

## Philosophy



### The Juniata Advantage

- **Individualize your philosophy Program of Emphasis (POE):** Choose from one of three designated POEs in philosophy; philosophy, politics, and economics; and philosophy and religion. Or, combine your interest in philosophy with another field—from economics, politics, communication, English, history, and psychology to biology, physics, and math. Juniata encourages individuals to create interdisciplinary programs.
- **Study Abroad:** Study abroad at three partner universities with exceptional philosophy programs: the University of Leeds, England; the University of Otago, New Zealand; or the University of Newcastle, Australia. Use these experiences to design your own international POE in philosophy.
- **Research:** Undertake an independent research project on a topic of your choice under the guidance of a faculty member. In fact, enjoy top-notch support and personal attention throughout all of your courses. All philosophy courses are taught by full-time faculty members and most upper-level philosophy classes have about 10 students.

### Juniata's Outcomes

From **employment** in corporate business environments to **placement in law school, medical school, and seminary**, Juniata philosophy graduates enjoy engaging lives.

### Our Recent Graduates

- Aaron Adams '12 is currently pursuing a **master's degree in government and public service** at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas. He was accepted at all of the five graduate schools to which he applied.
- Marie Boller '12 is currently **enrolled at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y.** She was accepted by all five medical schools to which she applied and two of them awarded her substantial financial aid based on her accomplishments.
- Kenneth Noga '11 is **attending Vermont Law School**, which is currently ranked first in the nation for environmental law by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Justin Wisniewski '14 is **enrolled in Temple Law School**.
- Shayna Yeates '15, whose POE at Juniata was psychology and philosophy, is **employed as a research analyst** for Dispute Dynamics in Philadelphia, Pa.

*"My first philosophy class was 'Life, Death, and Meaning.' I can honestly say that this class changed my perspective on nearly everything."*

—Shayna Yeates '15

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EMPHASIS IN PHILOSOPHY

### A Sampling of Courses

20th-Century Philosophy  
Advanced Ethical Theories  
Ancient Philosophy  
Chinese Philosophy  
Contemporary Political Philosophy  
Environmental Ethics  
Ethics of Healthcare  
Existentialism  
Human Nature  
Just War Theories in Film  
Knowledge, Truth & Skepticism  
Life, Death & Meaning  
Philosophy of Art  
Philosophy of Language & Communication  
Philosophy of Love  
Philosophy of Physics  
Science, Technology & Human Values  
Symbolic Logic  
Western Political Thought

## A Philosophy POE Story

What can we know? Is there a reality beyond appearance? What is the mind and how is it related to the body? How do we find meaning and value in human life? The philosophy department at Juniata offers a designated POE in or focusing on philosophy that just may help you find answers to life's most fundamental questions.

At Juniata, your philosophical journey is characterized by self-exploration. You can propose your philosophy program, with collaboration from your academic advisers, within the following guidelines: the POE requires 15 philosophy courses (for a total of 45 credits). Of those 15 courses, you must take at least six courses (18 credits) at the advanced level, one course in logic, and two courses in the history of philosophy.

Many students combine the study of philosophy with another area—like medicine, education, politics, and more. Complete 18 credit hours in philosophy (or at least 15 credits for some special cases) and add it to any other POE.

In the end, Juniata philosophy alumni have gone on to careers in law, publishing, teaching, business, and social service because of their explorations of reasoning, argument, ethics, values, and more. But don't just take our word for it.

*"Studying philosophy at Juniata gives me an opportunity to come to terms with my own beliefs which can sometimes conflict with the many different perspectives that one encounters in the world," says Eric Merrell '16. "Here, there are great opportunities to think and write both critically and creatively—a skill that is applicable to almost any career path you wish to pursue."*



## Student Opportunities

**Philosophy Club:** Join the extracurricular yet intellectual dialogue of the Juniata Philosophy Club. Students from all POEs meet to discuss issues—and hold faculty discussion panels on challenges—ranging from the limits of science to the ethical issues of feeding the world's hungry.

**Undergraduate Research:** It's not exactly research (as there will be no publication), but that didn't stop Dylan Miller '15 from spending an entire school year in a hut he built in the woods near the College. Dylan's Thoreau-like project was endorsed by Juniata administration and covered by *MTV, ABC, CBS*, and several international news outlets.

**Before you check out Miller's experiment online,** check out a few *recent examples* of research: Alex Debrecht '15, "Factual Fluidity;" Tristan Avelis '16, Abigail Rosenberger '16, and Shayna Yeates '15, "What is Love?"



## Faculty

At Juniata, **93 percent** of faculty hold the highest degree in their field. In the Philosophy department, 100 percent of faculty have earned Ph.D.s, and they serve, first and foremost, as professors. Juniata philosophy professors present at conferences throughout the United States and Canada, including the annual meetings of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy as well as the North American Society for Social and Political Philosophy. To view recent faculty publications, visit: [www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/philosophy/research.php](http://www.juniata.edu/academics/departments/philosophy/research.php)

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