

## What is Philosophy?

This program offers an analysis and critique of fundamental beliefs and favored methods of the arts and sciences. Fields within the program are moral and political philosophy, history of philosophy, logic, philosophy of science, metaphysics, epistemology, and aesthetics.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “Undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare a Philosophy major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Philosophy department to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Philosophy major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies to be assigned a faculty adviser.
3. Complete a Major Program form with the guidance of your faculty adviser.
4. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
5. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Philosophy?

### Skills

Philosophy majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to formulate clear, organized and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Creative problem solving; ability to think “outside the box”

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Education—teaching, research, admissions, advising, student affairs
- Arts and Entertainment—announcing, writing, managing, development
- Nonprofit—clergy and religious workers, fundraising, programming, management
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting
- Government—lobbyist, public information, campaigns, research
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, management

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined

## For more information:

### About the Philosophy major:

Undergraduate Advising  
831 Heller Hall  
(612) 625-6563  
<http://www.philosophy.umn.edu/>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Society and Culture  
Student Community  
122 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-2549  
<http://sandc.class.umn.edu/>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu>

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu/](http://www.cclc.umn.edu/)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.honors.class.umn.edu/](http://www.honors.class.umn.edu/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**