Philosophy

Major Overview:
A Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy teaches students to examine the world using logic and critical reasoning skills. Philosophy asks fundamental questions about the world we live in: about the meaning of human life; the nature, purpose and limit of human knowledge; the character and contents of our moral experiences; and the justness of our institutions.

For more information, please visit the philosophy department website. [http://www.binghamton.edu/philosophy/undergraduate/index.html]

Research Areas:
The philosophy department offers qualified students the ability to obtain a master’s degree in Social, Political, Ethical and Legal Philosophy (SPEL) in just five years! For further information visit the five-year combined web page. [http://www.binghamton.edu/philosophy/five-year-combined.html]

In addition to the fast-track SPEL master’s degree program, the Philosophy department offers a Pell Honors Program for interested students. [http://www.binghamton.edu/philosophy/undergraduate/pell-honors-program.html]

Post-Graduation:
A major in Philosophy is useful not only for students who plan to continue in graduate studies in philosophy, but also for those thinking of careers in law, business, government, industry, medicine or the arts, or any career that requires creativity and logical and analytic skills. Philosophy majors have some of the best scores on tests, such as the GRE, LSAT and GMAT, as a result of their training.

To get you started, here are a few career fields you can explore:

Graduate Education
Primary Education
Lawyer
Journalist
International Relations
Business Owner Social Worker
Property Developer
Health and Medicine
Psychologist
Filmmaker
Non-Profit Management
Non-Governmental Organization

Courses:
Here are courses to consider your first year:

PHIL 105: Introduction to Asian Philosophy
PHIL 107: Existence and Freedom
PHIL 121: Methods of Reasoning
PHIL 122: Elementary Logic
PHIL 140: Intro to Ethics
PHIL 142: Intro to Political Philosophy
PHIL 147: Markets, Ethics and the Law
PHIL 148: Medical Ethics

Click here to access the University Bulletin for an in-depth description of each course. [http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/]

Thank you.

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