

Philosophy

√ Major
√ Minor

Description of the major:

The philosophy major teaches students to think more deeply and rationally about everything: the world and its nature, knowledge and where it comes from, and what's morally right and wrong. Philosophy asks thought-provoking questions about the mind, the self, God, free will, science, justice and the good life. By engaging with philosophical questions, students learn to think analytically and independently, and they develop good critical thinking, reasoning, writing and communication skills.

The student experience:

- A central component of the philosophy major is developing skills that will help students succeed in their careers and in their lives. These include learning refined skills at formulating and evaluating reasoning, analyzing concepts, considering alternative points of view, proposing reasoned solutions to problems, and communicating complex material clearly and accurately.
- The philosophy program at Coastal Carolina University offers small and engaging classes and provides excellent advising and support for each individual student.
- The department also offers minors in religious studies, philosophy, medical humanities, and Islamic studies.

Beyond the classroom:

Philosophy majors tend to do very well on the placement tests required for graduate programs, and they are well prepared to do graduate coursework in law, medicine and business. Our students have presented papers at undergraduate conferences, been panelists at campus talks, worked as tutors in the department, and have had local and national internships. Philosophy students have been successful members of the Jackson Scholars Program (in the Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values), the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Edwards College Fellows Program.

Areas of study:

- Introduction to philosophy
- Logic and critical thinking
- Biomedical ethics
- The history of philosophy (ancient and modern)
- Philosophy of science
- Social and political philosophy
- Philosophy of race and gender
- Aesthetics and philosophy of art
- Metaphysics and epistemology

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