Philosophy

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Philosophy is the creative and critical reflection on enduring questions concerning the nature of the world and our place in it. For example, philosophy asks metaphysical questions about what exists, epistemic questions about what we can claim to know, and ethical questions about the nature of the good life and right action. In addition, philosophy involves the study and practice of good reasoning and clear thinking, skills that are essential to any discipline or profession.

The Philosophy Department offers a variety of courses in the central areas of philosophy that acquaint students with the rich, living traditions of the world and explore historical and contemporary issues. Departmental faculty have a wide range of philosophical interests and expertise, with a particular strength in theoretical and applied ethics.

The department offers several options for students interested in the study of philosophy:

- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, with areas of emphasis in ethics, world philosophies and religions, or pre-law.
- Minor in Philosophy.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is designed to prepare students for graduate study in philosophy or other humanities areas such as religious studies, theology or classics. It is also a suitable second major for those planning graduate studies in history, English, French or German literature. In general, it is ideal for students who are seeking jobs in fields where writing, critical thinking and general liberal arts skills are in demand, or for lifelong learners interested in philosophy.

The emphasis in world philosophies and religions is designed for students who want to learn about and reflect on religious traditions in a philosophical manner. Students who select this emphasis will be prepared for graduate study in philosophy or religion.

The pre-law emphasis is designed for students who plan to attend law school or related professional schools.

The emphasis in ethics is designed for students who intend to pursue a graduate degree focusing on applied ethics; those who are seeking careers in the nonprofit sector, public administration, helping professions or government service; and those who are interested in the study of practical ethics.

The Minor in Philosophy is designed for students who are interested in philosophy but pursuing another degree, and for students majoring in a discipline that is complemented by the study of philosophy, such as history, justice, English, psychology, anthropology, sociology, mathematics, political science or the natural sciences.

Programs of Study

Undergraduate Certificate
- Certificate in Applied Ethics (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/philosophy/certificat-eappliedethics)

Bachelor of Arts
- BA in Philosophy (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/philosophy/ba-philosophy)

Minor
- Minor in Philosophy (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/cas/philosophy/minor-philosophy)

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