

# Philosophy



## program

As a philosophy major at Slippery Rock University, you will study questions such as: What can I know? What is good? What is the relation between individuals and society? What is ethical conduct in medicine and business? You will learn to examine critically what passes as common knowledge, to formulate logical positions on important issues, and to express your ideas intelligently. To meet the needs and interests of students, the Department of Philosophy offers a bachelor's of arts in philosophy with two different tracks from which to choose, a minor in philosophy or a minor in ethics. Faculty work closely with students to help them choose courses that are most appropriate for their programs.

### Specialization: Professional Major

A 39-credit major provides an intensive concentration in philosophy. This course of study is designed to prepare students for graduate school in philosophy.

### Specialization: Liberal Arts Major

A 30-credit major encourages students to focus on philosophy courses tailored to another academic interest in one of the three following areas:

1. Humanities and fine arts
2. Social and behavioral sciences
3. Natural sciences and mathematics.

## Major and Minors

### Majors:

- Philosophy - Career Related (BA)
- Philosophy - Liberal Arts (BA)
- Philosophy - Professional (BA)

### Minors:

- Philosophy
- Ethics

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### Specialization: Career-Related Major

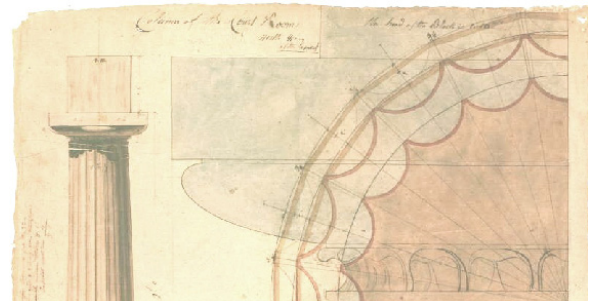
A 30-credit major which allows students to design a program of philosophy courses to complement the student's preparations for a specific career. This major requires 24 credits in philosophy and six credits in either philosophy or a related field.

### Minor in Philosophy

The minor in philosophy requires fifteen (15) semester hours in philosophy with at least nine (9) at the 300 level.

### Minor in Ethics

The minor in Ethics requires eighteen (18) semester hours in philosophy, three (3) of which must be ethics courses. At least nine (9) of the courses must be at the 300 level.



## career opportunities

Do you want to go to law school? Philosophy majors are the third highest scoring group in the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Want to get an MBA? Philosophy majors are the second highest scoring group on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). Even on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) philosophy graduates score higher than any of the other humanities. On the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), philosophy students do better overall than any other major of the fifty listed. (Source: *Guide to the Graduate Record Examination Program 1996-7, Education Testing Service.*) Slippery Rock University philosophy majors have gone on to law school and graduate school. Those who take their training into other fields report that their philosophy major is of great value to them.

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## outstanding faculty

The first priority of Slippery Rock University philosophy faculty is teaching. SRU philosophy faculty have received local, national, and international recognition for both teaching and scholarship. Faculty members have written favorably reviewed books and articles, received awards, presented papers at international, national, and regional venues and served on review boards for publishers and on local organizations. As a philosophy student at SRU, you will be taught by those who are dedicated teachers as well as practicing scholars.

## student organizations

### Phi Sigma Tau

The philosophy honorary welcomes not only majors who have achieved academic distinction, but also other students who have taken several philosophy courses and excelled in them.

### Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Club sponsors films, trips to conferences, and weekly discussions about philosophical topics. The club meets regularly giving students the opportunity to converse informally.

### Student/Faculty Get-togethers

You will find a congenial and welcoming atmosphere in the philosophy department. Twice a year, a faculty member hosts a party for majors and minors. During the December holidays, the department hosts an informal party on campus. The warm feeling between professors and students, valued on a daily basis, gets free reign at these events.

### CAPE

The Center for Applied and Professional Ethics is housed in the SRU Philosophy Department. The center treats the central ethical issues of our lives by sponsoring events and speakers.

## student achievement

The Department of Philosophy fosters excellence in our students. Over the past several years, Slippery Rock University philosophy students have won more undergraduate statewide prizes than students at any other Pennsylvania state university. They have also had their work accepted for presentation at many statewide venues.

## internships

It's not enough these days to go into the job market with just your degree in your pocket. Employers demand that job candidates have real-world experience as well. Every major at The Rock includes some form of practical experience through internships, work-study, practicums or volunteerism. Our students may work within walking distance of the campus, or they may work on the other side of the planet, but by the time they graduate, every single SRU student will have had the opportunity to build an impressive professional resume. New roles have opened in health care, government, education, business, environmental fields, technology and scientific research for those with professional training in ethics.

## Contact Info

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