



Department Benefits

- MSUM's philosophy program is the largest in the region.
- MSUM is one of only two schools in the region where feminist philosophy is offered.
- Majors have opportunities to work closely with faculty by conducting research or doing independent study.
- A philosophy major is an excellent complement to prepare students for graduate programs, particularly students going into seminary, law school and other professional programs. Nationally, philosophy majors average the highest scores in the GRE verbal test, and the second highest scores on both the GMAT and the LSAT.
- Recent faculty research interests have included religious pluralism, the aesthetic dimensions of popular culture, ethics, peace & war, ancient philosophy, philosophy of mind, Asian philosophy, gay and lesbian studies, social philosophy, and feminist theory.

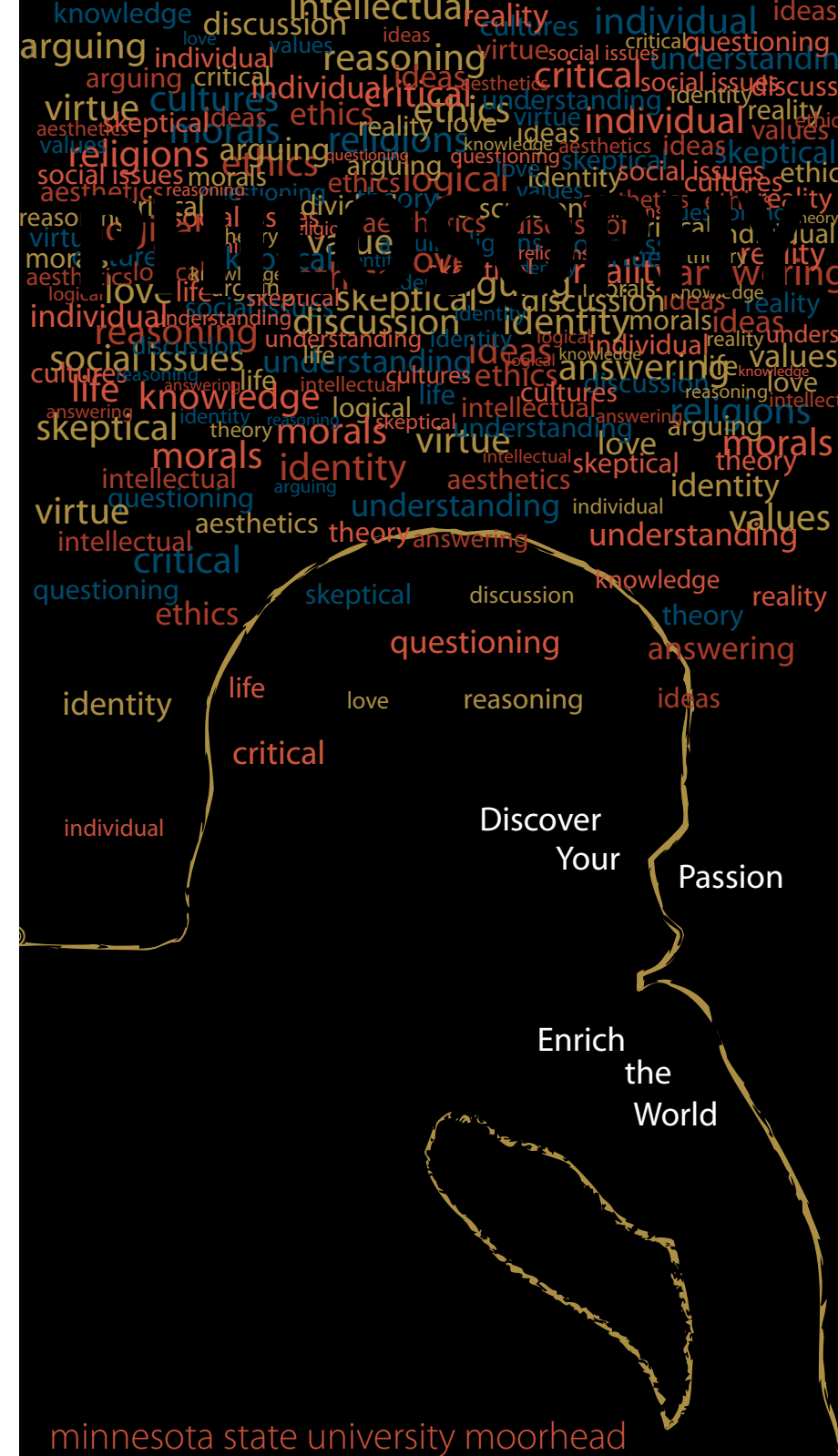


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What can philosophy do for you?



"The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Philosophy develops the capacity to see the world from the perspective of other individuals and cultures.
- It enhances one's ability to perceive the relationships among various fields of study.
- It deepens one's understanding of the varieties of human experience.
- People trained in philosophy are prepared for many tasks—they can cope with change, or even move into new careers more easily.

Careers

A solid philosophical education, particularly in combination with a second major or minor, is excellent preparation for the broadest possible range of careers. Philosophy teaches a wide range of basic skills that are desired in every profession.

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Philosophy Major

The MSUM Philosophy major is organized to develop six sets of skills:

- Reading and understanding philosophical writing
- Writing philosophical essays
- Discussing and arguing issues
- Knowing the basic ideas of the major philosophies in the areas of ethics, metaphysics, and theory of knowledge
- Evaluating and constructing philosophical arguments
- Conducting independent philosophical research

Because it emphasizes these skills, philosophy is an excellent second major or minor to accompany a major in any other discipline. The flexibility of the Minnesota State University Moorhead curriculum makes it possible to start a major in philosophy as late as the beginning of the junior year.

One U.S. Representative's description of the philosophers who he employs:

"It seems to me that philosophers have acquired skills which are very valuable to a member of Congress. The ability to analyze a problem carefully and consider it from many points of view is one. Another is the ability to communicate ideas clearly in a logically compelling form. A third is the ability to handle the many different kinds of problems which occupy the congressional agenda at any time."

(Lee H. Hamilton, Co-Chair of the 9/11 Commission)

Philosophy Majors You May Know

- Alex Trebek—Host for TV Show, Jeopardy
- Angela Davis—Activist
- Aung San Suu Kyi—Nobel Peace Prize Winner
- Bruce Lee—martial arts & actor
- David Souter—Supreme Court Justice
- Dennis Miller—Comedian
- Ethan Coen—Film Maker (one half of the Coen Brothers)
- George Soros—Financier
- George Stephanopoulos—Political Commentator
- Harrison Ford—Actor
- Jay Leno—Comedian
- Karol Wojtyla—Pope John Paul II
- Phil Jackson—Coach, L.A. Lakers
- Philip Glass—Composer
- Steve Martin—Comedian, Actor
- Umberto Eco—Novelist
- Vaclav Havel—former President of Czechoslovakia
- Wes Anderson—Filmmaker and Writer

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To learn more about how the MSUM Philosophy program can prepare you for career success, please contact us for more information.

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