

Philosophy

Logical Reasoning

- Upon completion of a major or minor in philosophy, students will exhibit an improved ability to reason logically, and demonstrate, in particular:
- A sounder grasp of the notions of “truth,” “soundness,” and “validity” in logic
- A clearer understanding of various forms of logical fallacy
- An enhanced competence in recognizing and constructing logically well-formed arguments.

Philosophical Argumentation

- Upon completion of a major or a minor in philosophy, students will exhibit an augmented capacity to identify, articulate and evaluate arguments in main areas and regarding major issues of philosophy, and demonstrate, in particular:
- a clearer understanding of what constitutes a philosophical position or argument
- an improved ability to identify and analyze reasons that contribute to the justification or invalidation of philosophical positions or arguments
- a more lucid comprehension of the relations (e.g., entailment) between (pre-)philosophical commitments and philosophical positions or arguments.

Key Philosophers and Key Positions

- Upon completion of a major or a minor in philosophy, students will exhibit a more comprehensive and nuanced knowledge of the salient arguments and positions of certain key philosophers in the tradition, including (but not limited to) Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Hume, Kant, and Marx.