

Philosophy

DIVISION OF
HUMANITIES

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

- B.A. in Philosophy
- Minor in Philosophy

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

Duke University
Vanderbilt University
Washington University
University of Chicago
University of Tennessee

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.

MEET A CURRENT SCOT

Alina Rosati

Hometown: Loudon, Tenn.



Having spent part of her childhood as a military brat, Alina credits her worldly experience with spurring her interest in philosophy.

“My family is still very spread out, so I travel a lot, and that taught me that plurality is reality, and no one way of living is ‘correct,’” she said. “I also found that philosophy helped me pragmatically in the workplace to better understand and

navigate various demographics.”

She’s a passionate advocate of philosopher Hannah Arendt, but her favorite quote is one by Foucault: “Perhaps the role of the philosopher at present, is not to be theoretician of totality, but the diagnostician ... of today.”

“I think the more I understand about what causes friction between humans, the better equipped I will be to ease that friction,” added Rosati, who’s considering either graduate school or law school after receiving her diploma from Maryville College.

MEET A RECENT GRAD

Christian Lockhart '11

Currently: Counselor, Pellissippi State Community College



Christian sought out the Philosophy major after feeling like other fields that he had tried were not exploring the topics and questions that he was most interested in. He earned an M.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling from Lincoln Memorial University in 2013 and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In his current role at Pellissippi,

Christian provides personal, career and academic counseling to Pellissippi State students.

“A thriving life was a good life, and in counseling, I found a career that would allow me to not only continue my own journey of self-exploration and growth but also allow me to help others in theirs,” he said.



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