

Philosophy

DIVISION OF
HUMANITIES

PROGRAMS OF STUDY:



B.A. in Philosophy
Minor in Philosophy

GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

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

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.

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

Steve Cope

Hometown: Bell Buckle, Tennessee



While academic rigor, athletics, and promising horizons drew Steven to MC, deep down he wanted to find a new place to call home, and MC has become that for him. A Bonner Scholar and member of the Cross Country and Track & Field teams, Steven is also involved in the College’s Philosophy Club. Of his major, Steven said, “Philosophy both teaches you how to live and harmonizes you with the greatness of the world, history, people, and everything.” He credits the program for improving not only his writing, speaking, and

comprehension skills, but also improving his quality of life.

Steven’s goals for the future are to leave a positive impact through therapy or counseling. After working this past summer at a ranch in Colorado, he’s excited by the prospect of one day working in equine therapy.

MEET A RECENT GRAD

Alina Rosati ‘23

Currently: Pursuing a Master’s Degree in Philosophy at the University of Tennessee



Alina credits MC’s Philosophy academics, the intimacy of the campus and the support of the faculty for allowing her to grow as a thinker. Continuing her education at UTK, she would like to become a professor and study political theory in the digital age. Already, she has served as a teaching assistant for the “STEM in Society” curriculum for the Governor’s School for the Sciences and Engineering.

“Philosophy is often scoffed at as an irrelevant pastime of historical ages, but everyone has a philosophy whether they realize it or not,” Alina said, adding that by learning about this discipline, we can recognize the philosophical touchstones in ourselves and others. “In an age where disagreement is increasingly received as threatening, it is essential to be sensitive to differing opinions while still maintaining your own resolve.”



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