UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The undergraduate program in the Department of Philosophy offers a program of study leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as a minor. The department also offers, jointly with the Department of History, a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Philosophy of Science. The department also offers a minor in ethics.

Philosophy is also a fine undergraduate major for pre-professional students: it is quite suitable for students planning careers in medicine and it is perhaps ideal for those who aspire to work in the legal profession. A degree in philosophy is a wonderful compliment to any major, whether it is in the physical sciences, social sciences, arts, or humanities. Generally speaking, training in philosophy will be valuable in any occupation that requires examination and analysis of problems, critical evaluation of alternative solutions, and rational advocacy of one’s conclusions.

ADVISING

The undergraduate adviser is Gina Gould. She can be found in the department’s main office located in 363 Savery Hall, or reached by telephone at (206) 543–5855. If you have a fairly simple question, you may contact Gina via e-mail at philadv@uw.edu.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

You can make an appointment with the undergraduate adviser via our online scheduling calendar. Appointments must be made at least 12 hours in advance. Drop in hours are available mid-day during the first week of the quarter and during registration; at other times of the year, you are welcome to stop by and see if the adviser is available, but making an appointment will guarantee a particular time is set aside for you.

DECLARING THE MAJOR

Students who have completed 10 credits of Philosophy and have a 2.00 cumulative GPA may declare the major at anytime. Simply make an appointment with the department’s adviser, as described above.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

The first step in applying to the Philosophy Department is to be accepted into the University of Washington. Below are resources to help you get started.

- UW Admissions for Freshmen
- UW Admissions for Transfer Students
- UW Admissions for International Student