



Philosophy

Why Study Philosophy at TCNJ?

Philosophy students at TCNJ's School of Humanities and Social Sciences examine profound questions about the nature of reality, knowledge, and ethics. Our program focuses on developing critical thinking, close analysis, argument and counter argument to equip students with the skills and insights to succeed in a range of meaningful pursuits — including law, medicine, healthcare, business, education, and post-graduate philosophy work. Students have the advantages of small class sizes, a challenging curriculum, and the support of dedicated and accomplished faculty who are passionate about teaching and research.

Programs of Study

TCNJ offers a Philosophy major, a Philosophy minor, and specializations in Law and Philosophy, and Ethics. Our curriculum is designed to cultivate intellectual agility, reasoning, ethical thinking, and persuasive arguing — and to support their application in a fluid and complex world.

Students benefit from:

- **A flexible curriculum that easily accommodates double majors** — with various other programs in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and beyond
- **Small, engaging classes** — that foster collaboration and discussion
- **Opportunities for faculty-mentored research, internships, or study abroad** — that help students broaden perspectives and practice learned skills
- **Exceptional preparation for law school or graduate school** — if a desired path
- **Dedicated instruction and mentorship from renowned scholars with diverse expertise** — faculty specializations cover a wide range of philosophical areas and orientations

Philosophy majors outperform all other majors in:

- Composite GRE scores
- GRE analytical writing
- GRE verbal reasoning

Source: Educational Testing Service

Philosophy majors are one of the majors that perform the best on the LSAT

Source: Law School Admission Council, Inc.

TCNJ also offers minors and self-designed majors in Religious Studies and Classical Studies — furthering the quest to more deeply understand ourselves and our world.



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Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Students may choose to pursue faculty-mentored research opportunities or design independent research projects for academic credit. TCNJ Philosophy faculty are deeply committed to their research and engaging interested students in participation. Students may co-author academic papers for publication, create posters, and present their work at conferences.

Internships

Internships are highly encouraged so students can gain practical experience as undergrads. With placements through TCNJ's Career Center, alumni network, or personal connections, our Philosophy students have had significant internships at a wide variety of organizations.

Recent Internships:

AmeriCorps	New Jersey Primary Care Association
Cooperman Scholars	Newark Department of Law
Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC)	Planned Parenthood
New Jersey Department of Education	Rockland County Public Defender's Office
New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission	Williamson Law Firm

A Philosophy Degree from TCNJ Opens Doors

Our graduates gain the skills, insights, and experience to answer fundamental questions through rational investigation, making them highly attractive to prospective employers and top graduate programs. About 50% of our students go on to law school, with others pursuing business, government, journalism, counseling, education, medical school, and more. A foundation in philosophy translates to almost any profession and endeavor.

Recent Graduate School Placements:

College of William and Mary Law School
CUNY Doctoral Program in Philosophy
Georgetown University Law School
New York University Law School
Rutgers University Masters Program in Information Science
Rutgers University Masters Program in Public Policy
TCNJ Masters Program in Counselor Education
TCNJ Masters Program in Public Health
University of Maryland Law School
University of North Carolina Masters in Education
West Virginia University Medical School

Recent Graduate Employers:

Gabel and Associates Inc.
H & R Block
Health Union
KPMG
Peace Corps
Princeton Public Library
Teach for America
United States Army National Guard

Take the Next Step

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