



# MORAVIAN COLLEGE

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

An overview of the department and its offerings. For further information, visit the website at [www.moravian.edu/philosophy](http://www.moravian.edu/philosophy).

The Department of Philosophy provides students with opportunities to explore questions of fundamental significance to human life and to develop skills in critical thinking, reasoning, writing, and reading through a wide variety of courses and programs. Students will explore questions such as, *What is justice? How should we live? What is valuable? Can God exist given the existence of evil in the world? What is the relationship between faith and reason? What is reality? What can we know? How do we know that we know? What meaning is there to life? What is race? What is ethnicity? What acts are right and wrong? What is truth?*

### Strong, Personalized Academic Majors

Through training, students learn to think, discuss and write cogently on matters of fundamental significance. The department provides students with an intellectual foundation from which to examine their own beliefs, academic interests, and personal concerns.

The philosophy program enriches students' academic experiences by providing a variety of intellectually challenging extracurricular activities. Students are encouraged to take part in undergraduate research, the Honors program, philosophy club, writing workshops, and departmental lecture series.



The philosophy major consists of nine course units from all philosophy courses, of which three are required, three are restricted electives, and three are general electives. The required courses are Introduction to Philosophy, Symbolic Logic, and Ethics. The restricted electives are two of the following: Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, and 19th- and 20th-Century Philosophy; and one of the following: Epistemology or Metaphysics; three general electives, one of which may come from a related program, subject to permission of the department chair.

The department offers a minor in ethics that consists of five course units. One relevant course from outside the Department of Philosophy may be taken with approval from the chair. Ethical competence is required in all fields and careers (accounting, business, marketing, health studies, etc.). More than ever, employers and graduate schools are looking for professionals and students with experience in ethical studies. A minor in ethics will complement well majors in humanities, social sciences, business, nursing, pre-law, pre-med and biological science.

The department also offers a minor in philosophy that consists of five course units.



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Other courses available for students include Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Religion, Bioethics and Social Justice, Feminist Philosophy, Race, Gender, Identity, and Moral Knowledge.

### Hands-On Learning

Philosophy majors have many opportunities to engage in hands-on learning at Moravian College. These include joining the debate team, presenting at the Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, studying abroad in Spain, taking online courses, joining the Philosophy Club or Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, doing undergraduate research through SOAR and participating in the Honors program.

Moravian's debate team competes in the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, sponsored by the Center of the Study of Ethics in the Professions at Illinois Institute of Technology, consistently doing well in the northeast regional competition. In 2013, the team earned a berth in the national Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, competing against 31 other college teams from around the country in San Antonio, Texas.

Moravian philosophy majors have the chance to create their own independent study with the approval from the chair. The philosophy Honors program is a wonderful way for students to take control of their education and give their own ideas the depth of attention they deserve. Students majoring and minoring in philosophy may choose to do an Honors project in the department. Honors students earn credit for two philosophy courses, and pursue a topic of their own choosing, working independently with a faculty member from the department for their entire senior year. The two-semester research project culminates in the writing of an Honors thesis.

### Alumni Careers in Philosophy

Our goal is to create and maintain a relationship with our philosophy graduates so that they can be a part of the educational experience of Moravian students. We believe that philosophers have common interests, and it is our goal to create a small community of philosophers who share the common experience of having been a part of Moravian College.

- Kristian Cantens '13 completed a PETA internship in summer 2013, and received a one-year grant to Spain as a cultural ambassador as part of North American Language and Culture Assistants in Spain 2013-2014.
- Christine Bauer '12 studied in the bioethics graduate program at Drew University.
- Armando Chapelliquen '12 is a project coordinator with the New York Public Interest Research Group.
- Jessica Cortes '11 studied in the English graduate program at Villanova University.
- Ruby Johnson '11 studied in the history doctorate program at Villanova University.
- Maggie Riegel '10 studied in the political science graduate program at Lehigh University.
- Alison Doborowski '09 studied in the criminal justice graduate program at Desales University.
- Joel Atkinson '09 completed the history graduate program at Villanova University.
- Veronica M. Williams '08 studied at the Villanova University School of Law.
- Elric M. Kline '01 studied in the doctorate program for political science at Rutgers University.
- Douglas R. Anderson '80 is a philosophy professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
- Jonathan Marks '65 studied at Harvard Law School and is a criminal defense attorney in New York.

Long before 1776,  
Moravian College stood for  
life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
As the sixth-oldest college in America,  
we believe everyone is born with an innate love of learning.

*Our mission is to set it free.*

To every student of every circumstance,  
we promise the power of the liberal arts,  
a whole wide world of experience,  
and a deeper enjoyment of life.

*Pursue them all with passion.*