

PHILOSOPHY

"Contemplation enlarges not only the objects of our thoughts, but also the objects of our actions and our affections: it makes us citizens of the universe..."

– Bertrand Russell



PHILOSOPHY IS THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM -- BORN OUT OF WONDER. PHILOSOPHY SYSTEMATICALLY EXPLORES THE PROFOUND AND PERSISTENT QUESTIONS OF HUMAN DESTINY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ART, LOGIC, RELIGION, MIND, AND LANGUAGE.

Aristotle said: "All men by nature desire to know." Philosophy students engage in such challenging questions as the social implications of the Internet, the existence of God, the limits of science, self-identify, and the demands for social justice. By sharpening skills of keen observation, close reading, deep listening, and reasoned debate, our students aim to make a positive contribution in their careers, their communities, and our larger globalized society -- both nationally and internationally.

**AN OPEN INVITATION: *THE PHILOSOPHY FORUM***

Through participation in our Philosophy Forum, students actively expand their knowledge by engaging experts on a variety of exciting contemporary issues. Recently, these have included the genetic revolution, animal rights, combating cyber-terrorism, the role of the arts in a democratic society, and the meaning of higher education in changing workplace environment.

*"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."*

– Descartes

*"The miracle is not to walk on water. The miracle is . . . to appreciate the peace and beauty that are available now."*

– Thich Nhat Hanh

# PHILOSOPHY



HACC students receive more than \$120 million in financial aid annually. Fill out a federal aid application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). For more information, contact Financial Aid Services at (717) 780-2330.

To learn more about the program, contact:

Paul Carrick, Ph.D.

Head, Department of Philosophy  
(717) 780-2485 or email [pjcarric@hacc.edu](mailto:pjcarric@hacc.edu)

Charles Comer, M.A.

Instructor of Philosophy  
(717) 780-2590 or email [crcomer@hacc.edu](mailto:crcomer@hacc.edu)

Jonathan Gainor, M.A.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
(717) 780-2590 or email [jdgainor@hacc.edu](mailto:jdgainor@hacc.edu)

Karl Mischke, M.A.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
(717) 358-2949 or email [jkmischk@hacc.edu](mailto:jkmischk@hacc.edu)

[www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu)



HACC does not discriminate in employment, student admissions, and student services on the basis of race, color, religion, age, political affiliation or belief, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, place of birth, General Education Development Certification (GED), marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or any other legally protected classification.

## ADVANTAGES OF THE PHILOSOPHY TRANSFER PROGRAM

HACC's associate degree in philosophy is a progressive degree for students aiming to earn a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university. Students explore diverse systems of beliefs and values in order to enlarge their own spheres of understanding. Our Philosophy Transfer Program covers the history of philosophy and culture, ethics and value theory, logic, philosophy of science, theories of nature and reality, the foundations of knowledge, and comparative religions.

Philosophy develops key skills that are relevant in a variety of fields:

- critical thinking
- creative problem solving
- reading comprehension
- clear and cogent writing
- interpersonal skills and leadership
- careful analysis of complex data

The study of philosophy prepares students for a variety of careers in the real world:

- law
- politics
- the clergy
- counseling
- the military
- administration
- business
- foundations
- government service
- public health
- technical writing
- environmental education

Also, philosophy majors typically perform above average on the GRE, LSAT, and other pre-professional examinations. In short, a philosophy degree leads to many exciting and creative career opportunities.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"Philosophy is applicable to any field of work and personal growth," states Tiffany Abel. She is among the first students to major in the Philosophy Transfer Program at HACC. "My professors have inspired my enthusiasm for philosophy. Socrates, Sartre, and Descartes are among the philosophers who have really opened up my mind" Abel plans to transfer to Millersville University with a major in philosophy and minor in design.

Dan Johnston, of Hershey, reports he was inspired by his professors to pursue a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Johnston recently graduated from Slippery Rock University. Among those thinkers most important to him, Johnston cites Aristotle and Kant, "particularly in the areas of practical reasoning and systematic problem solving"

Over the years, our students declaring in philosophy have successfully transferred to such schools as Penn State, Temple University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Hawaii, Northern Arizona University, York College, Dickinson College, and Boston University.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

In order to earn an associate degree in philosophy, a student must complete 61 credits, including:

- 12 credits in philosophy (Phil 101: Intro; and Phil 102: Logic -- are both required; next take any two of Phil 200: Religion; Phil 215: Science; or Phil 225: Ethics).
- 25 credits in general education including English, anthropology, history, speech, psychology, computer information systems, and physical education and wellness.
- 24 hours in core electives, including math, science, and other transfer electives.

## HOW TO DECLARE: CURRICULUM CODE #2050

Attend any one of our information sessions sponsored by our friendly HACC counseling staff. Email or call Professors Carrick, Comer, Gainor, or Mischke (see panel, left). Then click on our HACC website for a list of detailed courses and related program requirements.

## BENEFITS TO BECOMING A HACC STUDENT

HACC offers students:

- flexibility to study part- or full-time while meeting obligations in the workplace;
- individual attention and remedial work to fulfill admission requirements, and transferable credits for students seeking bachelor degrees.

HACC provides high-quality education at an affordable cost. Find admissions information, tuition and a list of the 22 south-central Pennsylvania sponsoring districts that pick up part of the tuition for residents at [www.hacc.edu](http://www.hacc.edu).

*"Nothing can bring you peace but yourself."*

—Ralph Waldo Emerson