Philosophy, BA

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Accelerated options for this program are not currently available to ASU Online students.

Strengthen your foundational skills such as reading comprehension, and develop skills in reasoning and argument construction to become a better thinker. Studying philosophy prepares you to answer moral and ethical questions that relate to a variety of careers.

Program Description

The BA in philosophy teaches students how to think well, which in turn lays the foundation for personal and professional success.

Philosophy students learn how to structure arguments, write precisely and clearly, and communicate their ideas in an orderly, persuasive and unambiguous way. Many philosophical texts are complicated, and philosophy courses teach students how to read, comprehend and summarize conceptually difficult material. In short, studying philosophy trains one to be a better, clearer thinker.

Coursework includes the major subfields of philosophy, such as metaphysics, epistemology and ethics, and electives that connect philosophy to other areas of inquiry, emphasizing the social relevance of philosophy.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing a concurrent degree or second baccalaureate in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit The College's website for more information and requirements. [https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees](https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees)

At a Glance
• **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
• **Location:** Tempe or Online, ASU Local  
• **Additional Program Fee:** Yes  
• **Second Language Requirement:** Yes  
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics  
• **Math Intensity:** General

## Required Courses (Major Map)

- 2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)  
- 2022 - 2023 Major Map (Online)  
- Major Map (Archives)

## Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Global Management (Creative Industries and Design Thinking), MGM  
- Global Management (Digital Audience Strategy), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Affairs), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Business), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Development and Innovation), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Digital Transformation), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Entrepreneurship), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Health Care Delivery), MGM  
- Global Management (Global Legal Studies), MGM  
- Global Management (Integrated Health Care), MGM  
- Global Management (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), MGM  
- Global Management (Public Administration), MGM  
- Global Management (Public Policy), MGM
Global Management (Sustainability Solutions), MGM
Global Management (Sustainable Tourism), MGM
Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
*First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission*

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

**ASU Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

**ASU Local**

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).
Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Present and defend a philosophical view using concepts, technical terminology, and methods acquired in an advanced topical seminar as well as skills in logical analysis and civil and respectful argumentation.
- Present and explain central philosophical positions from key figures in the historical development of philosophical thought, especially their metaphysical and epistemological positions.
- Evaluate how well different normative ethical theories such as consequentialism, deontology, virtue theory provide moral standards that dictate which (if any) actions are right and wrong or how well different metaethical theories such as realism, expressivism, relativism, and nihilism account for the meaning and truth of moral claims.
- Evaluate arguments for formal validity and construct formal proofs. Students will be able to capture the logical form of prose arguments.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students can explore the diverse range of cultures and philosophies around the globe. With over 250 unique programs, students can tailor their study abroad experience to their interests and skill sets. Study abroad programs help students gain valuable skills such as problem solving, communication, adaptability and cultural competency, skills that enhance their resumes. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in philosophy: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/philosophy](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/philosophy).

Career Opportunities

Philosophy alumni are well prepared for leadership roles whatever path they take, whether it be in business, law, politics, medicine or education.

The analytical, rhetorical and writing skills developed through the study of philosophy provide ideal preparation for careers in a wide range of fields, including:

- business
- education
- journalism
- law
- medicine
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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