The **Bachelor of Arts** in
Philosophy

Live curiously. Think rationally.

Philosophy is a discipline that encourages participants to think, question and wonder. Studying philosophy also offers practical payoffs because the skills taught (including an emphasis on analysis, argumentation, evaluation and proof) carry over to many endeavors. Philosophy encourages logical precision, awareness of the assumptions underlying any discussion and an attitude of both open-mindedness and responsible criticism toward new and unusual ideas.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

The BA in Philosophy is designed for students with an interest in expanding their thought process. Studying philosophy makes you more open-minded: you'll encounter the ideas of people who have lived lives very different from yours. Undergraduate philosophy majors are well prepared to generate higher scores on standardized tests (like the LSAT, GMAT and GRE) than many of their non-philosophy classmates and employers in many fields actively seek out and welcome philosophy graduates because of the diversity and proficiency of their skills. A BA in Philosophy prepares students well for careers requiring advanced study including law, medicine and academia.

Enhance your experience by joining the Philosophers' Forum, a student organization that welcomes discussion about philosophers, philosophical ideas and career choices for philosophy graduates and assists those with questions concerning both general and specific philosophical concepts.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to recall a broad range of philosophers and philosophies and understand their interrelations and historical significance; demonstrate an ability to read and critically engage with historical and contemporary philosophical texts; reconstruct and deliberate over philosophical arguments; understand fundamental moral theories and apply them to ethical problems and practical pursuits; demonstrate formal reasoning tools and apply those tools in philosophical and everyday contexts; apply philosophical concepts, analytical skills and critical thinking outside of philosophy; create and defend their own philosophical views orally and in writing; and apply research skills.

2+3 BA/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Arts in Philosophy is a top ten ranked program and is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Philosophy with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BA and an MA and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

UMSL | Arts & Sciences
University of Missouri–St. Louis

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

UMSL Philosophy has strengths in ethics and its application to a host of practical fields including the biological sciences, business, nursing, psychological sciences, pre-law and philosophy of religion and science. UMSL Philosophy faculty are internationally respected, publishing in the top journals in the field. The department regularly hosts public lectures and other events.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at philosophy.umsl.edu

Career Pathways

Advertising
Civil Service
Consulting
Ethics
Higher Education
Human Resources
Journalism
Law
Marketing
Market Research
Medicine
Policy Analysis
Religious Officiant
Social Work
Software Development/Coding
Technology/Artificial Intelligence
Writer

College of Arts & Sciences
1 University Blvd.
303 Lucas Hall
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-516-5501
artscience@umsl.edu
umsl.edu/divisions/artscience/

Department of Philosophy
1 University Blvd.
599 Lucas Hall
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-516-5631
rohloffw@umsl.edu
wiland@umsl.edu
philosophy.umsl.edu

Office of Admissions
1 University Blvd.
351 Millennium Student Center
St. Louis, MO 63121
314-516-5451
admissions@umsl.edu
admissions.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with critical thinking skills and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for philosophy.

CHOOSE UMSL