

## Contact

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## Entrance Requirements

Official High School Transcripts, including a 12th Grade class schedule if applicable

SAT or ACT Scores

\$25.00 application fee

## Major Requirements

### BA

39 credits	Professional major
30 credits	Liberal arts major
30 credits	Career-related major

120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

## PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

BA degree

### COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

#### Programs

#### Why Philosophy Makes Good Sense:

*The New York Times* business section (Dec. 26, 1997) carried an article about how the philosophy degree pays off in life and in work. "In an age of MBA.s and computer scientists, more than 4,000 American college students graduate each year with a bachelor's degree in the ancient discipline. Sometimes their parents and friends wonder what will happen to them. One thing is certain: Not many of them will go on to make a living as philosophers? Yet philosophy majors appear to do remarkably well. Their professional success may stem from the fact that philosophy students seem more likely than those with other degrees to attend graduate or professional school."

#### Specialization: Professional Major

A 39-credit major offers an intensive concentration in philosophy. Primarily for students seeking a career in philosophy with the intention of continuing their studies in graduate school.

#### Specialization: Liberal Arts Major

A 30-credit major which encourages students to focus on philosophy tailored to another academic interest in 1) humanities and fine arts 2) social and behavioral sciences 3) natural sciences and mathematics.

#### Specialization: Career-Related Major

A 30-credit major which allows students to design a program of philosophy courses to complement the student's preparations for a specific career. This is a second major. This major requires 24 credits in Philosophy and six credits in a related field.

#### Career Opportunities

Philosophy prepares students for advanced studies in its own and in related fields and for many careers which require a high level of logical and linguistic refinement, ethical awareness and the capacity to form interpretive judgments within complex and dynamic social and intellectual environments on a global scale. Because of the strong emphasis on logical reasoning, philosophy majors are coping particularly well with rapid technological change. New roles have opened in health care, government, education, business, environmental fields, technology and scientific research for those with professional training in ethics. Traditionally, philosophical education has been valuable for further study in:

- the humanities, especially in fields which involved language, literature, and the arts
- the sciences, especially in relation to their theoretical foundations and their social impact
- comparative cultures
- law and policy studies
- business and the helping professions.

Many students combine philosophy with another field. Slippery Rock University's liberal studies program relies extensively on courses in philosophy to afford an important foundation for an undergraduate education.

### **Liberal Education Requirements \***

Approximately one-half of a student's courses will be credited toward completing liberal studies requirements. The liberal studies program is designed to provide students with the breadth of knowledge expected of an educated person in our society. These courses compliment the depth of specialty acquired in a student's major.

The program contains seven critical goals or areas of study. For each area, students select one or two classes from a selection of "goal courses." In addition, in some areas of study, students select a course from a wide class selection identified as "enrichment courses." These courses provide the opportunity to broaden and deepen knowledge in the goal area. Lastly, co-curricular "Supporting Experiences," are identified. These activities and programs available to all students and encompass working on student publications, belonging to honorary societies or working with various special on-campus special interest groups.

*Goal I: Basic Competencies*

*Goal II: The Arts*

*Goal III: Cultural Diversity and Global Perspective*

*Goal IV: Human Institutions and Interpersonal Relationships*

*Goal V: Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

*Goal VI: Our National Experience*

*Goal VII: Challenges of the Modern Age*

*\*All SRU students must complete the liberal studies requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

### **Specialized Information**

The Department of Philosophy offers a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Religious Studies, requiring a minimum of 18 credits equally divided among selected courses in humanities and fine arts and in social and behavioral sciences.

The Department of Philosophy offers a 15-credit minor in philosophy which allows students to further their interest in philosophy.

The Department of Philosophy offers an 18-credit minor in ethics which allows students to concentrate on ethical issues in general and in specialized fields.

Academic Programs 2004-2005



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