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Skidmore Philosophy

Welcome to
Exploremore 2021!

Philosophy Explmoremore Agenda



1. Introductions
2. The Major and the Minor
3. Student Perspectives
4. After Skidmore
5. Philosophy Club
6. Questions?
7. Drawing for a T-shirt

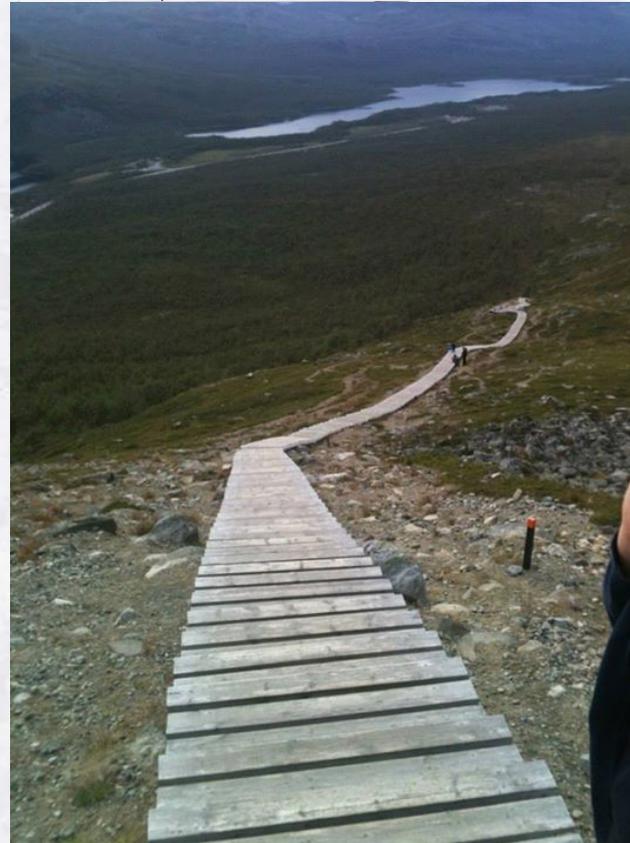
The study of philosophy provides the concepts, analytical skills, and creative perception to engage deeply with the human situation. Courses in this discipline develop the habits of mind that make it possible to engage our changing world in a perceptive, intelligent, sensitive, and creative manner.

The major emphasizes active engagement with philosophical texts, with the histories and traditions of human thought, and with current issues of deep significance.



Why Study Philosophy?

- **It interests you!**
- Freedom to think about a variety of issues you care about.
- Consider interdisciplinary connections.
- Transferrable skills: critical thinking, close reading, careful writing, creative problem solving.
- Builds capacities for reflective citizenship.



The Philosophy Major

Foundational Requirements

- A. History Sequence:** PH-203 – Ancient Greek Philosophy and
PH-204 – Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant
- B. Logic:** PH-207 – Introduction to Logic

Electives

Six additional philosophy courses of at least 3 credit hours.

At least four of these must be at the 300-level. One of the 300-level courses must focus primarily on the history of philosophy.

Senior Coda

PH-375: Senior Portfolio – develop a portfolio of representative work, deepen research and presentation skills, and explore directions for future endeavors post-Skidmore.

The Philosophy Minor

Five courses of at least 3 credit hours each totaling at least 18 credit hours.

One of the five courses must be from this list:

1. PH-101: Introduction to Philosophy
2. PH-203: Ancient Greek Philosophy
3. PH-204: Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant

Two of the courses must be at the 300-level.

Sample Courses (from 2019-2021)

PH-101: Introduction to Philosophy
PH-110W: Political Philosophy: An Intro
PH-203: Ancient Greek Philosophy
PH-204: Modern Philosophy
PH-207: Introduction to Logic
PH-210: Aesthetics
PH-211: Ethics
PH-225: Environmental Philosophy
PH-216: Identity, Knowledge, and Ignorance
PHDS-217: Film Truth
PH-230: Love and Friendship
PH-230: Medical Ethics
PH-230: Philosophy of Law
PH-230: Theory of Knowledge

PH-230: Philosophy of Social Science
PH-230: Early Chinese Philosophy
PH-241: Philosophy of Mind

300-level seminars have included:

Recognition and Self
19th-Century Philosophy
Existentialism
Disagreement & Culpable Ignorance
Artificial Intelligence
Daoism and Philosophy of Language
Thinking Human Bodies
Philosophy of Religion
Seminar on Leibniz
Seminar on Kant



Student Perspectives



- What has been your experience in the major?
- Is it possible to combine with another major?
- Are there study abroad opportunities?
- Are there internship opportunities?



**After
Skidmore**



LIVING THE LIBERAL ARTS

What Can I Do With a Major
In Philosophy?

SKIDMORE

CAREER
DEVELOPMENT
CENTER



Where Do Philosophy Majors Work & Study?

