

Philosophy

Through Philosophy we strive to deepen our understanding of ourselves, others, and the world around us. We aim to articulate and examine our most fundamental assumptions, raising questions and encouraging reflection about generally unnoticed aspects of our everyday lives. Philosophical inquiry involves interpretation and analysis of a rich tradition of powerful philosophical texts; intensive discussion and analysis of problems, questions and theories that emerge from those texts; and probing reflection on everyday experience, human practices, and the entire range of human knowledge and study.

Philosophical inquiry requires, and enables students to develop, a wide range of skills, including reasoning, interpretative and critical reading, clarity in written and spoken expression, synthesis and analysis of information, problem solving, and appreciation of different perspectives. These skills, along with the enhanced awareness that philosophy enables us to develop, are foundational to most forms of intellectual endeavor, practical decision-making, and moral questioning. Thus philosophical training and reflection lay a groundwork for any path one may choose in life.

Given the nature of philosophy, combining a Philosophy major with a second major in the humanities, the natural or social sciences, the arts, or business and policy, is an exciting and natural option, with benefit to both the breadth and the depth of a student's studies.

Why Guilford College?

Consistently rated nationally by *The Princeton Review* as well as being one of the 40 colleges in *Colleges that Change Lives* by Loren Pope, Guilford College inspires each student to achieve excellence through an engaging community, rooted in Quaker values, which nurtures creativity and social responsibility.

What can a Guilford education offer you?

- An urban setting near other colleges & universities with an area student population of over 27,000 students
- A consortium agreement with University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro College, Bennett College, North Carolina A&T State University, Elon University and High Point University provides students with access to courses free of charge
- A college mission statement & core values based on, and consistent with, Quaker testimonies. Guilford's core values are: Community, Diversity, Equality, Excellence, Integrity, Justice & Stewardship.
- A challenging academic program which emphasizes not only academic tracks and the learning process, but also the interconnection between curricular and co-curricular pursuits
- A diverse student population providing a stimulating peer environment
- Excellent study abroad programs in China, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Scotland, Spain, and Wales

The academic program in Philosophy

The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Philosophy.

Minors are offered in Philosophy and Philosophy of Mathematics.

Required courses for the Philosophy major

To major in philosophy, a student must complete eight 4-credit philosophy courses (32 credit hours): PHIL 111: Ethics; PHIL 200: Informal Logic or PHIL 292: Formal Logic; PHIL 310: Ancient Western Philosophy; PHIL 320: Modern Western Philosophy; one course devoted to an individual philosopher (PHIL 333); PHIL 401: Senior Seminar: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy, and 2 electives. Individually tailored independent studies are available to supplement regular course offerings.

Where do graduates go?

- Ph.D. program in Philosophy at the University of Southern California, followed by a teaching position at Saint John's College in Annapolis, MD
- MS in Environmental Studies, Missoula Montana, followed by position at the NCSU extension service
- Law school (including Elon, Hoffstra, University of Dayton, University of Akron)
- Graduate program in Computer Science at Brandeis University
- Research fellow in Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
- MBA program at UNCG
- MA in Creative Writing, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- Several of our graduates have launched successful careers in music
- Self-employed software designer and consultant
- Bank of America branch manager in Greensboro, NC
- Board Member and IT Specialist at Center For Community Self-Help Greensboro/Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Faculty

Joe Cole, Visiting Assistant Professor, PhD, Duke University

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