

# B.A. Philosophy | Major Map

## 2022 GRADUATE CAREER OUTCOMES

Based on information from 89% of graduates

**100%** Secured Employment

**100%** Admitted Into Graduate School or Professional Program

## POPULAR CAREERS

- **Law:** prosecutor, defense attorney, mediator, judge
- **Health Care/Ethics:** physician, hospital bioethicist, genetic counselor
- **Education:** teacher, principal, superintendent, researcher
- **Information Technology:** computer programmer, data analyst, robotics
- **Business:** financial analyst, consultant, manager
- **Sciences:** cognitive scientist, cosmologist, ecologist, linguist
- **Social & Community Service:** fundraising coordinator, policy analyst, public relations specialist, grant writer
- **Government:** intelligence, politician, diplomat, law enforcement office, city manager
- **Communications:** journalist, editor, writer
- **Religion:** clergy, missionary, hospital or school chaplain
- **Nonprofit:** advocacy work

## POPULAR EMPLOYERS

School districts, universities & colleges, financial institutions, government agencies, law firms, newspapers, hospitals & clinics, religious organizations, political parties, magazines, consulting services

## SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

### • Internships

- Augustana Research Symposium
- Greenpeace
- Center for Western Studies
- Office of the Secretary of State
- Sioux Land Heritage Museum
- Woods, Fuller, Schultz & Smith

### • Example Research Topics

- Is Forgiveness Ever a Moral Duty?
- Can Artificial Intelligence Generate Consciousness? What are the Ethical Limits of Technology?
- Does Addiction Mitigate Responsibility?
- What Responsibilities Do We Have to People in Other Countries?
- How Can We Lead Sustainable Lives?

### • Study Away

- AU Faculty-Led: Nature Writing in Alaska
- AU Faculty-Led: Tracing the Roots of Western Civilization in Classical Greece



## WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?

Philosophy, which means "love of wisdom," is the study of how we think about ourselves and the world around us. Reflecting on our beliefs and values helps us clarify what really matters and how we want to live, which helps us lead better lives. Along the way, philosophy helps you develop skills that are highly sought after by employers in a variety of fields: critical and creative thinking skills, the ability to express your ideas clearly in speech and writing and the ability to understand and have productive discussions with others.

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## EMPHASIS OPTIONS

### Religion | Political Philosophy

#### FIRST YEAR

#### MIDDLE YEAR(S)

#### LAST YEAR

### EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

- Review SOPHIA and program requirements with your academic advisor.
- Review your degree audit report, and create a plan of study in Academic Planner.
- Enroll in PHIL 110, 220 or 230 if possible.
- Participate in FYS 112 to confirm your major, hear from upper-level students about signature experiences and chart a personalized plan for your engagement.
- Choose or confirm your major(s) or minor(s).

- Explore interdisciplinary minors or elective credits that interest you.
- Contact the Student Success Center to declare any second majors or minors.
- Enroll in PHIL 200 or 241; 210; 260 or 282; 220 and 230; and 315.
- Engage in research, and present your work at the annual research symposium.
- Study away with faculty-led trips.

- Apply to graduate no later than Oct. 1, and review the degree audit provided by the Registrar's Office.
- Enroll in PHIL 332 and any remaining required courses.
- Apply for the department's honor society, Phi Sigma Tau.

### ENGAGE & APPLY YOUR LEARNING

- Access your Viking Central account.
- Participate in campus organizations such as Faith & Spiritual Life, Sustainability Committee, Better Together, Classics Club or the Peer Navigator Program with Augie Access.
- Explore study-away opportunities at the study-away fairs.
- Create an account in Augie Opportunities.
- Engage in hands-on learning through the Augustana Chapel of Reconciliation.

- Attend the Sophomore Retreat.
- Engage in campus leadership, internships, service and relevant summer employment.
- Participate in the alumni mentor program.
- Consider elite scholarship opportunities, such as the Fulbright, Rhodes or Truman.
- Earn the Diversity Advocate Certificate.
- Apply for Knight Internship Funds and ASA transportation funds. Pursue elite fellowships.

- Take standardized exams (e.g., GRE), and share your application to graduate or professional schools with your advisor and CAP specialist for feedback.
- Attend the BIG (Business, Industry and Government) Career & Internship Fair.
- Continue to connect with alumni.
- Participate in mock interviews and networking events.
- Complete the career outcome survey to update us of your employment or enrollment in graduate school.
- Join the Augustana alumni community.

**CHART YOUR COURSE TODAY!**

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