Philosophy B.A. at a Glance

Program Overview:
The Philosophy Major emphasizes effective and critical reading, writing, and speaking; and the study of philosophy deals with the interpretation of texts, the balanced exposition and examination of issues, the construction and appraisal of arguments and explanations, and the critical examination of doctrines and things commonly taken for granted. The skills and training which one receives as a philosophy major or minor are valuable in many careers. The major serves as evidence to prospective employers or graduate schools that one is capable of creative and analytical thinking and proficient in research, reasoning, problem-solving, and verbal and written communication. Among the fields which philosophy majors enter are teaching at the pre-college level, civil service, law enforcement, law, medicine, business, journalism, and publishing.

Careers/Job Opportunities:
- Philosophy Professor
- Philosophy Instructor
- Humanities Professor
- Attorney
- Primary or Secondary Education
- Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners
- Editors
- Journalism

*Most of these occupations require graduate school. For example, they may require a master’s degree, and some require a Ph.D., M.D., or J.D. (law degree).*
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**Helpful Links:**

Department Website: philosophy.fiu.edu  
CASE Advising Website: casundergradadvising.fiu.edu  
MyMajor Website: mymajor.fiu.edu

**College Requirements:**

- **All majors must satisfy the college Foreign Language requirement.** Students must show mastery at, or complete a second semester sequence (at the college level) foreign language course or one more advanced with a minimum grade of "C". Credits earned through AP, IB, CLEP and other testing methods for earning accelerated credit satisfy this requirement. Discuss options for satisfying this requirement with your Academic Advisor.
- **All majors in the college must complete 48 credits of upper division prior to graduation.** Upper division courses are 3000/4000 level courses, major courses and outside electives can count towards this requirement.
- **Students are required to earn 9 credits outside the major area during the last 60 hours of their undergraduate career.**
- **No 1 and 2-credit physical activity courses can be counted towards the 120 credits needed for graduation.**