

# What About Philosophy?

## What the Study of Philosophy Can Do for You

### 1 It's Interesting!

The study of philosophy is of enormous and enduring interest. It teaches critical thinking, close reading, clear writing, and logical analysis. Different areas of philosophy are distinguished by the questions they ask. Do our senses accurately describe reality? What makes wrong actions wrong? How should we live? Philosophy teaches ways to begin to answer questions.

### 2 The Big Picture

Billionaire Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, says Philosophy is more valuable than computer science: "Ditch degrees that teach specific skills and instead opt for degrees that teach you to think in a big picture way, like Philosophy. Knowing how to critically think and assess from a global perspective will be more valuable than computer programming or accounting."

### 3 The Job Market

Employers will look at you in a different light. Job interviews will become easier. Philosophy is helpful for those pursuing degrees in medicine and law. Most people who pursue degrees in philosophy end up in a variety of careers including medicine, law, journalism, political and social activism, education, and business.

### 4 Testing Success

With Philosophy's critical thinking and analytical writing skills, students score consistently higher on the GRE, GMAT, LSAT and MCAT and are further supported by their strong verbal ability and quantitative reasoning.

### 5 Powerful Classes

You'll have access to dynamic faculty and classes that will help you think outside of the box. Examples: *Philosophy of Race*, *Ethics of Intimacy*, *Crime and Punishment*, *Mark and Marxism*, *Feminist Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Mind*, *Global Justice*, *War and Peace*, *Mass Incarceration*.

### 6 Engaged Learning

You'll be part of a community at Marquette and will find an academic home with empowered, engaged, interested and interesting faculty and students.



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## Adding a Philosophy minor is simple!

A minor in Philosophy in the Marquette Core Curriculum requires only 7 classes, and one of those is a university requirement. Here's how it works!




**Philosophy 1001**, Foundations in Philosophy, counts for 3 credits toward the Foundation Tier.

[See how Philosophy 1001 counts in the MCC Foundation Requirements.](#)




The **MCC Writing requirement** ends up being an extra class for many majors, but not with Philosophy. Why not take *Philosophy of Education* to count for a writing course in the MCC? There are 3 Philosophy courses in the MCC writing requirement. **Choose one:**



**Take your ESSV2** in Philosophy. *Mass Incarceration* and *Global Justice* are two of Philosophy's most powerful courses and aim to bridge the gap between academic philosophy and everyday life.

[Full course descriptions are available here.](#)



**Take 4 more elective classes** in Philosophy. Marquette requires 120 credits to graduate and purposefully leaves room for electives to explore all level of interests. Why not devote just 21 credits (7 classes) toward a minor in Philosophy? In addition to the three classes above, take four more electives in Philosophy:

**And with this**, you can graduate with a Philosophy minor with skills that are transferable to a wide variety of professional careers including journalism, investment banking, writing, publishing, business entrepreneurship, education, political and social activism, or the creative arts.

[Our classes](#)

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## Philosophy in the Foundation Tier

MARQUETTE CORE CURRICULUM (MCC) - 30 CREDITS

Foundation Tier - 15 credits

ENGL 1001 or HOPR 1955H	Foundations in Rhetoric Core Honors First-Year Seminar
PHIL 1001 or PHIL 1001H	Foundations in Philosophy Honors Foundations in Philosophy
THEO 1001 or THEO 1001H	Foundations in Theology: Finding God in all Things Honors Foundations in Theology: Finding God in all Things
CORE 1929 or CORE 1929H	Foundations in Methods of Inquiry Honors Foundations in Methods of Inquiry
Engaging Social Systems and Values 1 (ESSV1)	

PHIL 1001 counts for 3 of the 15 required credits in the Foundation Tier. The goal is to help students critically engage their own experience as it relates to fundamental philosophical questions about the human condition, focusing on moral value and the meaning and purpose of human life. Aims to help students articulate their own deepest questions about these issues, and to increase their understanding of, organize and befriend these questions in light of a variety of classical and contemporary philosophical approaches.

