A PLACE TO BECOME

Philosophy prepares students to undertake a variety of studies and occupations, especially when it is done in conjunction with other disciplines. Here are the opportunities students have gone onto:

GRAD SCHOOL
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Queens University
- Ryerson University
- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Guelph
- University of Toronto
- Western University
- York University

EMPLOYMENT
- Criminal, Property, Corporate, Copyright, and International Lawyers
- Policy Planning, Federal Government
- International Finance, Bank of Montreal
- Teaching, Highschool and University
- Corporate Leadership, TD Bank
- Urban Planner, City of New York
- Alcohol, Liquor, Life
- Researcher, Various levels of government
- Business Owner, Hamilton, London, and Toronto
- Strategy, and Planning, IBM Canada

ONLINE RESOURCES
- Kings’s University College Career Connect: kings.uwo.ca/career-connection
- Kings’s University College Job Board: job.kings.uwo.ca
- Kings’s University College Alumni Services: alumni.kings.uwo.ca
- Western University Student Success: Find Work: careers.uwo.ca
- Jobs for Philosophers: doyoucarephilosophy.com
- University Affairs: currentaffairs.ca

WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY?

Philosophy is the way to being well. It is not just an academic discipline. It is a way of life that helps you develop your own internal compass to orientate yourself to what really matters. Only by critically examining your own values and perspectives, can you come to a deeper awareness of yourself, others, and the world in which you live. By critically examining your own values and perspectives, you can develop your own philosophical voice.

EXPERIENCE GUIDANCE

Awaken Passion and Set it Free

“THE UNEXAMINED LIFE IS NOT WORTH LIVING.”
- Socrates in The Apology

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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?

Anything! A degree in philosophy will prepare you to withstand the unpredictable and rapidly changing job market of the 21st century. As jobs (including cognitive jobs) become increasingly automated, the world becomes increasingly complex, the need for people who understand the human condition, who can think through complex and ambiguous situations, who have a sense of what they stand for and why they stand for them, becomes ever greater. These are the capacities you develop in yourself through philosophy. It is not surprising, then, that philosophy is mandatory in many of the top universities in the world and that philosophy graduates are in high demand, full of ideas and creative energy.

Mediator
- Our students have interned in various government, cultural, and community agencies, including the City of London, the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada. When it is done in conjunction with other disciplines, you can develop your own philosophical voice.

Ethics Consultant
- Medicine/Public Health
- Bio-Ethics Consultant
- Mediator
- Urban Planner, City of New York
- Corporate Leadership, TD Bank
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INTERNSHIPS
- Our students have interned in various government, cultural, and community agencies, including the City of London, the Government of Ontario, and the Government of Canada.

Learning more:
- kings.uwo.ca/philosophy
- kings.uwo.ca/wellness

Wellness Resources
- Student Affairs
- kings.uwo.ca/student-affairs

A Place to Be. A Place to Become.
Develop self-confidence and rise up to any challenge

STRATEGIES OF KNOWLEDGE:

- Philosophy gives you the means to build not only your career path but your life path.
- Philosophy at King’s is a creative and passionate community where students and scholars working together to build intellectual openness and tentatility of character that transform the individual and the society. These skills in reflective modes of thinking to recognize, resonate, and understand perspectives by asking the right questions, at the right time, in the right way. The Philosophy program is designed to help you develop as a critical and a person. In the course of your studies, you will be able to the additional skills to solve problems, to deal with complexity and ambiguity, to fail forward, and to walk all the way down to its fundamental personal philosophy, and develop the skills that are essential to independent thinking.

COMPETENCIES AND ABILITIES:

- Communication: critically and precisely communicate your ideas in oral and written form.
- Creative problem solving: think outside the box and solve problems using a written form.
- Decision making: make good judgements and decisions.
- Entrepreneurial thinking: spot opportunities gaps, adapt to new challenges, and create new ideas.
- Innovative thinking: push the boundaries beyond what is known to be possible.
- Lateral thinking: solve problems using an indirect and creative approach.
- Disruptive logic: identify the logic of your opponent to gain a competitive edge.

EXPERIENCE:

- Experience yourself and activate the latent potentials that lie hidden within your meaningful ways.
- Be part of a thoughtful community seeking to push the boundaries and build a better world.
- Identify your blind spots and overcome them.
- Develop self-confidence and rise up to any challenge.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY TODAY?

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THINK

Imagine, Create

THINK

- Take Philosophy 1000: Laying the Foundation for your Education to learn how to think like a philosopher, to develop your own critical thinking skills, and to be able to express your ideas clearly and coherently.
- Explore a variety of courses covering topics of great human questions, finding Happiness, Power, Social Politics, Culture, and more.
- Connect with faculty and academic counsellors about your academic goals and interests.

DISCOVER

Possibilities

- Join King’s Philosophy Students Association to discover your own personal philosophy that does not “indulge in the self”.
- Attend Philosophy club meetings, pub nights, movie nights, debates and other book club events.
- Visit the Career Counsellor at Kings to review potential career opportunities with your degree.
- Sign up for internships, gain a job in King’s and check out the Western Mustangs games.

ENGAGE

In Local and Global Community

- Attend King’s International Intercultural events.
- Consider joining the KUCSC as a member and active participant in the King’s learning communities.
- Attend events organized by the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CARP).
- Participate in running the CARP conferences for Advanced Research of European Philosophy.
- Explore opportunities such as research assistants and scholarships.
- Consider different ways to build engaged learning and international experience into your degree.

A PLACE TO BE

- Take a graduate level course at King’s or a local university.
- Consider joining the KUCSC as a member and active participant in the King’s learning communities.
- Attend events organized by the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy (CARP).
- Apply to one of six scholarships available to Philosophy students, including a Philosophy Research Award.
- Study abroad for one or two semesters at Leuven University in Belgium.
- Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students at King’s.
- Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions.
- Think about writing thought-provoking articles for the Regis or other university publication.

THE KING’S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Academic Deans Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements.
- Check our programs offered by Student Affairs.
- Continuously review your financial aid.
- Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus through your degree.
- Volunteer and support your community at King’s.
- Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library.
- Check out Career Connect on a regular basis.
- Meet with faculty during their office hours.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Paula Rayo, MPd
Honors Specialization in Psychology and Minor in Philosophy

Master of Professional Education, Western University; Graduation Year: 2016

CURRENT CAREER
Senior Instructional Designer

I design learning and development solutions for clients in a variety of industries. I’ve worked on projects for non-profits, organizations, real estate, law, government, investment corporations, and post-secondary education. I have a team of learning designers, developers, and project managers to deliver engaging and effective training.

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Philosophy gave me an internal compass to gracefully confront all of life’s uncertainties.