

PATHWAYS | PHILOSOPHY

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy



COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- You must take either a 1000-level core (any core philosophy class) or 2970 (Gateway Seminar) prior to taking a 3000-level class.
- These courses are designed primarily to develop critical reading and writing skills, and to prepare you for upper-level work in philosophy.

SOPHOMORE

- Continue with your plan of study as determined by you and your academic advisor

JUNIOR

- You must take two 3000-level courses prior to taking 4970 (senior seminar).
- The 3000-level courses provide general background in philosophy, covering its major areas as well as its history.

SENIOR

- 4970 serves as the department's capstone course, and is a course in which you will apply the skills you have developed to a more advanced topic in philosophy.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet with your academic advisor regularly for individual planning and guidance.



Tichenor Hall, home of the College of Liberal Arts student advising.

- You are encouraged to meet with a faculty advisor or with the Department Chair regularly.

- Junior year is the time to start planning for graduate school.

- Begin exploring program options and prep for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

- Be sure to note if your intended program requires a subject specific GRE.

- Ask the Career Center for help in preparing your curriculum vitae (CV) and statement of intent.

- You will want to identify your reference letter writers early and provide plenty of notice to write your letters.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- You are encouraged to attend departmental colloquia as well as conferences to gain professional exposure.

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.



- The Department supports trips for students to the American Philosophical Association conference (usually in Chicago) and to the Alabama Philosophical Society Conference (in Pensacola).

- If you are interested in government and politics, consider pursuing a congressional internship in D.C. through the Auburn on the Hill program.

GET INVOLVED



- Join Phi Sigma Tau (the Philosophy honor society), which has an active Auburn chapter.

- Auburn Philosophy Club is the Department's undergraduate organization.

- The organization sponsors frequent panel discussions at local coffee houses where broad and controversial philosophical topics are discussed.

- Utilize AUIinvolve (auburn.edu/auiinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.

- If pursuing graduate education, get involved with undergraduate research opportunities.



- Pursue a leadership role in at least one of the organizations you participate in.
- Leadership can serve as a great way to make meaningful memories and gain related experience.

CAREER PLANNING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

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Entry into the applicant pool for many positions in the field of philosophy, requires some form of advanced education. Masters level work in related/specialty area may be sufficient for some, but a Ph.D. is required in many research positions or to become a professor.

PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: PH.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$34.4K-\$65.5K

These are just three options out of many that Philosophy majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.

MINISTER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.A.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$22.4K-\$43.8K

LAWYER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: J.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$55.2K-\$114.3K



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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