

Philosophy

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HUMANITIES



PROGRAMS OF STUDY: ♥ B.A. in Philosophy ♥ Minor in Philosophy

Why study Philosophy at Maryville College?

A liberal arts education is about learning to be free. Philosophy, (which literally means the “love of wisdom”) lies at the heart of a liberal arts education because it asks students to pursue truth wherever it may lead. As a philosophy major, you will tackle the “big issues”: what’s real and what isn’t; what and who you are and your place in the world; how we should live with one another; and what makes life worthwhile. Studying philosophy teaches you to pay careful attention to others, to analyze ideas and test arguments, to see problems in their complexity and appreciate a range of solutions. You will also learn to make up your own mind thoughtfully, and to communicate your ideas with clarity and precision.

That helps explain why philosophy majors do so well in a remarkable variety of career paths, including law, politics, film, business, education, ministry, medicine and writing.

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WORKS is a comprehensive career preparation program that is integrated into the College’s four-year liberal arts curriculum.

Key components include assessment, advising, networking and professional experiences.

ON-CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES

The **Philosophy Club** provides students with the opportunity to openly discuss philosophical ideas and take philosophy out of the classroom and into the world. In an informal gathering of friends, open to anyone who has an interest in philosophy, the Philosophy Club hosts regular discussions on a wide range of topics.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Cornell University
Duke University
Fordham University
Georgetown University Law School
Northwestern University
University of Chicago Divinity School
Vanderbilt University Law School
Washington University Law School

MEET A STUDENT



Zachary Bible '19

Hometown: Lebanon, Tenn.

In the summer of 2018, Zach spent six weeks in Eastern Hungary to participate in the Bronze Age Körös Off-Tell Archaeological (BAKOTA) Project. He was one of only eight undergraduates selected nationwide for the National Science Foundation-funded research that involved analyzing mortuary ceramics. A religion and philosophy double-major, Zach intends to draw on archaeological data as he writes his Senior Study.

“In general, my focus is still on prehistoric art, but instead of *visual* ceramic art (which is what I focused on in Hungary), the thesis is centered on the role of *sound* and music in human evolution from the perspective of philosophy and religious studies,” he said. “Discovering our fundamental nature and expressing it creatively are, ultimately, what drive me.”

MEET A GRADUATE



Jason Cather '05

Currently: Adjunct Professor, Saint Xavier University
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

It was in Dr. Bill Meyer’s *Modern Critiques of Religion* class at Maryville College that Jason first encountered – and was intrigued by – the ontological argument. The argument, which relies on reason alone to prove the existence of God, eventually would become central to his studies and 2017 doctoral dissertation at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

“When I got to the University of Chicago, the faculty expected us to read complex philosophical texts, come to class and be able to discuss them,” he said. “That’s exactly what I had been asked to do at Maryville College. After I turned in my first assignment I knew [studying philosophy] was exactly what I wanted to be doing, and I was ready for it.”



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