



College of the  
ARTS, HUMANITIES  
& SOCIAL SCIENCES

# Philosophy

## About the College

The College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences supports the university's liberal arts foundation with a broad range of undergraduate and graduate course offerings and degree programs. The college exemplifies excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service and is home to the School of the Arts, the Council for Sustainable Futures, and six centers and institutes including the Center for Portuguese Studies and the Center for Public Policy Studies.

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Philosophical studies sharpen our reading, writing and critical thinking skills. Through careful analysis of ideas, issues and arguments, our students gain a critical appreciation for different historical and contemporary mindsets. We think about our place in space and time, meaning and language, self and society, normalization and excess, creative expression, human values, and ethical issues in contemporary life.



Where can a Philosophy degree take you? Philosophical analysis helps in law, politics, labor relations, counseling and social work, conflict mediation, organizational/strategic planning, investigative journalism, teaching, ethics consulting, dispute resolution, personal coaching and managing complex problems.

## Degrees and Programs

- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy
- Minor available in Philosophy and Ethics
- Liberal Studies majors can complete a Concentration in Applied Philosophy.



## Our faculty

Jason Winfree (Chair), Ph.D.,  
Vanderbilt ('01)

Valerie E. Broin, Ph.D.,  
Colorado ('88)

David Kangas, Ph.D.,  
Yale Univ. ('99)

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## Interesting classes you might take

Eastern Philosophy  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Philosophy and Film  
Philosophy of Mind  
Existentialism  
Philosophy of Language

### Course Spotlight

PHIL 4430:  
Bioethics

Addresses topics in biomedical ethics (e.g. right to care, informed consent, assisted suicide, resource allocation) with emphasis on issues raised by new biotechnologies (e.g. stem cell research, cloning, bioengineering, organ farming, and gene mapping).

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[www.csustan.edu/Philosophy](http://www.csustan.edu/Philosophy)  
for more course descriptions.



## What you can learn

- To cultivate knowledge of important issues and positions in the history of philosophy
- To understand significant developments in contemporary “Continental” and “Postmodern” philosophies
- To develop a personal relationship to philosophical inquiry, and to see how philosophical analysis relates to human life, culture and society

## Philosophy Majors...

- Gain a solid grounding for graduate studies
- Obtain skills applicable to professional studies in law, social work, cognitive science, literary theory, applied ethics and counseling practices

## What you can earn

- Labor Relations Manager, \$102,000
- Philosophy Instructor, \$65,000
- The Wall Street Journal reports that at the mid-point of their careers, Philosophy majors are among the highest ranking earners in any field.

Source: Indeed.com 2014, CA

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