

Where Success is a Tradition



A Philosophy major at SUNY Fredonia requires just 30 credit hours, and gives you great freedom to design your own program of interest. Many students choose to double-major in Philosophy and another program, while others choose to minor in Philosophy, which requires 18 credit hours. The department offers a wide variety of courses, including The Meaning of Life, Philosophy of Mind, Theory of Knowledge, Current Moral Issues and Principles, Introduction to Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Religion, Feminist Theory, The Greek Way, Metaphysics, and American Philosophy. You could choose to be a member of the Philosophical Society, develop your skills and compete with the department's Ethics Bowl team, and attend events in the Young Philosophers Lecture Series.



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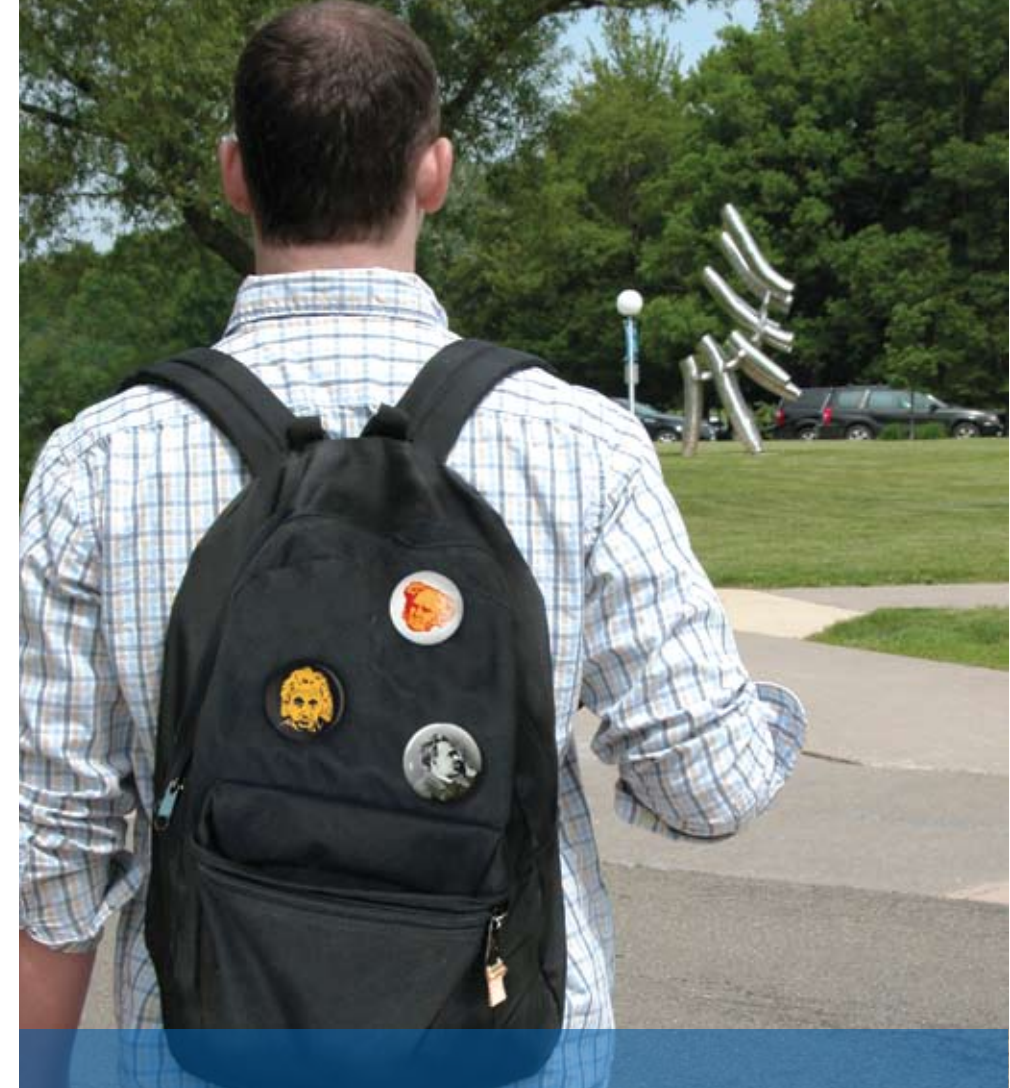
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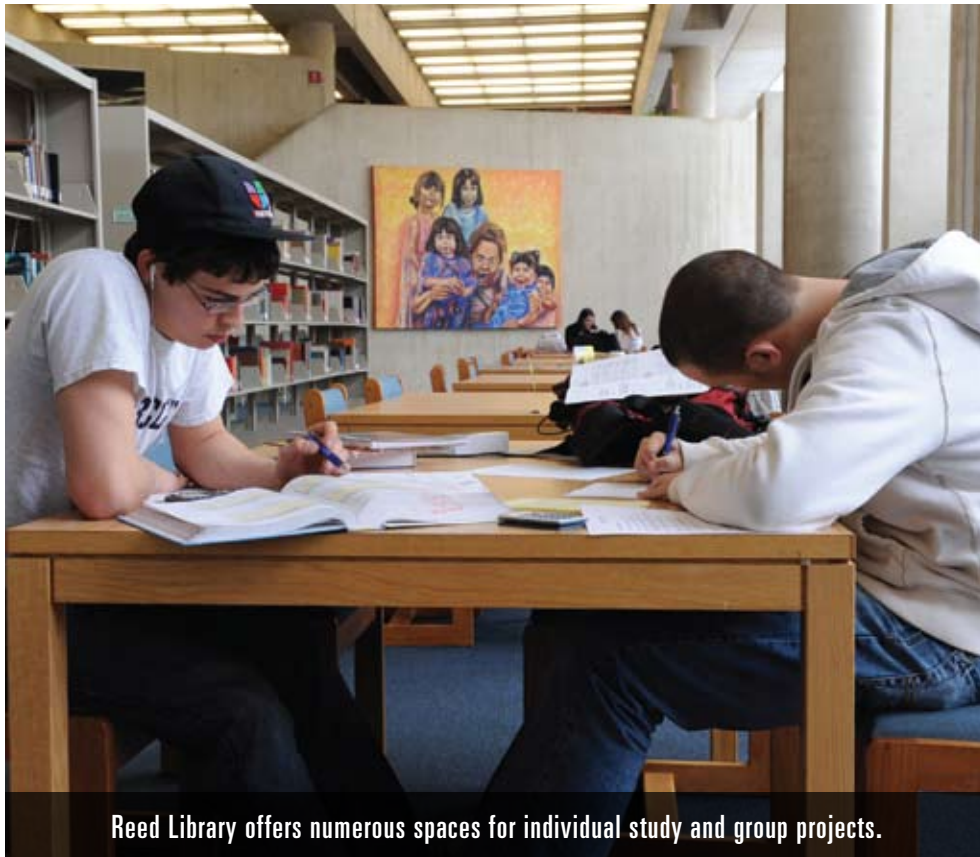
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Fredonia's Department of Philosophy is dedicated to helping you learn how to become your own best teacher, to view education as a continuing process, to reason effectively, to think critically, to write persuasively, and to speak articulately.

