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SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Philosophy** – Philosophy is crucial to intelligent decision making in all spheres of life. Students of philosophy have made important contributions to life across the spectrum of occupations. This program enjoys an international reputation for work in informal logic and argumentation theory. It lays a strong foundation for a career in civil service, politics, journalism, philosophy, or education and law (with additional studies).
- **Interdisciplinary Arts and Science** – If you're a highly motivated student who wants knowledge and skills that will familiarize you with the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, this elite program is for you. Design your program to match your interests and career aspirations. From here, consider a master's program, professional school (medicine, optometry, dentistry, occupational therapy, naturopathic medicine, law, MBA, pharmacy), or teaching (with additional studies).

FUNCTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

- Appreciating the thoughts and ideas of people from other times and places; expressing and evaluating these ideas with respect to historical and modern contexts and competing philosophies
- Understanding and internalizing several major philosophical tenets, figures, texts, and schools of thought
- Closely evaluating competing arguments and ideas to articulate fine differences and areas of commonality
- Examining and explaining beliefs, arguments, and ideas using sound logical reasoning and rationality
- Building sturdy, well-supported points of view; expressing forcefully and intelligently why one's view is preferable to competing alternatives
- Identifying and isolating the distinctive qualities of arguments using clarity and reason

CURRICULUM

Courses of study specific to each program



CO-CURRICULAR

Activities and experiences that complement coursework
(Outstanding Scholars, STEPS workshops, peer mentoring, VIP)

EXTRACURRICULAR

Activities falling outside of the scope of set curriculum
(Part-time job, clubs, volunteering, athletics)

BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Your UWindsor experience is more than attending classes. It is a combination of academics, co-curricular activities, and extracurricular involvement. By making the most of all three elements of your university experience, you will maximize your opportunities to build your skills, broaden your personal network, and clarify your long term academic and career goals.

CAREER PLANNING GUIDE

Intentional career planning will help you prepare for your next step after graduation. It is a fluid, dynamic, and continuous process, meaning you can move on or return to an earlier stage at any time. You can even work through simultaneous cycles, like one for your long-term dream job and another for a summer job.



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is meant to help you explore various opportunities throughout the course of your UWindsor experience. It is intended to help you link academics, co-curricular, extra-curricular and career planning activities by suggesting some of the options available to you. This is to help you see what you can do, rather than what you are required to do!

Academics



First Year

- Take required courses including Introduction to Western Philosophy
- Review degree course requirements
- Enrol in a variety of Philosophy courses to determine your core interests
- Meet with an academic advisor such as the department head or a faculty advisor

Experience



- Apply for a co-curricular experience such as the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)*
- Investigate research opportunities as part of the Outstanding Scholars program*
- Research student exchange opportunities for middle years*
- Try out the Philosophy Club and get to know the upper-year philosophy students

Career



- Create a list of things that you enjoy, areas in which you excel, and your skills
- Meet with Career & Employment Services (CES) to develop a plan for your future years
- Consider taking an interest assessment to help you identify possible career paths
- Attend a CES workshop to learn how to find a summer or part-time job
- Become familiar with the mySuccess online job search tool
- Attend a CES resumé and cover letter workshop to get your resumé critiqued

Middle Years

- Take required courses and check in with academic advisor to make sure you are on the right path
- Explore different facets of argumentation, reasoning and logic by enrolling in varying course offerings
- Start taking courses required as pre-requisites for graduate/professional school
- Consider declaring a minor and/or specialization

Final Year

- Meet with faculty and academic advisor to review degree requirements
- Complete all required courses to fulfill degree audit
- Apply to graduate through MyUWindsor Portal
- Work with a faculty member on a research project or publication[★]
- Complete required courses for Public Administration or Law and Politics Certificate
- Take a field work, internship, or practicum course to optimize your senior experience[★]

- Explore possibility of helping faculty members with their research[★]
- Join the Debate Team to compete locally and internationally
- Participate in the UWill Discover undergraduate research conference[★]
- Offer to participate in and organize Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Windsor
- Consult with undergraduate advisor about possibly studying philosophy abroad[★]
- Expand your skills by taking on a summer, part-time or volunteer position
- Look for a leadership role in a club or society

