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Faculty of Arts

Philosophy at Melbourne



Why study Philosophy?

DEEPEN YOUR CAPACITY TO THINK REFLECTIVELY

When you study Philosophy, you'll learn to think clearly and systematically about important fundamental questions about being human. Every area of inquiry – from politics and science to religion, art, ethics and history – generates philosophical issues about our world and our place in it. You'll ponder the big questions and engage with the great thinkers of history and today.

You'll learn how to be creative and critical in constructing, clarifying and comparing ideas, and dig into the fundamental assumptions beneath our everyday views to see how they hang together, how they can be improved, or how you might have reason to prefer one over the other. You'll explore both traditional and contemporary approaches to topics within Philosophy. There are even opportunities to study overseas.

WHERE CAN A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY TAKE YOU?

The skills of clear thinking and being able to think through complex issues in a systematic and enlightened way will be an asset in any work context. You could apply your philosophical skills in a wide range of different careers where creative and analytical thinking is required, such as law, education, medicine, teaching, journalism, advocacy, and policy development.

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“Philosophy is like the foundation of all other disciplines; it is so fundamental to all the aspects of inquiry into the world and ourselves. Many skills that I have learned in philosophy, such as critical thinking, communication and problem solving, will be transferable not only to my future studies in law but to other endeavours as well.”

Carrie Liu