Now – Within 6 Months of Graduation

Ameson Foundation
Educational Ambassador

A.testoni
Marketing Assistant

ABACS
Behavior Therapist

Boston University
Neuroscience

Chip Ambrogio
Standup Comedian and Writing
Consultant

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
Litigation Legal Assistant

Duke University
JD Law

Fordham University
JD Law

**Greenberg and Greenberg
Counselors at Law**
Legal Assistant

Russ Reid Company
Assistant Account Executive

Schlesinger and Buchbinder, LLP
Legal Assistant

The New School for Social Research
Philosophy

THREE Marketing Group
Associate

University of Miami
Law

**US Attorney's Office, Southern
District of New York**
Paralegal

Wellspring
Victim Advocate

Later – Up to 25 Years After Graduation

3 Arts Entertainment Group
Talent Assistant

American University
MA International Affairs

Bermuda Press Holdings, Ltd.
Chief Development Officer

Brafton, Inc.
Business Development Executive

CDPHP
Sourcing Manager

Cision
Chief HR Officer

City of Houston
Senior Staff Analyst, Finance Department

Columbia University
JD Law

Cornell University
Vice Dean, Cornell Law School

Courthouse News Service
Journalist

Creative Commons
Assistant Director of Open Education

Dickinson College
Director of Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management

Fordham University
JD Law

General Motors Corporation
Voice Project Manager

HBO
Project Manager

Hunter College
DPT Physical Therapy

John Wiley & Sons
Digital Product Design Manager

Kimberly-Clark
Brand Manager

Marc Jacobs
Senior Production Manager

Millerson University of Pennsylvania
MS Emergency Management

National Evaluation Systems
Project Manager

NYS Department of Health
Deputy Director AIDS Institute

NY Landmarks Conservancy
Program Coordinator

Perry Nuclear Plan
Nuclear Security

Serafeena
Toy Developer

Spotify
Global Head Data Monetization

Travelers Indemnity Company
Senior Staff Counsel

University College London
MS Psychoanalytical Development Psychology

Untapped Potential Physical Therapy
Owner / Therapist

Virginia Commonwealth University
General Surgery Resident

Washington University in St. Louis
MBA Marketing

Mean GRE Scores By Intended Graduate Field, 2011–2012

Source: Educational Testing Service, "GRE Guide to the Use of Scores" (http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide_table4.pdf)

Charts by Ty Fagan
and Matty Silverstein

Verbal

Scores range from 130–170

Philosophy	160
English Literature	157
Art History	156
History	156
Physics	156
Political Science	156
Economics	154
Mathematics	154
Biology	153
Chemistry	153
Sociology	152
Engineering	150
Computers	149

Quantitative

Scores range from 130–170

Mathematics	161
Physics	161
Economics	159
Engineering	159
Computers	158
Chemistry	157
Biology	153
Philosophy	153
Political Science	151
Art History	149
English Literature	148
History	148
Sociology	148

Analytical Writing

Scores range from 0–6

Philosophy	4.4
English Literature	4.3
Art History	4.2
History	4.2
Political Science	4.2
Economics	4.0
Physics	4.0
Sociology	4.0
Biology	3.9
Chemistry	3.9
Mathematics	3.9
Engineering	3.6
Computers	3.4

Mean LSAT and GMAT Scores by Intended Undergraduate Major

Sources: Michael Nieswiadomy, "LSAT Scores of Economics Majors," *Journal of Economic Education* 41, no. 3 (Summer 2010): 331-3

Graduate Management Admission Council, "Profile of GMAT Candidates" (<http://www.gmac.com/market-intelligence-and-research/research-library/gmat-test-taker-data.aspx>)

Law School Admission Test

Required by U.S. Law Schools

2007-2008 Tests; Scores range from 120-180

Philosophy	157.4
Economics	157.4
Engineering	156.2
History	155.9
English Literature	155.2
Biology	154.8
Art History	154.2
Political Science	153.1
Psychology	152.5
Sociology	151.2

Graduate Management Admission Test

Required by U.S. Business Schools

2010-2011 Tests; Scores range from 200-800

Physics	610
Mathematics	609
Philosophy	599
Engineering	594
Economics	584
History	575
English Literature	564
Political Science	555
Psychology	533
Sociology	511

DO PHILOSOPHY MAJORS MAKE ANY MONEY?

Annual Salaries and Salary Growth by Undergraduate Major

Source: "Salary Increase by Major," *Wall Street Journal* (http://www.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees_that_Pay_you_Back-sort.html)

Annual Salary

Median salary of mid-career graduates without higher degrees

Data collected in 2008

Economics	\$98,600
Engineering	\$93,600
Mathematics	\$92,400
Philosophy	\$81,200
Chemistry	\$79,900
Political Science	\$78,200
Business	\$72,100
History	\$71,000
Biology	\$64,800
English Literature	\$64,700
Art History	\$61,900
Psychology	\$60,400
Sociology	\$58,200

