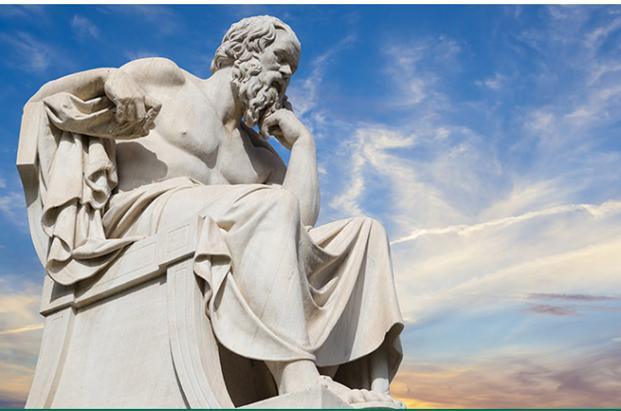


# PHILOSOPHY

## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



### MAJORS

- Philosophy (BA)
- Philosophy (BA) w/ a concentration in Career-Related Philosophy

### MINORS AND CERTIFICATES

- Minor in Philosophy
- Minor in Ethics
- Certificate in Humanities and Health

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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?

Slippery Rock University philosophy majors have gone on to law school and graduate school, preparing them for jobs such as professors or lawyers. In fact, philosophy majors have the highest scores on the Law School Admissions Test, and they have the highest acceptance rate to law school of any other major. Want to get an MBA? Philosophy majors are the third highest scoring group on the Graduate Management Admissions Test. On the Graduate Record Examination, philosophy students have the highest score on the verbal and analytical writing section and have the highest score among humanities majors on the quantitative section (Source: Educational Testing Service, 2013). Philosophy majors earn more at mid-career than any other humanities major (Source: Payscale.com, 2014).

### PHILOSOPHY AT SRU

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? and 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 intelligent ideas.

### WHY CHOOSE PHILOSOPHY AT SRU?

- 1. Outstanding faculty:** The first priority of Slippery Rock University philosophy faculty is teaching. SRU philosophy faculty have received local, national and international recognition for teaching and scholarship. Faculty members have written favorably reviewed books and articles; received awards; presented papers at international, national and regional conferences; and served on review boards for publishers and on local organizations. As a philosophy student at SRU, you will be taught by dedicated teachers as well as practicing scholars.
- 2. Projects and research with faculty:** Philosophy majors have numerous opportunities to collaborate with faculty in undergraduate research. This collaborative research opportunity is a long-standing tradition in the department and all undergraduates should seriously consider experiencing this high-impact practice.
- 3. Support and guidance:** Every undergraduate is assigned an academic adviser to guide them through their program of study and help them make decisions about educational and career goals.
- 4. Career-related concentration:** Students who double major in philosophy often go on to successful careers in law, medicine, science, nonprofit leadership, business, finance, government, education, journalism and other rewarding careers.
- 5. Critical thinking:** Philosophy graduates are prized by employers because of their superior reasoning and creative thinking skills.

## CAREER OUTCOMES

While many SRU philosophy majors will continue their education after earning their bachelor's degree, graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Assistant Public Defender, Venango County
- Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau
- Electronic Resources Analyst, Cuyahoga Community College
- Founder, Education for US
- Math Teacher, Prince William County Schools
- Financial Representative, AIG
- Implementation Associate, PNC Bank
- Inside Claims Representative, Erie Insurance Group
- Medicare Operations Consultant, Aetna Healthcare
- Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator, CA BOCES
- Arabic Linguist, United States Department of Defense

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Phi Sigma Tau - The philosophy honorary Phi Sigma Tau welcomes not only majors who have achieved academic distinction, but other students who have taken several philosophy courses and excelled
- Philosophy Club - The SRU Philosophy Club sponsors films, trips to conferences and weekly discussions about philosophical topics. The club meets regularly giving students the opportunity to converse informally.
- The Center for Applied and Professional Ethics (CAPE) - CAPE is housed in the SRU philosophy department and treats the central ethical issues of our lives by sponsoring events and speakers.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Marshall Martin, '17

*Graduate student at Slippery Rock University*

"Majoring in philosophy for my Bachelor's degree was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I was able to create ongoing relationships with all of the professors in the department as well as numerous students who are also pursuing graduate degrees at various universities."

### Megan Kuhr, '12

*Electronic resources analyst at Cuyahoga Community College*

"While many people feel that a philosophy degree is not the most practical decision, pursuing this degree was probably one of the best decisions that I have made as an adult. The skills that I learned while pursuing my philosophy degree have helped me to achieve many of my personal and professional goals. It was personally fulfilling and gave me a strong foundation to build my career."

### R. Maxwell Spears, '12

*Graduate student at Purdue University working toward a Ph.D. in philosophy*

"Overall, SRU's philosophy department has been an incredibly formative and positive force in my life. Their commitment to recognizing philosophical talent and developing it has put me in the position I am in today. The philosophy department at SRU is one of the most important figures in my life, and my work with the faculty set me on my current career path, as well as making me a better critical thinker and individual."

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