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 or 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 independently 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

Secure skills through your classroom education by taking advantage of experiential education opportunities.

EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- Work experience opportunities
- International student exchanges, international internships and travel study
- Local and international service-learning opportunities
- Undergraduate research and entrepreneurship
- 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.
**ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

**YEAR 1**

30 CREDITS

**Course requirements:**
- 6 credit hours from PHIL 1200 or 1320*

**To do this year:**
1. Know the requirements for your degree. Meet with an academic advisor in the Faculty of Arts to help you plan your program.
2. If you need academic support, visit the Academic Learning Centre for workshops or to meet with a learning skills instructor.

**YEAR 2**

60 CREDITS

**Course requirements:**
- Honours and Advanced: PHIL 2430 and 2760 plus additional credit hours as found in the Academic Calendar.
- General: 6 credit hours of History of Philosophy at the 2000 or 3000 level and 18 credit hours of other PHIL courses.

**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. When choosing a minor, take courses that will open opportunities.

**YEAR 3**

90 CREDITS

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

**To do this year:**
1. Meet with a psychology advisor forhonours program approval.
2. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor and declare intent to graduate in Aurora.

**YEAR 4**

120 CREDITS

**Course requirements:**
- Refer to the Academic Calendar for a complete list of program requirements

**To do this year:**
1. Meet with a philosophy advisor for honours program approval.
2. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor and declare intent to graduate in Aurora.

**ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

**CAREER TIPS**

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**YEAR 4**

**Volunteer & Work Experience**

**Link experiences to your career interests.**

**Options include:**
1. Student groups including Philosophy and Ethics Centre Students’ Associations and Arts Student Body Council.
2. Volunteer with the University of Manitoba Volunteer Program, SafeWalk, or join the Student Leadership Development Program.
3. Student work opportunities including Work-Study, STEP Services or Federal Student Work Experience Program.
4. Experiential education opportunities such as Alternative Reading Week Winnipeg and the Community Action Poverty Simulation.

**Volunteer with the University of Manitoba Volunteer Program**

1. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor.
2. Meet with a philosophy advisor.
3. Start planning your career.
4. Make professional connections:
   - Join the Career Mentor Program to learn from professionals.
   - Attend career fairs to connect with employers.
   - Become a student affiliate with a professional organization.
   - Attend the Philosophical Friday Speaker Series.
5. Make your skills:
   - Develop your resume and cover letter.
   - Refine your interview skills.

**Volunteer for the Intercultural Development Program**

1. Participate in the multicultural opportunities.
2. Did you travel abroad?
3. Consider international opportunities?
4. Explore student research opportunities:
   - Apply for an Undergraduate Research Award.
   - Gain practical experience by volunteering:
     - Check out legal and social service organizations such as the John Howard Society of Manitoba and local neighbourhood associations.
   - Explore opportunities to market yourself:
     - Become a Faculty of Arts Student Ambassador.
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**Volunteer for the Philosophy Internship Program**

1. Develop global career skills and expand intercultural learning:
   - Consider an international student exchange or Travel Study program.
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   - Find opportunities to market yourself:
     - Become a Faculty of Arts Student Ambassador.
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**Volunteer for the Student Leadership Development Program**

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   - Start planning your career:
     - Meet with a psychology advisor.
   - Make your skills:
     - Develop your resume and cover letter.
     - Refine your interview skills. **CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Considering international opportunities?**

1. Attend International Week in February for information about opportunities around the world.
2. Explore communities and cultures you want to work with:
   - Visit the Manitoba International Centre or local agencies such as 211 Manitoba.
   - Join the Philosophy Student Association mailing list to learn about upcoming events.

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- **B.A. Advanced:**

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- **B.A. General:**

- 3 years

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**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