



# Philosophy



## Special Points of Interest

- Students have the option to pursue a BA in Philosophy or a BA in Ethics and Religion.
- The Philosophy Department offers a rich and lively environment with an emphasis on informal interaction between faculty and students.
- Smaller class sizes provide for a more intimate and academically driven classroom setting.

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## Interested in Philosophy?

### About the Major

The OU Philosophy Department offers two undergraduate majors: B.A. in Philosophy and B.A. in Ethics and Religion. We also offer an undergraduate minor in Philosophy. Our department offers broad training in the major fields of philosophy, with particular strengths in the history of ancient and modern philosophy, Chinese philosophy, logic, metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics and the philosophy of art, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and philosophy of religion. In addition to classes and seminars, the Department offers a rich and lively environment with an emphasis on informal interaction between faculty and students.

### Society of Undergraduate Philosophers

The Society of Undergraduate Philosophers (SOUP) is an organization of undergraduates and graduate students interested in philosophy. The SOUP meets regularly for discussions, talks by faculty members, to view philosophically themed movies, and to engage in other philosophy related activities. Regular meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month.



### OU Ethics Bowl Squad

The OU Ethics Bowl Squad has placed at the Statewide Student Ethics Competition and the Regional Ethics Bowl for the fourth consecutive year, and they finished second at the National Competition on February 27, 2014. The competition combines elements of interscholastic debate and quiz bowl.

### Conference

The University of Oklahoma Philosophy Department hosts various annual philosophy conferences at which undergraduate students may present their philosophical papers. Each conference includes a keynote address by a prominent philosopher.

## Philosophy Curriculum

The major in Philosophy at OU provides the finest in a liberal arts education. A liberal arts education will assist students in gaining basic skills in critical thinking, argumentation, communication, information management, design and planning, research and investigation, and management and administration. These skills are absolutely essential for success in virtually every career path, especially in today's information age.