**Offered As:**
- ✔ Major
- ✔ Minor

*Open to students of other Faculties:* ✔

**What is it about?**
Studying philosophy trains you to think critically, creatively, and independently. It provides excellent preparation for work in a variety of professions. Philosophy graduates hold important positions in government, business, education, journalism, and many other fields. The syllabus of the Philosophy Department enables students to take either just a few philosophy courses (in any year of study, without prerequisites), to major in philosophy, to take a double major, combining philosophy with another Arts or Social Sciences discipline, or to take a minor in philosophy. The Department recommends that students complete PHIL1012 or PHIL1034 before enrolling in upper-level courses, but students who have not done so may enroll with the permission of the instructor. Philosophy majors and minors are required to take one of these courses as a prerequisite for the major and minor. Courses are generally organized as lectures or seminars and typically include tutorials. Particular importance is attached to tutorial participation. A distinctive part of a university education is developing the ability to formulate and defend one’s own ideas. The philosophy syllabus and its approach to teaching is guided by this principle.

**Offering Faculty/ Department/ School/Institute:**
Department of Philosophy, School of Humanities.

**Pre-requisite requirements for declaring the major/minor:**

**Major:**
PHIL1012 or PHIL1034, and 12 credits of introductory courses from any Arts programmes, which may include additional credits in 1000-level Philosophy courses.

**Minor:**
PHIL1012 or PHIL1034.

For details, please check with the Department of Philosophy.

**Career opportunities:**
Philosophy graduates hold important positions in government, business, education, journalism, and many other fields. For further information, please check with the Department of Philosophy, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement).

**Further information:**
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* Note: Students pursuing curricula with major / minor programme(s) must complete at least one major programme from their home Faculties upon graduation.

Disclaimer: The information mainly applies to students admitted in 2020-2021 and thereafter. For students from different cohorts, the information is only for reference. Please check with Faculty/offering department for details. The pre-requisite requirements / conditions are subject to changes by Faculties from time to time, and students are advised to check with their Faculty Office in case of doubt.