views.
- See that philosophical theories underlie political systems, scientific theories, controversies in law, and indeed in theories about every aspect of reality.
- Develop a sense of intellectual integrity and a commitment to truth, as distinct from what is merely fashionable, popular, or politically convenient.