

Philosophy

"All men," says Aristotle, "by nature desire to know," and Philosophy provides the broadest method for getting at what can be known. Students in Philosophy engage fundamental questions about reality, God, the limits of knowledge, and the meaning of human life. Thereby, they learn to question critically, to argue rigorously, and to think synthetically. These skills are beneficial for anyone, regardless of one's field of endeavor, and doing Philosophy necessarily will make you a smarter person.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Minor in Philosophy

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Philosophical seminars typically involve discussion, back and forth exchanges, and a real expenditure of effort to arrive at a conclusion.
- Philosophy straddles the line between being a "content" discipline and a "skills" discipline. While philosophy has its own history and is to that extent a discipline whose "content" must be imparted from teacher to student, it is primarily a "skills" discipline in which learning happens through doing.
- Philosophical discovery happens inside and outside of class, through an ongoing discussion that can bear fruit at unexpected times.

Research opportunities

Students may apply for research grants awarded by the [Gerber Institute for Catholic Studies](#). The Institute will consider funding "any project that supports or furthers the mission, vision, or current theme of the Gerber Institute." This 2010-2011 theme is "reconciling differences," and proposals may take the form of essays, presentations, performances, and service projects.

PROMINENT CAREERS

While the general skills developed in Philosophy are of use in most fields of human endeavor, certain career paths are well-established for those with philosophical training.

Law, pre-eminently, has been a field that capitalizes on the analytic and verbal skills developed in Philosophy. So too, careers in **communication** or **research-based fields** focus on the verbal skills that an undergraduate philosophy major will develop.

Philosophy's engagement with concepts and the ability to think systemically provide a major advantage to those students entering emerging fields in **information** and **technology**. For those entering professional or technical fields that require more specialized knowledge, philosophical training may provide an edge by enhancing the student's ability to think critically and synthetically.

The program also allows the philosophy graduate to relate his/her specialized field of endeavor to more generalized concerns. And, **post-graduate teaching** and **research positions** in the public and private sectors seek persons with high-level philosophical skills.

EXPERT, ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

The Philosophy program consists of a group of carefully selected scholarly and professional practitioners who creatively introduce students to emerging theory and current best practices.

Newman Graduates regularly cite close collaboration with talented, dedicated faculty as one of their most meaningful experiences at Newman.

Newman faculty members are more than just leaders in their field. They take an active and personal role in students'

studies and progress, forming strong relationships with students through coursework, special projects and informal out of class discussions.

ACCREDITATION

Newman University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

FINANCIAL AID

With many scholarships, grants, work-study and company tuition assistance programs available, the cost of a degree from Newman University is comparable to that of state universities.

PROGRAM CONTACT

For more information or if you have questions about this program contact Philosophy Chair and Professor Chris Fox, Ph.D. at foxc@newmanu.edu.

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