

Philosophy

MINOR, EXTENDED STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Why study philosophy?

The study of philosophy enables us to think about the most important questions in our lives: what do I want to accomplish with my life? Does my life have any purpose? Do I live in a just society? Does God really exist? How should I treat others?

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The only way we can be satisfied with our answers is by finding them for ourselves, not by memorizing the ideas of others or by being intimidated by the “wisdom of the ages.” In order to think clearly, as a philosophy student you will learn methods for thinking that avoid basic mistakes in reasoning. In order to think creatively, you will examine some of the outstanding original ideas of past and present to discover where our ideas originated and how to use them as a starting point for our thinking.

Since Socrates, the founder of Western philosophy, was asked to drink hemlock by the citizens of Athens in 399 B.C., philosophy has had a subversive reputation because it makes us think for ourselves. The reputation is well deserved.

HOW WILL THIS HELP ME ACHIEVE MY CAREER GOALS?

Completing the Applied Ethics and Political Philosophy minor will help you develop a number of employment-related skills and expand your ability to:

- Think independently, and become a capable problem-solver
- Act ethically and advise others on ethical issues; learn how to build guidelines for ethical procedures
- See larger issues and implications of a problem
- Understand different belief systems to work well with people from all faiths and backgrounds
- Write clear concise reports, briefs, case studies, etc.
- Apply logic to computer programming, research, and development.



“Every philosophy is practical, even that which at first appears to be the most contemplative.”

— JEAN-PAUL SARTRE.

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“The excellent faculty and teaching-focused environment at UFV not only made my time there enjoyable and productive, but prepared me well for graduate school. UFV provides an excellent environment in which to study by combining the educational value of a university degree with the comfortable learning environment and personal attention of a small college. All in all, an excellent experience that I would recommend to anyone.”

— CORY FAIRLEY, philosophy graduate.

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY AT UFV?

At UFV you can take a minor in applied ethical and political philosophy as part of your Bachelor of Arts degree. Or you might choose to enroll in a few courses for your personal interest, or complete a certificate to enhance your qualifications.

As a student with a major or minor in philosophy, you will explore the ideas and arguments that have influenced our society and will continue to have a profound impact on how society develops. You will be prepared to understand the roots of contemporary conflicts and explain them. You will know how to apply moral theories and principles for resolving ethical dilemmas. A major or minor in philosophy is excellent preparation for a career in law, social justice, political advocacy, and counselling.

Completion of the minor would indicate that you have developed the skills, knowledge, values, and sensitivities that will complement most career paths, including advanced studies in applied ethics, bio-medical ethics, business ethics and environmental ethics, where career opportunities are continually expanding.

UFV also offers an extended studies certificate in philosophy. As a graduate, you may find you have reached a point where you want to reflect more deeply on the issues and dilemmas you deal with. The extended studies certificate will provide you with a way to approach personal and professional issues from a sound ethical and logical basis.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

We have several options for admission into this program. If you are applying straight from high school, follow option one. If you have completed some post-secondary school, follow option two.

OPTION ONE: STUDENTS WITH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ONLY

You will need B.C. Secondary school graduation or equivalent and a minimum of B in English 12, and a minimum of a B average on two other provincially examined grade 12 subjects.

OPTION TWO: UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

You will need a minimum of nine university-level credits complete with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all university-level credits attempted.

OPTION THREE: MATURE STUDENT

If you are a mature student returning to university, it's best to meet with a program advisor. You can contact the department at 604-557-4035, or email philosophy@ufv.ca. You can also contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to speak to a program advisor.

CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit. Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at www.ufv.ca/plar or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

WHAT TYPE OF COURSES WILL I TAKE?

COURSE #	TITLE
PHIL 100	Reasoning: An Essential Human Activity
PHIL 110	Morality and Politics
PHIL 120	Knowledge and Reality
PHIL 210	Contemporary Issues in Morality and Politics
PHIL 220	Issues in Metaphysics and Epistemology
PHIL 230	Philosophy of Law
PHIL 240	Faith and Reason: Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 250	History of Western Philosophy: Foundations — The Greco-Roman and Medieval Worlds
PHIL 251	History of Western Philosophy: Hobbes to Kant
PHIL 252	History of Western Philosophy: From Rationalism to Existentialism
PHIL 305	Philosophy of Decision Making and Dispute Resolution
PHIL 310	Ethics and Public Policy
PHIL 312	Occupational Ethics
PHIL 315	Contemporary Ethical Theory
PHIL 318	Environmental Ethics
PHIL 323	Philosophical Issues in the Social Sciences: Values, Objectivity, and Neutrality
PHIL 325	Contemporary Philosophy: The Problem of Truth
PHIL 353	Philosophies of India
PHIL 360 Special Topics	Contemporary Issues for Philosophical Analysis
PHIL 362	Philosophy of Education
PHIL 364	Philosophy and Children
PHIL 367	Philosophy for Counsellors
PHIL 370	Practical Studies in Applied Ethics and Politics

COURSE #	TITLE
PHIL 480	Selected Topics in Morality and Politics
PHIL 481	Selected Topics in Epistemology and Metaphysics
PHIL 482	Selected Topics in the History of Philosophy
PHIL 483	Selected Topics in Philosophy
PHIL 490	Directed Studies in Ethical and Political Philosophy
PHIL 491	Directed Studies in Philosophy

APPLIED ETHICAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY MINOR

LOWER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: 15 CREDITS

- One of PHIL 110, 210, 230, POSC 120, 270
- One of POSC 110, 190, 230
- One of PHIL 120, 220, 250, 251, 252
- One of ANTH 112, BUS 261, CRIM 109, CRIM 135, HSER 261, MACS 240, POSC 110, POSC 190, POSC 230, POSC 290, SOWK 210 (or an upper-level course which, at the discretion of the program head, has significant empirical political content)
- One additional lower-level course in PHIL or POSC

Note: A single course cannot be used to satisfy more than one criterion.

UPPER-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS: 15 CREDITS

- Two POSC courses, including at least one of POSC 311 or 312
- Two of PHIL 305, 310, 315
- One additional PHIL or POSC

EXTENDED STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The extended studies certificate is designed for students who have baccalaureate degrees who wish to complete the equivalent of a minor in applied ethics and political philosophy. For details about entrance requirements and program requirements, you should contact the Philosophy and Politics department at 604-557-4035, email philosophy@ufv.ca or visit www.ufv.ca/philosophy.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the Philosophy section carefully. From our website you can go to the download centre and download the application form. Fill it out and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

If you plan to start your studies in the fall, your application should be received by January 31. Applications received after this deadline will be considered if space is still available in the program.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set in May. Remember that books and other fees will cost about \$100 per course.

You should also visit the UFV Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students. A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WILL I HAVE?

Visit www.ufv.ca/student-services to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.

CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

Absolutely. We want to hear from you! If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling. You can also contact the Philosophy and Politics department at 604-557-4035, or email philosophy@ufv.ca to speak to a program advisor.



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About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

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