Philosophy is a vibrant and diverse academic field that is constituted by its many sub-fields: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, logic, and many others. It's a fundamental discipline because it explores issues that underlie other disciplines. We continue to ask pressing questions: What am I? Why am I here? What is the nature of my surroundings and of the universe in general? How should I live my life? Do I have a destiny? How, if at all, can I acquire knowledge about the world?



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WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?

Studying philosophy exposes you to traditional issues that emerge from concerns shared by all humans; develops analytic and evaluative skills; encourages critical understanding of yourself and others; fosters independent and enduring contemplation of fundamental questions; and reveals the practical value of philosophical reasoning, including its role in exercising and improving mental powers and in enhancing human flourishing. Philosophy is a great foundation for future study, with students performing well on professional entrance exams, including the Law School Admission Test, Graduate Record Exam, and Graduate Management Admission Test, and gaining high acceptance rates into medical school.



Under the guidance of Fredonia's accomplished faculty, students examine questions relevant to their lives.

GRADUATES

"What can I do with a major in Philosophy?"
The answer is, almost anything.

Some of the world's most famous and influential figures have majored or minored in philosophy, including Pope John Paul II, Rudy Giuliani, Susan Sarandon, Richard Gere, Phil Jackson, John Elway, Steve Martin, John Cleese, Joan Rivers, Bruce Lee, Stephen Breyer, and former President Bill Clinton.

Fredonia philosophy graduates report that they enjoy working in such diverse careers as lawyers, investment bankers, web and software developers, managerial consultants, social workers, pastors/missionaries, Peace Corps volunteers, journalists, opticians, nurses, police officers, musicians, builders, landscapers, business administrators, elementary, middle and high school teachers, philosophy/psychology professors—and even one college president.



Philosophy majors enjoy a low student to faculty ratio of 7:1.

FACULTY

Fredonia faculty include active researchers and successful and prolific authors. Several have won prestigious awards, including the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. One faculty member has been named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Raymond Angelo Belliotti, Ph.D., J.D.
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Andrew Cullison, Ph.D.
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Neil Feit, Ph.D.
University of Massachusetts

Stephen Kershner, Ph.D., J.D.
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University of Pennsylvania

Dale Tuggy, Ph.D.
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Challenging courses combined with opportunities to work with faculty make a major in Philosophy an attractive option to students who want to explore great ideas.