This tool will provide you with the information you need for academic planning and connect you with experiences to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes that employers are seeking.

PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

As a philosophy student in the Faculty of Arts, you will learn how to use logic, language and assessment of evidence to understand the world, our place in the world and our values. Philosophers use the tools of rigorous logic and clear conceptual analysis. Their goal is to understand things such as nature of reason, the physical universe, right and wrong, the human mind and sometimes even the meaning of life. The study of philosophy will help you not only consider these important questions but also improve your clarity of expression and ability to think critically. It will provide you with a general intellectual toolbox to help you understand reality and solve problems in the real world.

SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN BY STUDYING PHILOSOPHY

- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- The ability to listen carefully and accurately
- The ability to analyze, develop and formulate logical arguments
- The ability to think, reason and communicate well in front of an audience or group with little to no preparation (the ability to think on your feet)
- The ability to think abstractly and critically assess evidence to understand and develop innovative solutions to complex problems, whether on your own or in a group
- The ability to make informed decisions by thoroughly examining the consequences of various actions
- The skills to foster and indefinitely preserve your intellectual curiosity

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?

Industries such as business, communications, government, health and law would value a philosophy degree in combination with the employability skills that are highly sought after by employers. These include:

- Critical thinking
- Oral and written communication
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Continuous learning
- Numeracy and data use
- Digital technology
- Industry-specific knowledge

Skills you will gain through your classroom education by taking advantage of experiential education opportunities.

- Read stories of alumni and senior learning opportunities
- Update your resumé and LinkedIn profile with applicable experiences
- Work experience opportunities
- Apply for your academic advisor
- Attend university career & job fairs
- Join career development clubs
- Meet with an academic advisor
- Meet with a career consultant
- Check in with a career consultant
- Engage in an experiential learning opportunity
- Map out your career pathway
- Attain skills through your classroom education by taking advantage of experiential education opportunities

WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?

Experiential education will enhance your classroom education by giving you hands-on experience that will resonate with employers. The University of Manitoba offers a wide variety of programs designed to facilitate your personal growth, connect you with others and ignite your active engagement in the local and global community.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Work experience opportunities
- International student exchanges, international internships and travel study
- Local and international service-learning opportunities
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities

The Philosophy Compass provides you with suggestions of how and when to use opportunities to make the most of your university experience. You may follow these guidelines or map out your own route.
**Note:** This resource is meant as a guide to provide suggestions throughout your time at university. Develop a plan and timeline that suits you best. Make intentional choices for your courses and work experiences.

*Please refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.

**YEAR 1**

30 CREDITS

**Course requirements:** Honours and Advanced: Refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.*

**YEAR 2**

60 CREDITS

**Course requirements:** Honours and Advanced: Refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.*

**YEAR 3**

90 CREDITS

**Course requirements:** Honours and Advanced: Refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.*

**YEAR 4**

120 CREDITS

**Course requirements:** Honours and Advanced: Refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements.*

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**ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

**Year 1**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Know the requirements for your degree.
  2. Meet with an academic advisor in the Faculty of Arts to help you plan your program.

**Year 2**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Should you follow a 3- or 4-year plan? Meet with an academic advisor and career consultant to map out your options.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**Year 3**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**Year 4**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Plan your career development.

**CAREER TIPS**

**Year 1**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a career consultant to generate ideas based on your interests, values, and personality.
  2. Explore opportunities to match your skills and interests.
  3. Set up a careerCONNECT account to view job postings and register for workshops and events.
  4. Register for the Co-Curricular Record (CCR), an official record of university-approved activities.
  5. Join the the philosophy Facebook group.

**Year 2**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet a career consultant to generate ideas based on your interests, values, and personality.
  2. Research opportunities that match your skills and interests.
  3. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  4. Develop your resume and cover letter and refine your interview skills.

**Year 3**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**Year 4**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**LINK EXPERIENCES TO YOUR CAREER INTERESTS.**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a career consultant to generate ideas based on your interests, values, and personality.
  2. Explore opportunities to match your skills and interests.
  3. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**VOLUNTEER & WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

**CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- **To do this year:**
  1. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.
  2. Meet with a philosophy advisor forhonours program approval.

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**SAMPLE CAREERS WITH AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- Alumni Relations Officer
- Communications Officer
- Community Organizer
- Conciliation/Mediation Officer
- Editor/Digital Editor
- Employment Equity Officer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Humanities Bibliographer
- Intelligence Officer
- Legal Researcher
- Lobbyist
- Political Aid
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Social Program Coordinator
- Student Advocate
- Underwriter
- Victim Services Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

**OPTIONS REQUIRING OTHER EDUCATION**

- Archivist
- Bioethicist
- City Planner
- Human Resources Journalist
- Labour Relations Officer
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Marketing Manager
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Ombudsperson
- Physician
- Policy Analyst
- Private Investigator
- Religious Leader
- Social Worker
- University Professor