- Run for a UWSA executive position
- Conduct field research with a faculty member[★]
- Become a tutor for Students Offering Support (SOS)
- Join the UWindsor Model NATO or Model United Nations
- Work with a local organization to gain experience

- Research career fields and occupations
- Explore opportunities and meet employers through a job fair or employer information session
- Attend the Graduate and Professional Schools Fair to explore further educational opportunities
- Analyze the requirements for graduate or professional schools
- Make an appointment with Career & Employment Services to explore career options
- Create a LinkedIn profile and have it critiqued
- Take part in informational interviews through such sources as Ten Thousand Coffees

- Consider applying to graduate or professional school. Be aware of early application deadlines
- Meet with Career & Employment Services to prepare such application documents as a resumé, cover letter, CV or personal statement
- Attend an Interview Skills Workshop and Job Search Tips Workshop
- Set up a mock interview for professional school or job applications
- Meet employers at the annual job fair in January
- Compose a portfolio of relevant academic and work experience

[★] High-Impact Practice: educational practices that include experiential learning as a basis for student engagement and successful scholarship

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

2013

62.55%

Percentage of Canadian university humanities graduates who continued their studies post-bachelor degree. (National Graduates Study 2013)



COMMON INDUSTRIES FOR PHILOSOPHY GRADUATES

- Academia
- Government
- Law
- Media, journalism, and communications
- Research

CAREER TRACKS*

Campaign manager
Civil service
Communications official
Consultant
Entertainer

Entrepreneur
Event co-ordinator
Journalist
Lawyer
Legal consultant

Librarian
Media analyst
Paralegal
Policy analyst
Politician

Professor
Project manager
Research co-ordinator
Teacher
Writer

* Additional education and/or training required for some of the above careers.

CAREER-READINESS COMPETENCIES



Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using strategic and creative thinking to make decisions and evaluate solutions

- Resolving conflicts through listening, debate and counter point
- Compiling, organizing, and comprehending new information and applying it appropriately to various situations
- Supporting, questioning, and challenging proposals, theories, ideas, and reports generated or presented by colleagues to achieve best possible project outcomes



Teamwork and Collaboration: Working as a productive member of a group and collaborating with others to achieve set goals

- Directing and contributing meaningfully to group discussions; facilitating meaningful dialogue and collaboration
- Presenting thoughts and opinions to others; recognizing and incorporating potential improvements to proposals
- Leading and interacting with a variety of people with different approaches and personal and professional backgrounds



Professionalism and Work Ethic: Demonstrating personal management practices and a high level of integrity and ethical behaviour

- Prioritizing, meeting deadlines, and effectively managing
- Summarizing, arguing, and debating effectively
- Performing research using appropriate technologies to locate, collect, and organize relevant information



Communication: Appropriate and effective articulation of ideas and information to a range of audiences

- Conveying information in clear and concise manner
- Developing effective, precisely organized reports
- Utilizing technical writing to convey the message of a broader piece of work



CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Visit **Leddy Library** and the **Writing Support Desk** on the main floor for help with academic assignments
- Improve study skills through the **Skills To Enhance Personal Success (STEPS)** program
- Discover ways to get involved on campus through the **Student Success and Leadership Centre**
- Explore mentorship opportunities through the **Connecting4Success (C4S)** and **Bounce Back** programs
- Apply to the **Volunteer Internship Program (VIP)** to get involved in the community
- Look into the **Work Study** program for on-campus employment opportunities
- Broaden your cultural awareness through the **International Student Centre** and **Student Exchange Office**
- Get assistance developing your career plan and job search skills from **Career & Employment Services**
- Consult with the **EPICentre** if you are interested in starting your own business
- Seek out assistance with academic accommodation from **Student Accessibility Services**
- Tend to your health and wellness with support from **Student Health Services, Lancer Recreation** and the **Student Counselling Centre**

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