



Huron  
AT WESTERN

# PHILOSOPHY

Think for  
Yourself

LEADERSHIP *with heart*

## PHILOSOPHY

# THE MEANING OF CORE QUESTIONS

WHAT IS CONSCIOUSNESS? ARE ALL ACTIONS DETERMINED  
BY OUTSIDE CAUSES? WHERE DO MORALS COME FROM?  
WHAT CAN WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN?

The study of Philosophy provides many chances to think hard about these and other questions that can fundamentally change the way you view and interact with the world.

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## THE HURON ADVANTAGE

At Huron, you will be in the company of expert scholars and students who, like you, aren't satisfied with accepting everything at face value. You'll discover what the great thinkers of the past and present have said, and **you'll develop your own reasoned ideas in response.**

Our small class sizes and one-on-one faculty mentorship provide the ideal environment to explore the meaning of our experiences.

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**ANGELA ZHANG** | YEAR 3

Honours Specialization in Philosophy

*“As a Philosophy student, I was able to enrich the Liberal Arts education I was getting. The curriculum offered the flexibility I needed and the rigorous material gave me a sense of challenge.”*



# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

Your first year is all about exploration and discovery.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!



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career-development](http://huronatwestern.ca/career-development)

## Program options

	Honors Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Philosophy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Philosophy, Reasoning & Ethics	✓	✓		
Philosophy in Commerce			✓	
Ethics				✓
Religious Studies & Philosophy				✓

## First-Year Courses

### REASONING AND CRITICAL THINKING

Enhance your ability to evaluate various forms of reasoning found in everyday life as well as in academic disciplines.

### RIGHT AND WRONG

Analyze selected philosophical problems in the areas of ethics and political/legal philosophy.

### REALITY AND WHAT WE CAN KNOW OF IT

Topics include the mind/body problem, free will and personal identity, the existence of God, skepticism and truth.

### FORM, THOUGHT, COMMUNICATION

An introduction to the meaning, use and grammatical structures of two kinds of languages – the natural ones and the artificial ones that logicians have invented to help in reasoning.

## Sample First-Year Timetable

Required courses  Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1022A</b> Principles of Macroeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>10:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1022A</b> Principles of Macroeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 3:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1250F</b> Right and Wrong <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1022A</b> Principles of Macroeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1230A</b> Reasoning & Critical Thinking <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1250F</b> Right and Wrong <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1230A</b> Reasoning & Critical Thinking <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Business 1220E</b> Intro to Business <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1230A</b> Reasoning & Critical Thinking <i>0.50 credit</i>
<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Business 1220E</b> Intro to Business <i>1.00 credit</i>		<b>2:30pm – 3:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>		<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Business 1220E</b> Intro to Business <i>1.00 credit</i>

As a Huron student, **you can combine any program** with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- Management & Organizational Studies
- Psychology
- Political Science
- History
- Economics



## Huron and IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, in which students earn both an Honors Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honors Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy.

[huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey](http://huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey)



HARVARD  
BUSINESS SCHOOL

## Huron and HARVARD

As the only university partner in Ontario, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

[huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online](http://huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online)



## AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Sex, Love & Friendship
- Asian Philosophy
- Philosophy of Money
- Cultures, Values & Human Rights
- Philosophy of Law
- Justice
- Bias, Rationality & Objectivity
- Nationalism & Public Morality



**GET INVOLVED!**  
THE HURON PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY IS OPEN TO ALL HURON STUDENTS, THIS ACTIVE AND ENGAGED CLUB, FUNDED BY HURON'S STUDENTS' COUNCIL, HOSTS FILM VIEWINGS, FORUMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY AND GENERATE PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSIONS.

*“Many young people are getting pleasure and insight from freewheeling philosophical debate about life’s big questions. We try to conserve what is most valuable from the past while following the argument where it leads.”*

GLEN KOEHN

Associate Professor,  
Chair of the Philosophy Department



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron’s faculty are experienced researchers and mentors.

- Philosophy of law
- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Social and political thought
- Foundations of knowledge
- Decision theory

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Philosophy at Huron are eligible for special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Godsoe Family Scholarships of Distinction in English and Philosophy
- The Mr. and Mrs. Benno Schachter Memorial Prize in Philosophy
- The Walker Family Memorial Award
- The Philosophy 1350 F/G Prize

# WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Learning to analyze arguments and think for yourself is exciting. It is also a fundamental skill for Leaders with Heart who must know how to think critically, ask questions and relentlessly pursue wise and just answers. It's no accident many leaders in law, business and government have a background in philosophy. Our grads have gone on to careers and studies in areas such as:

- Law
- Education
- Public Relations
- Policy
- Foreign Service
- Medicine
- Communications
- Investment Counselling
- Market Research
- Journalism
- Politics
- Biomedical Ethics



**SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES: ARE YOU A HIGH-ACHIEVING, SELF-MOTIVATED STUDENT INTERESTED IN PURSUING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH?** APPLY TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS THAT FOSTERS RESEARCH SKILLS AND COLLABORATION.

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*“Philosophy teaches you to question things and gives you the tools to get to the answers, so it’s a great, great background.”*

DAVID BEESTON, Class of 2001, Honors BA in Philosophy  
Executive Vice-President and Chief Strategy Officer, Boston Red Sox

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## EARN & LEARN

**AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP** and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of Philosophy include:

- Sales & Finance at The Score
- Practice Management Team at Nesbitt Burns with BMO

**RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:**

- Huron Philosophy Society
- Mentorship Program – Peer Mentor
- Huron Literary Society

Challenging our students to be

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## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In annual or semi-annual philosophy conferences, Huron students gain exposure and valuable experience by presenting their work to a wider audience of peers and faculty.



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