Salary Growth

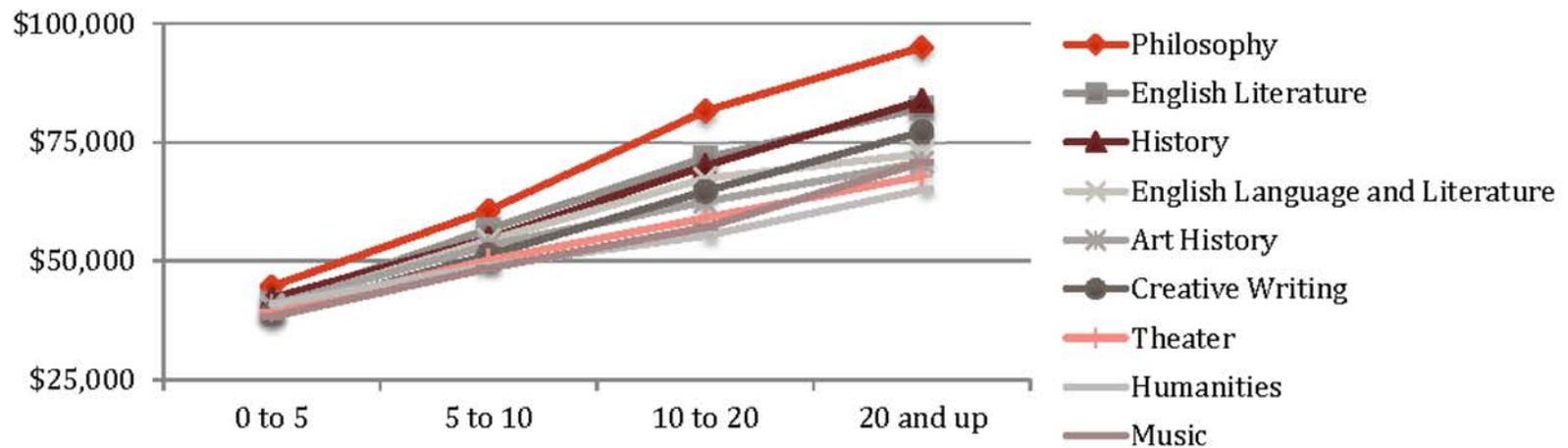
Increase from starting to mid-career median salary of graduates without higher degrees

Data collected in 2008

Philosophy	103.5%
Mathematics	103.5%
Economics	96.8%
Political Science	91.7%
Chemistry	87.6%
Art History	81.3%
History	81.1%
English Literature	70.3%
Engineering	69.1%
Psychology	68.2%
Business	67.7%
Biology	67%
Sociology	59.5%

Median Income for Humanities Majors by Years of Experience

Years of Experience	0 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 and up
Philosophy	\$44,700	\$60,700	\$81,600	\$95,000
English Literature	\$41,100	\$56,700	\$71,800	\$82,200
History	\$42,200	\$54,700	\$70,100	\$83,800
English Language and Literature	\$40,400	\$54,400	\$67,400	\$72,600
Art History	\$40,800	\$53,300	\$62,500	\$70,800
Creative Writing	\$38,900	\$51,300	\$64,700	\$77,200
Theater	\$39,500	\$50,200	\$59,100	\$67,900
Humanities	\$40,900	\$49,100	\$55,300	\$65,000
Music	\$38,300	\$48,500	\$57,100	\$70,800



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The Unexpected Way Philosophy Majors Are Changing The World Of Business

 By Carolyn Gregoire



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Dr. Damon Horowitz quit his technology job and got a Ph.D. in philosophy — and he thinks you should too.

"If you are at all disposed to question what's around you, you'll start to see that there appear to be cracks in the bubble," [Horowitz said in a 2011 talk at Stanford](#). "So about a decade ago, I quit my technology job to get a philosophy PhD. That was one of the best decisions I've made in my life."

As Horowitz demonstrates, a degree in philosophy can be useful for professions beyond a career in academia. Degrees like his can help in the business world, where a philosophy background can pave the way for real change. After earning his PhD in philosophy from Stanford, where he studied computer science as an undergraduate, Horowitz went on to become a successful tech entrepreneur and Google's in-house philosopher/director of engineering. His own career makes a pretty good case for the value of a philosophy education.

Despite a [growing media interest in the study of philosophy](#) and [dramatically increasing enrollment in philosophy programs](#) at some universities, the subject is still frequently dismissed as outmoded and impractical, removed from the everyday world and relegated to the loftiest of ivory towers.

That doesn't fit with the realities of both the business and tech worlds, where philosophy has proved itself to be not only relevant but often the cornerstone of great innovation. Philosophy and entrepreneurship are a surprisingly good fit. Some of the most successful tech entrepreneurs and innovators come from a philosophy background and put the critical thinking skills they developed to good use launching new digital services to fill needs in various domains of society. *Atlantic* contributor Edward Tenner even went so far as to call philosophy the "[most practical major](#)."

In fact, many leaders of the tech world — from LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman to Flickr founder Stewart Butterfield — say that studying philosophy was the secret to their success as digital entrepreneurs.

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Philosophy Club

A fun and welcoming place to discuss the
issues that excite you.

Questions?

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