

# PHILOSOPHY & PRE-LAW

*Philosophical study is a rigorous activity that facilitates the development and growth of the mind. Learn to think critically, demonstrate intellectual courage by facing criticisms of your most central beliefs and convictions, and learn how to explore the transcendent, the puzzling, and the wonderful in your everyday life.*



## The Millikin Difference

The philosophy major is specifically designed for students interested in pursuing a truly liberal arts education. Students have the option of pursuing degrees within philosophy, pre-law, and ethics. The philosophy major is for:

- Students with a professional interest in philosophy.
- Students who want an intensive study of philosophy as preparation for graduate study in some other field such as law, theology, or medicine.
- Students who want an intensive study of philosophy as a complement to their primary major in the natural sciences, behavioral sciences, humanities, arts, or business.

## Degree Programs

### Philosophy

The philosophy major is designed for students with a professional interest in philosophy or in some other field such as law, theology, or medicine, or for students wishing to complement their primary major and develop their critical thinking, critical reading, and persuasive writing skills. A minor in philosophy provides maximum flexibility to explore a variety of areas.

### Pre-Law

The pre-law track within the philosophy major and the philosophy pre-law minor are designed for students preparing for the LSAT exam, law school, and work in the legal profession. Both programs

emphasize the skills and knowledge you will need to get into law school and succeed as law students and eventually lawyers. In the pre-law program, you will work directly with faculty to design a personalized course of study that serves your interests and career goals.

### Ethics

Millikin offers an ethics major and minor for those interested in the philosophical study of ethics. Both programs emphasize critical thinking and normative reasoning at the level of ethical theory, as well as applied ethics, such as bioethics, environmental ethics, business ethics, and social-political philosophy. Regardless of your major, combining your area of specialty with an emphasis in ethical reasoning will develop essential skills such as critical thinking, reading comprehension, argumentation, and persuasive writing.

### Performance Learning

The Philosophy department's award winning faculty teach a broad range of courses and direct exciting Performance Learning opportunities that are popular with students across a wide range of majors. Millikin students participate each year in the Model Illinois Government Moot Court Competition. Students write legal briefs, deliver oral arguments, and practice appellate advocacy. Additionally, Millikin students participate each year in Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, where students prepare analyses of case studies and respond to questions from professional moderators probing ethical dimensions of the case studies.

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## Committed Faculty

Our philosophy faculty members excel in engaging their students and challenging them to grow intellectually. Each faculty member has been honored with each of the three major university teaching awards: the Alpha Lambda Delta Teacher of the Year Award, the James Millikin Scholar Educator of the Year Award, and the Teaching Excellence Award.

- **Dr. Robert Money**, Professor of Philosophy and Chair, holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Iowa and a J.D. from Emory University School of Law. His teaching interests include ethics and ethical theory, political philosophy, history of philosophy, philosophy of law, and philosophy of religion. Dr. Money serves as Director of the Pre-Law Program and faculty director of our moot court program.
- **Dr. Eric Roark**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Missouri. His teaching interests include social and political philosophy (especially left-libertarianism), applied ethics including business ethics, history of philosophy, and epistemology.
- **Dr. Michael Hartsock**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Missouri. His teaching interests include the philosophy of science and metaphysics (especially causation), logic, history of philosophy, epistemology, and philosophy of mind. Dr. Hartsock serves as Director of the Honors Program and directs our ethics bowl program.

## Career Opportunities

Most philosophy, ethics, and pre-law students continue their education in a variety of disciplines, including philosophy, law, political science, religious studies, and psychology. Recent grads have gone on to pursue their educational goals at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Iowa, Temple University, Florida State University, Purdue University, Washington University, and the University of Illinois, among others. Others have found employment after graduation in companies like ADM and CT Corporation and in organizations such as Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty and the Presbyterian Church.



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