



## CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

### Philosophy and Religious Studies

#### **General Departmental Information**

The original meaning of the word philosophy is “the love of wisdom.” As such it represents not a body of doctrines to be learned but an ongoing process of critical and speculative inquiry into questions which represent people’s deepest concerns, such as the meaning of human existence, the nature of reality, the justifications of human knowledge, and the search for the grounds of human conduct.

The Department of Philosophy has three main objectives. 1. To acquaint general education students with the basic questions which have concerned philosophers over the past 2,500 years and to give them skills and methods for developing their own answers to these questions. 2. To offer service courses for students in other disciplines, such as the social sciences, history, speech, science, etc. 3. To teach students who have elected philosophy as their major.

Students majoring in philosophy, or in the Philosophy Religious Studies specialization, must complete an end-of-major assessment. They should consult their major advisor about this assessment at least three quarters before finishing their work for the major.

#### **Degrees, Specializations, Minors & Certifications**

A Bachelors Degree is offered in Philosophy. A Specialization is offered in Religious Studies. Minors are offered in Philosophy and Religious Studies

#### **Career Opportunities**

Teaching, law, the ministry, journalism, computer science, government and politics, business, academic administration, librarianship, technical writing, and all other fields which demand clear, logical thinking and writing, critical analysis, and problem solving. One may need supplementary training such as a minor, or a second major, in the career field.

#### **Internship Opportunities**

For students who want practical work experience, the department offers cooperative education courses.

#### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Myron Davies Memorial Scholarship for philosophy majors.

#### **Clubs and Organizations**

Student Philosophy Club. Local chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, the international philosophy honor society

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