



**GROVE CITY
COLLEGE**

Because faith and freedom matter

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM

ALVA J. CALDERWOOD SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

PROGRAM FACULTY

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“As a philosophy student, thinking on a deeper level about the world and life in general is just what we do. But more generally, due to the integrated Christian perspective Grove City College academics are regularly challenging students to approach their world and area of study differently.

– *Elijah Coryell '16*



Grove City College is a highly ranked, nationally recognized private liberal arts and sciences college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through an academically excellent and Christ-centered learning and living experience distinguished by a commitment to affordability and promotion of the Christian worldview, the foundations of a free society and the love of neighbor. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers students degrees in 60 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Philosophy is something our students do – a way of engaging in rational inquiry. The philosophy program at Grove City College invites critical interaction and debate among students with differing perspectives. More than just studying philosophical movements and thinkers, students gain a firm grounding in logic and question the philosophical underpinnings of a wide array of disciplines, including language, religion, politics, and law.

The program provides students the opportunity to encounter the “Great Conversation” to learn what our intellectual tradition has to teach about truth, beauty and goodness. Students do not merely learn about philosophy, but are trained to do philosophy so that they can engage the philosophical tradition creatively and critically.

Students are encouraged to mine the wisdom and insights of the entire philosophical tradition, while enthusiastically engaging the Christian voice in the tradition to cultivate the habits of mind for a life of faith seeking understanding. Students are able to creatively develop and deepen their faith in conversation with the tradition.

MAJOR

Philosophy

The Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy requires 30 credit hours of coursework in addition to the College's core curriculum. Students examine the essential ideas of human thought and ethical action and complete coursework in logic, ethics, ancient philosophy and modern philosophy.

MINOR

Philosophy

Students complete 18 credit hours of course requirements to minor in philosophy. Students may choose from any of the College's philosophy courses, with a maximum of three credits of independent study.

SPECIAL PROGRAM AREAS OF INTEREST

The program supports both a philosophy club and Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honorary.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The philosophy program at Grove City College offers students in their junior and senior years the opportunity to conduct meaningful research under the supervision of experienced and well-published faculty. Additionally, any student who has completed at least 12 credit hours of philosophy coursework may complete, for credit, an intensive independent study of a specialized topic.

CAREER AND GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have gone on to do graduate work in philosophy at institutions such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Notre Dame, Arizona State, Boston University, University of Leuven and the University of Massachusetts. The program's graduates also go on to excellent graduate schools, law schools and professional schools in disciplines other than philosophy. Many of our students go on to study at seminaries. Recent graduates are thriving in a variety of fields including teaching, business and consulting.



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