PATHWAYS | Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

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
- 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.

JUNIOR
- 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.

SENIOR
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ASK FOR ASSISTANCE
- Meet with your academic advisor regularly for individual planning and guidance.
- Join Phi Sigma Tau (the Philosophy honor society), which has an active Auburn chapter.
- Be encouraged to meet with a faculty advisor or with the Department Chair regularly.

GAIN EXPERIENCE
- You are encouraged to attend departmental colloquia as well as conferences to gain professional exposure.
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- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Use Handshake to explore employers actively hiring in your field and search part-time jobs that can add experience to your résumé.

GET INVOLVED
- 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 AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
- 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

University Career Center
303 Mary Martin Hall | career.auburn.edu
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

Lawyer
Minimum Education: J.D.
Entry Level Salary Range: $55.2K-$114.3K

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.