HOW to study philosophy

WHY you should study philosophy
Thinking about a major?

Major in thinking.
To complete a PHIL major at Vic, you need...

- One 100-level PHIL course
- Two 200-level PHIL courses (INTP 261 also counts)
- Three 300-level PHIL courses (POLS 362 also counts)
- One further PHIL course
WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY FOR

it’s for YOURSELF &
for YOUR CAREER
"The unexamined life is not worth living."
- Socrates

"I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think."
~ Socrates
Study philosophy because YOU want to know...

• about yourself and your world

• about...

• about...

• about...
your career
Study philosophy for career opportunities...

**FiveThirtyEight**

fivethirtyeight.com/features/philosophers-dont-get-much-respect-but-their-earnings-don’t-suck

“Philosophy majors have some of the highest scores in the LSAT and GMAT — the required tests for entry to law and business school respectively.”
“When it comes to earnings for people who only have undergraduate degrees, philosophy majors have the fourth-highest median earnings, US$81,200 per year, out-ranking business and chemistry majors. Bar none, philosophy majors have the highest salary growth trajectory from entry to mid-career.”
“Your parents might have worried when you chose Philosophy.... But a year-long survey of 1.2 million people with only a bachelor's degree by PayScale Inc. shows that graduates ... **earned 103.5% more** ... about 10 years post-commencement.”

Major possibilities.
Wes Anderson
Philosophy Major
(& Filmmaker)

Angela Davis
Philosophy Major
(& Social Activist)

Harrison Ford
Philosophy Major
(& Actor)

Stephen Breyer
Philosophy Major
(& Supreme Court Justice)

Philip Glass
Philosophy Major
(& Composer)

Mary Higgins Clark
Philosophy Major
(& Novelist)

Philip K. Dick
Philosophy Major
(& Author)

Gene Siskel
Philosophy Major
(& Movie Critic)

Bruce Lee
Philosophy Major
(& Martial Arts Specialist)

Steve Martin
Philosophy Major
(& Comedian)

Barnett Newman
Philosophy Major
(& Artist)

Ethan Coen
Philosophy Major
(& Filmmaker)

+ many, many more...
Mark Cuban
Billionaire, Tech Guru, Shark Tank Investor

“I'm going to make a prediction. In 10 years, a liberal arts degree in philosophy will be worth more than a traditional programming degree.”
5 Reasons Why Philosophy Majors Make Great Entrepreneurs

1. They love debate
2. They’re comfortable with the uncomfortable
3. They see the big picture in the smallest details
4. They keep their emotions in check
5. They dissect complex problems

www.entrepreneur.com/article/295699
“Philosophy prompted my fascination in the intricate mystery of things around us - and also inspired me to listen and be receptive to other people's perspectives. Last but not least, it really helped my critical thinking.”
David Seymour
Leader ACT Party, Auckland Philosophy Major

“At a skills level, philosophy taught me to ask the right questions to get to the nub of an issue, process information, and communicate abstract concepts succinctly.”
“Be confident about your degree. There will be no shortage of knockers, saying that it is avocational and part of a B.A. (bugger all). The joke is on them. As the pace of change accelerates, the future of work becomes less certain. The latest vocational qualification is already out of date, and your timeless skills of questioning, processing, and communicating the hardest concepts will stand you in good stead.”
Robyn Holdaway
Policy Analyst, Victoria University of Wellington Philosophy Major

“By invoking logic to answer questions that are difficult to answer, philosophy has strong application to policy analysis, which relies on critical analysis to try and solve public policy issues. Philosophy teaches a thinking process which I have found invaluable in making sense of evidence to formulate policy options and determine which ones are likely to best meet a government objective.”
“Both the MP I interned with and my first manager in a policy team at MBIE commented positively on my philosophy major, with the manager commenting that he would prefer a philosophy to a law graduate in a policy role. The ability to think methodically and creatively, to argue constructively, and to communicate a position convincingly, is valuable in dealing with challenging policy problems and Ministers.”
TALK TO YOUR LECTURER OR TUTOR, OR...

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