

Student Activities

◆ Faculty and Students Meet and Greet



◆ Georgia Philosophical Society Conference



Where Are Some Recent Philosophy Alumnae Majors & Minors?

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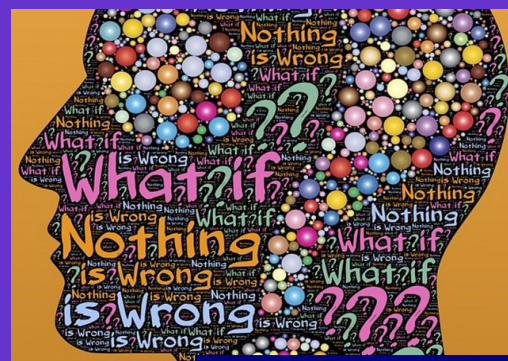
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Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Philosophy



"A Choice to Change the World"

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Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies offers two majors, one in philosophy and the other in Religious Studies. The two majors enrich each other, but retain their separate identities and missions.

Goals

The Philosophy program at Spelman College offers students the opportunity to enhance critical and analytical reasoning skills. They introduce students to a wide variety of philosophical traditions. The major prepares students for graduate study in philosophy as well as for professional studies such as law, journalism and medicine (in conjunction with the pre-medical track).

Objectives

A student who has successfully completed a major in philosophy will be able to

1. apply critical skills to demonstrate knowledge of the intersection of the intellectual traditions of women of African descent in philosophy.
2. express self clearly, cogently, and critically in written work.
3. recognize informal logical fallacies as well criteria for well-formed conceptual analyses.
4. engage in philosophic practice within analytic and Continental philosophy.

PHI SIGMA TAU HONOR SOCIETY

THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHERS



Phi Sigma Tau, which stands for *Filountwn Sofian Timhn* (Of those who love wisdom, honor) is the International Honor Society in philosophy. Founded in 1930 at Muhlenberg College, its essential purpose was and is to promote ties among philosophy departments and students, locally and nationally. The Society develops and honors academic excellence by generating greater opportunities for philosophy students to create and review scholarly work.

Phi Sigma Tau's emblem is a pentagon. Each of the angles contains a word representing one of the five streams of the world thought: Chinese, Indian, Islamic, Hebrew and Greek. Since 1956, the Society has published twice yearly an official journal, *Dialogue*, a publication that is open to all students in philosophy.

What can I do with a Major or Minor in Philosophy?

This is a partial list of careers for which graduates with the B.A. in philosophy might obtain.

Administrator	Judicial Clerk
Chaplain	Law
Counseling and Social Worker	Legislative Aid
Diplomat	Medicine
Foreign Service Officer	Paralegal
Freelance Writer	Professor

Philosophy Major Requirements

A major in philosophy consists of 44 hours (11 courses; 8 core and 3 electives).

CORE COURSES

PHI 200: Practical Reasoning or **PHI 201:** Formal Logic (4)
PHI 220: Introduction to Philosophy (4)
PHI 230: History of Western Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (8)
PHI 231: History of Western Philosophy: Modern (4)
PHI 383: Epistemology or **PHI 384:** Metaphysics (4)
Each major must complete at least two courses: **PHI 304:** Ethics, **PHI 381:** Aesthetics or **PHI 382:** Social/Political Philosophy (8)
♦ Each major must complete **REL 111:** Introduction to the Study of Religion

ELECTIVES

Each major must complete at least three (3) Philosophy electives (12)

- ♦ One of these electives must be **PHI 421 Directed Reading** or **PHI 431 Special Topics** or **PHI 490/491 Honors Thesis**.

Philosophy Minor Requirements

A minor in philosophy consists of a minimum of 24 hours of philosophy courses.

PHI 200: Practical Reasoning or **PHI 201:** Formal Logic (4)
PHI 220: Introduction to Philosophy (4)
PHI 230: History of Western Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (8)
PHI 231: History of Western Philosophy: Modern (4)

- ♦ Two Philosophy Electives (8)

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