

Philosophy is Everywhere

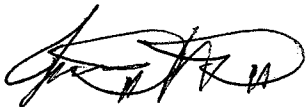
Dear MSU Student,

I'd like to invite you to be a part of one of the oldest, most-respected, and most powerful areas of study, that of philosophy. Whether you're interested in moving on to graduate studies, are looking to begin law school, or are considering a career in medicine; a degree in philosophy would be ideal in helping you to achieve those goals. Philosophy can even prepare you for all professional careers in general. Why?

Philosophy is everywhere. It is inherent in business, social institutions, technology, and ideologies throughout the world. As a result, studying philosophy will help you to understand such things more clearly. The world around you will make more sense and you may find yourself with not only a better understanding of current issues, but asking new questions of them as well. Philosophy challenges the ideas of the world around us, and can show us how to improve on them as well. In this respect, it is quite a powerful tool, not only in teaching us to think critically, but also in helping us to create a better world. I think that philosophy is most exciting, though, in what it does for the person as an individual.

The study of philosophy can be life changing for a person. What a person is passionate about, such as art, film, music, or poetry, becomes meaningful in an entirely new way. Even larger things, such as life and religion, find new meaning through philosophy, because it provides the tools to get at the heart of the meaning of these things. Further, it helps to realize personal goals and ideals, in pushing us to explore who we are, why we do what we do, and so on. In gaining the knowledge of these personal truths about ourselves, we can gain the key to a happy life in the future, as well as a way to improve on the present. Personally, I feel that philosophy has done all this for me, and given me more, such as the ability to win an argument! I think that it is quite an amazing pursuit, one that will be invaluable to me both now and in years to come. So, please come and join in what will prove to be one of the most interesting majors or minors you could ever choose!

Sincerely,



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