



P.O. Box 261954
Conway, S.C. 29528-6054
1.800.277.7000
www.coastal.edu

Philosophy

What does a philosophy major study?

Philosophy is the study of the most fundamental questions that arise in our reflection on ourselves and our place in the natural world. It enhances analytical, critical and interpretive capacities that are applicable to any subject-matter, and it cultivates the capacities and appetite for self-expression and reflection, for exchange and debate of ideas, and for life-long learning.

Why study philosophy at Coastal Carolina University?

- The study of philosophy provides good preparation for jobs that demand careful reading, critical thinking, intelligent decision making and sound judgment.
- The philosophical skills of carefully reading a bit of text and making a case for a particular interpretation is very much like the **lawyer** or judge's job in handling the law. It is, therefore, no surprise that many philosophy majors are **pre-law students**. Traditionally, philosophy majors are among the top performers on the Law School Aptitude Test.
- The philosophy department at Coastal Carolina University offers small and engaging classes and provides excellent advising and support for each individual student.

What are some career options for philosophy majors?

Many philosophy majors plan to go to **Law School** after graduation. The intellectual rigors of philosophy also serve **pre-medical students** quite well. Through their reading, writing, and questioning, philosophy majors develop skills that serve them well as **journalists** and **writers**. Philosophy majors often put their intellectual skills to work in **executive/management sectors of business** either via corporate management trainee programs or business school. Philosophy majors also pursue **graduate study**. Usually, they study philosophy in graduate school, but other areas such as cognitive science, English, history and philosophy of science, and psychology are possibilities.

What kind of courses do philosophy majors take?

PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 110	Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
PHIL 305	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHIL 317	Bio-Medical Ethics
PHIL 325	Philosophy of Religion
RELG 104	Introduction to East Asian Religions
RELG 320	Introduction to Buddhism

Whom can I contact for more information?

- Nils Rauhut, Ph.D., chair of the department, 843-349-2547 or nrauhut@coastal.edu
- Kay Hungerford, administrative assistant, 843-349-6635 or khungerf@coastal.edu
- You can also find more information at www.coastal.edu/philosophy.