Philosophy

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Philosophy is the rational inquiry into our most basic beliefs and values. Philosophers seek to answer such questions based on evidence, reasoning, and argument. Consequently, the study of logic, which analyzes systematic, rational thought, is fundamental to philosophy.

All of us, from time to time, think deeply about how we should live, what we should believe, and what we should value. The answers we find to these questions are important because they make us who we are and they determine how we behave. But there are also many practical benefits to studying philosophy. Philosophy Majors and Minors acquire the generally applicable skills of thinking and reasoning clearly. They acquire the skills to conceive of problems and issues from multiple perspectives—and importantly, they acquire the skills to analyze, compare, and judge the merits of different perspectives. This work cultivates a mental dexterity of thinking, problem-solving, and thinking creatively. These intellectual skills can be effectively applied in any area of life, and to any profession.

Philosophy majors are suited for any career where clear communication, rigorous thinking, and dealing with multiple viewpoints is in demand. Some careers our majors have chosen after graduation are in the fields of:

- Teaching
- Law
- Technology
- Business
- Advertising
- Non-Profit Administration
- Community Affairs
- Public Policy

Undergraduate

- Philosophy Major (B.A.) (http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/philosophy-ba)
- Philosophy Minor (http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/philosophy-minor)