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Seek truth. Find understanding.

What am I? How should I live? Why does the world exist? Is there a God?

Philosophy means love of wisdom, and the activity of philosophy involves a search for the truth about the most compelling questions human beings face.

In philosophy classes at Assumption, you will be encouraged to raise and explore fundamental questions in dialogue with the great thinkers of the philosophical tradition. By examining your own opinions in light of human wisdom, you will gain self-knowledge and explore the question of the best life for a human being.

Philosophy is a way of life.

Philosophy is not simply a skill that can be mastered or a subject that can be studied, memorized, and passed down from one generation to the next—it is a way of life. The activity of philosophy grows out of humanity's innate desire to know, it is nourished by a sense of wonder at the mystery of things, and it blossoms into a serious and sustained attempt to understand ourselves and the world we inhabit. When you study philosophy at Assumption in dialogue with faculty and your

peers, you'll grapple with profound questions pervading the human condition.

Because philosophy aims to discover the truth about all things, a philosophical education is relevant in all walks of life. Philosophy students cultivate intellectual habits that are sought in virtually every professional field. Most importantly, philosophical inquiry helps students progress toward a knowledge of themselves that allows them to pursue a worthy, happy, and genuinely human life.

"Assumption's liberal arts education has enabled me to become a well-rounded student and learner. Not only do you develop a broad range of skills, but you develop into the person you are meant to be because Assumption gives you the opportunity to discover yourself. The relationships you build here will leave a lasting impact on you. As I pursue my MBA here at Assumption, I would tell students to not be scared to venture out of your comfort zone. Once you learn to be comfortable with the uncomfortable you give yourself the chance to see the world through many different lenses."

Kayley Millard '18, International Business and Philosophy, Intern at the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, Post-Grad Plans: Pursuing an Accelerated MBA at Assumption

DID YOU KNOW?

Assumption offers a 6-in-5 BA/MBA Program. Students pursuing a philosophy major can complete a BA and MBA in just five years instead of six. Business classes are taken throughout the first four years, followed by an accelerated MBA program in the fifth year, saving students time and money.



Course of study

Philosophy students broaden their thinking and enrich their perspective. While courses in philosophy are required for all Assumption students, some students choose to major or minor in philosophy because they enjoy thinking through the questions addressed in these courses. Some will go on to pursue graduate studies, but others recognize that a major or minor in philosophy provides a strong academic complement to a major in any other discipline.

PHILOSOPHY

Major. Students develop competency in the history of philosophy through close study of primary texts in the ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary periods. Students cultivate their capacity to read primary sources and secondary literature with understanding, to write essays marked by logical rigor and depth of insight, and to engage fellow students and faculty in thoughtful and serious conversation. The major requires 11 courses, giving students the freedom to combine their study with a second major.

Minor. At least two philosophy courses are required of all students in the core curriculum, and a third may be taken for core credit. The philosophy minor consists of a total of six courses, including those taken within the core curriculum. The minor is an excellent complement to any major in the college.

Philosophy, Ethics, and Business: A 6-in-5 BA/MBA Program. This program consists of the philosophy major, pre-business track, and the accelerated MBA program. Students earn a BA and MBA in five years instead of the usual six years needed for these degrees. During the first four years, students complete the pre-business track version of the philosophy major and take some courses in the Business Studies Department. The accelerated MBA begins in the summer following completion of the BA with the intensive Foundations in Business Program and continues through a fifth year of courses.

DID YOU KNOW?

Philosophy courses engage the great authors from Plato and Aristotle through Nietzsche, Heidegger, and others in contemporary times, but our courses also address topics such as neuroscience, film, literature, friendship, law, and biomedical ethics.

Minor in Law, Ethics, and Constitutional Studies (LEX). Co-sponsored by the Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, this minor is designed for those who want to acquire the liberal arts skills essential to personal and professional excellence, especially in fields of law, government, teaching and journalism, as well as to all those who aspire to thoughtful citizenship.

CTEQ Minor. The Fortin and Gonthier Core Texts & Enduring Questions (CTEQ) Program is a unique program specifically designed for select students seeking an intense and

integrated liberal arts education as they simultaneously pursue a specialized major. This minor combines four academic departments—art history, theology, philosophy, and political science—and gives students the opportunity to explore enduring questions about the nature of justice, beauty, human nature, and God as they enter into meaningful dialogue with some of the world's greatest artists and thinkers.

Learn about Assumption's philosophy faculty, courses, and degree requirements at www.assumption.edu/philosophy.

DID YOU KNOW?

Philosophy prepares students for careers in law, medicine, education, business, journalism, publishing, and many other fields. Here are just a few people you may recognize who studied philosophy and became greatly successful:

Harrison Ford	Peter Thiel
Carly Fiorina	Lana Del Rey
George Soros	Ricky Gervais
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr	Richard Gere
Stephen Colbert	T.S. Eliot
	Alex Trebek

84%

2018 graduates participated in research, internships, service learning, and/or student teaching opportunities

WHAT'S NEXT?

The study of philosophy cultivates universally applicable skills, such as clarity of thought, perceptiveness in reading, precision in writing, and rigor in argumentation. Philosophy students become the type of dynamic, critical thinkers that are valued in every profession.

Most students who major in philosophy also have another major as a career interest. While some go on to graduate programs, many pursue law and political science or enter directly into careers in such fields as education, consulting, business, government, and investment agencies.

Here's a sampling of where Assumption philosophy alumni are making a difference in the world:

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Brigham Young University
Great Hearts Academies
Lahey Clinic
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital
Nested Bean
Putnam Investments
State Street Corporation
University of Massachusetts Medical School
The United States Navy

SAMPLE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Boston College
The Catholic University of America
Fordham University
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Marquette University
University of Memphis
University of Dallas
Yale University