# Philosophy Bachelor of Arts • Minors

Welcome to the world of ideas – ideas that matter in the real world. The Philosophy Department takes pride in the success of our students. Whether they choose to pursue further study in philosophy or follow the diversity of career paths opened to them by the creative and critical thinking skills honed in our classes, they will be well prepared for the challenges life inevitably brings. Engagement in philosophy does not stop with the end of the class period but continues in the offices of our faculty, in our library, in the hallways and even back in the dorm rooms of our students.

### **PROGRAM FEATURES**

**Philosophy, B.A.** Southern's philosophy degree, taught by world-renowned faculty, is accentuated by specialized courses in applied philosophy — courses such as Computer Ethics, Bio-Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophy of Education, and Moral Problems in the Law — and prepares students for exciting careers in teaching and research, public administration, business, law, and journalism.

**Minor in Philosophy** This minor is ideal who wish to enhance their studies with an historical investigation into the human experience. Majors in the arts, sciences, humanities, and social sciences are well-served by a minor in history.

Minor in Religious Studies We offer a minor in religious studies for students who either:

- Wish to explore the influence on and interrelationships between religion and such cultural institutions and areas of human experience as art, history, literature, politics, ethics, and science; or
- Wish to be prepared to teach world religions or aspects of religion as part of humanities programs in schools; or
- · Intend to do graduate work in religious studies programs.

Minor in Science, Values, and Society This minor is best suited for students interested in ideas, concepts, and concerns located at the intersection of science and values. By engaging in these topics, students gain a broader understanding of the social and ethical implications of scientific practices, scientific methodologies, and technologies. This minor is especially helpful when paired with a scientific or interdisciplinary major so that the student receives a more well-rounded scientific education, one that allows the student to fully understand the role of science with a broader societal structure.

## **Unique Department Features**

- The Philosophy Club offers weekly meetings for students to participate in imaginative and thought-provoking discussions.
- The Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society recognizes philosophy majors for their academic achievements.
- The Research Center for Values in Emerging Science engages in cutting-edge research involving computer and biomedical ethics as well as social transformations engendered by changing technology. Center activities include international conferences, workshops, roundtable discussions, and hosting visiting research scholars.

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FACULTY-TO-STUDENT RATIO
ALLOWS STUDENTS TO
CONDUCT RESEARCH WITH
THEIR PROFESSORS, AND FOR
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HONORS WORK,





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## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Students of Philosophy gain knowledge, engage values, and hone skills that are widely applicable for pursuing their life goals in a rapidly changing world. These skills are in high demand. Recent Philosophy graduates have gone on to successful careers in a range of fields, including teaching, research, law, translation services, business, and computing.

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