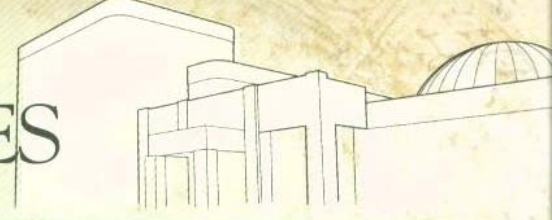


# SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

### University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,100 students.

### Department of Philosophy and Theology

The Department of Philosophy and Theology offers courses and academic majors in three disciplines: Philosophy, Religious Studies and Professional Ministry. All Philosophy and Religious Studies courses also fulfill university general education requirements; Ministry courses do not.

### Department Mission

Courses taught in the Department of Philosophy and Theology stress the Catholic and Franciscan character of the university, encapsulated in five Franciscan values: 1) reverence the unique dignity of each person; 2) encourage a trustful, affirming community through Eucharist, prayer, and Gospel living; 3) serve with joy one another, society, and the Church; 4) foster peace and justice on all levels; and 5) respect creation and use resources wisely.

Several important dimensions of the Franciscan tradition are embraced by the faculty of the Department of Philosophy

and Theology. The first of these is the goodness of God which flows into all of God's creation. This life-giving "good news" repudiates the culture of death in which we live in our modern world. Second, we believe that we joyfully meet Jesus Christ in each person, and seek God's goodness in every enquiring mind. Third, we strive to infuse all that we do, both inside and outside the classroom, with the love of Jesus Christ, rooted in his living presence in the Eucharist. In the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare, students meet this living presence of Jesus, who is the origin, the way and the goal that forms and fulfills one's mind, heart and entire life. Fourth, we emphasize two ideas that defined the life of Saint Francis: the humility of Christ's Incarnation and the charity of his Passion. Fifth, we believe that Franciscan ideals speak to people from all walks of life and all religious persuasions, inviting all to a life of service, joy and wonder. Finally, we encourage all people to consider the specific contribution of the Catholic faith to questions about the meaning and purpose of life and the nature of ultimate reality.

In light of the foregoing, the Department of Philosophy and Theology is committed to the philosophical and theological enrichment of students and faculty and to being a resource for the Fort Wayne community. Specifically, its courses and programs are designed to: 1) explore the Catholic and Franciscan theological tradition; 2) foster interfaith dialogue and understanding; 3) promote solid scholarship, critical thinking and the development of interpersonal skills; 4) encourage personal faith development; and 5) provide a solid theoretical basis and effective practical experience for all who seek to serve others.

### Major In Philosophy

Philosophy courses introduce students to

significant thinkers, fundamental issues and comprehensive theories of reality, knowledge and action. Such courses promote critical thinking, self understanding and conscious development of values analysis. The philosophy liberal arts major enhances the student's analytical and expressive skills and promotes success in graduate school and many career opportunities, including business, government, law, management, medical care, research, and writing.

### Course Offerings

The department offers a variety of courses including:

- History of Philosophy I
- History of Philosophy II
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Social and Political Philosophy
- Franciscan Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Logic
- Symbolic Logic
- Ethics
- Philosophy of Art and Beauty
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Knowledge
- Topical Seminar
- Philosopher Seminar
- Science and Human Values
- Medical Ethics

### Financial Aid

Over 95 percent of undergraduate students receive financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimated packages may be available to any student who has been admitted to the university.

### For More Information

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