## Have Questions?

Contact Philosophy Department Chair, [Dr. Jessica Wolfendale](#) or  
Philosophy Director of Undergraduate Studies, [Dr. Ericka Tucker](#)

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## MCC Writing Intensive

These Philosophy courses fulfill the writing requirement in the Marquette Core Curriculum, Philosophy of Education is being offered in spring 2021 . **Choose one!**



Section 701 W 5pm-7:40pm

### **PHIL 4540 Philosophy of Education**

Critical examination of important principles, methods and conclusions of various philosophies and their implications for education. Attention to professional ethics and students' development of their own philosophies of education.

### **PHIL 3505 Philosophy and Film**

Explores the relationship between philosophical ideas and film, especially narrative film. Discusses various accounts of the nature of film, film genres and ways of interpreting films. Attends to the ways that narrative films are susceptible to philosophical reflection and, more controversially, the way that narrative films might exemplify a way of doing philosophy.

### **PHIL 3610 Ancient Philosophy**

Examination of ancient Greek and Roman philosophy, from the pre-Socratic philosophers through the Hellenistic schools, with an emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Including other philosophers such as Heraclitus, Parmenides, Pythagoras, Plotinus, Epicurus, Seneca and Sextus Empiricus. Issues may include the soul, immortality, knowledge, eros, and fate and freedom.

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## Philosophy Engaging Social Systems and Values 2 (ESSV2)

These Philosophy courses fulfill the ESSV2 Courses in Marquette Core Curriculum Questions? Email [Jessica.wolfendale@marquette.edu](mailto:Jessica.wolfendale@marquette.edu) or [Ericka.tucker@marquette.edu](mailto:Ericka.tucker@marquette.edu)

### **PHIL 3502 Narrating Freedom: Gender, Race and Mass Incarceration**

Approaches some traditional philosophical questions in an experiential and interdisciplinary way and aims to bridge the gap between academic philosophy and everyday life. Through the lens of institutionalization and incarceration, explores questions regarding the nature of institutional oppression and different forms of freedom and resistance drawing from scholarly texts and from the social positions we live. The course partners with a Milwaukee community organization that supports currently or formerly incarcerated individuals and enrolls participants from the organization as students at MU.

Prereq: PHIL 1001 and Soph. stndg.

### **PHIL 3507 Global Justice**

Issues of justice today are global in scope, yet our political institutions and theory focus on the state as the primary agency for ensuring justice. Focusing on five areas where questions of justice outstrip the resources of the nation-state students investigate these as problems of global justice. Explore the following areas: War and Violence, Human Rights, Development, and Global Institutions, Immigration and Refugees, Gender and Democracy and Communication.

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## Philosophy Electives

**Bonus! Electives fit into the MCC Discovery Themes. For a Philosophy minor, take these four classes (three required, one elective).**

Required by the MCC:

- **Phil 1000 Logic**
- **PHIL 2310 Theory of Ethics**  
*also counts toward 3 credits in the Discovery theme of Individuals and Communities*
- **PHIL 3450 Epistemology**  
*also counts toward 3 credits in the MCC Discovery theme Cognition, Memory and Intelligence*
- **Plus one more elective** from a strong list of interesting classes including our newest and most recently approved courses and our Spring 2021 electives

## PHIL Courses and Where They Fit in the Discovery Tiers

### **BASIC NEEDS AND JUSTICE**

PHIL 3501 Philosophy of War and Peace  
PHIL 3660 Marx and Marxism  
PHIL 3751 Philosophy and History of Crime and Punishment  
PHIL 4320 Contemporary Ethical Problems  
PHIL 4330 Business Ethics  
PHIL 4335 Biomedical Ethics

### **CROSSING BOUNDARIES**

PHIL 3390 Latin American Philosophy  
PHIL 3507 Global Justice (ESSV2)  
PHIL 3508 Caribbean Philosophy  
PHIL 3780 Africana Philosophy

### **INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES**

PHIL 2310 Theory of Ethics 1  
PHIL 3503 The Ethics of Intimacy  
PHIL 3506 Philosophy of Race  
PHIL 3710 Political Philosophy

### **COGNITION, INTELLIGENCE & MEMORY**

PHIL 3370 Philosophy of Art  
PHIL 3450 Epistemology  
PHIL 3460 Philosophy of Language  
PHIL 3620 Medieval Philosophy  
PHIL 3650 Early Modern Philosophy  
PHIL 4450 Philosophy of Mind

### **EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS:**

PHIL 3770 Feminist Philosophy  
PHIL 4470 Philosophy of Science