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## Bachelor of Arts Philosophy

Thinking about a major? Why not major in thinking? Rather than being concerned with a particular set of questions or period of time, philosophy concerns itself with the nature of inquiry, thought, and argument itself, while asking the truly big questions about human life and the nature of reality.

What is the best life? Why should we be moral? How is knowledge possible? Is the world really as it appears to us? How does the mind work? What are the differences and similarities in the ways Eastern and Western thinkers have answered these questions? What does justice require in a healthcare system, or in our relationship to the environment or future generations? As students engage with and develop their own answers to these questions, they are also developing skills of careful reading, charitable interpretation and discussion, and rigorous argumentation. These skills have proven themselves to be useful in innumerable fields within and beyond the university.

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## Why Nipissing?

Our Philosophy program is particularly committed to introducing students to the history of philosophy, from the ancient period to the present. The program has strengths in ethics (including 'applied ethics' courses such as Environmental Ethics and Bioethics), and in Eastern Philosophy (Classical Indian philosophy, Confucianism, Taoism, Zen, etc.).

The program works well as a stand-alone degree or as a combined degree with other programs. There are numerous philosophy courses offered each year that do not have prerequisites and that are popular electives for students in other programs.

The Philosophy program is relatively small and student-centred: our courses involve lots of debate and discussion, and students get to know and work closely with their professors and their peers. The Nipissing University Philosophy Society (NUPS) hosts a monthly get-together of social events, movie and pub nights, and opportunities to simply hang out with your peers to discuss philosophical ideas.

## What does my first year look like?

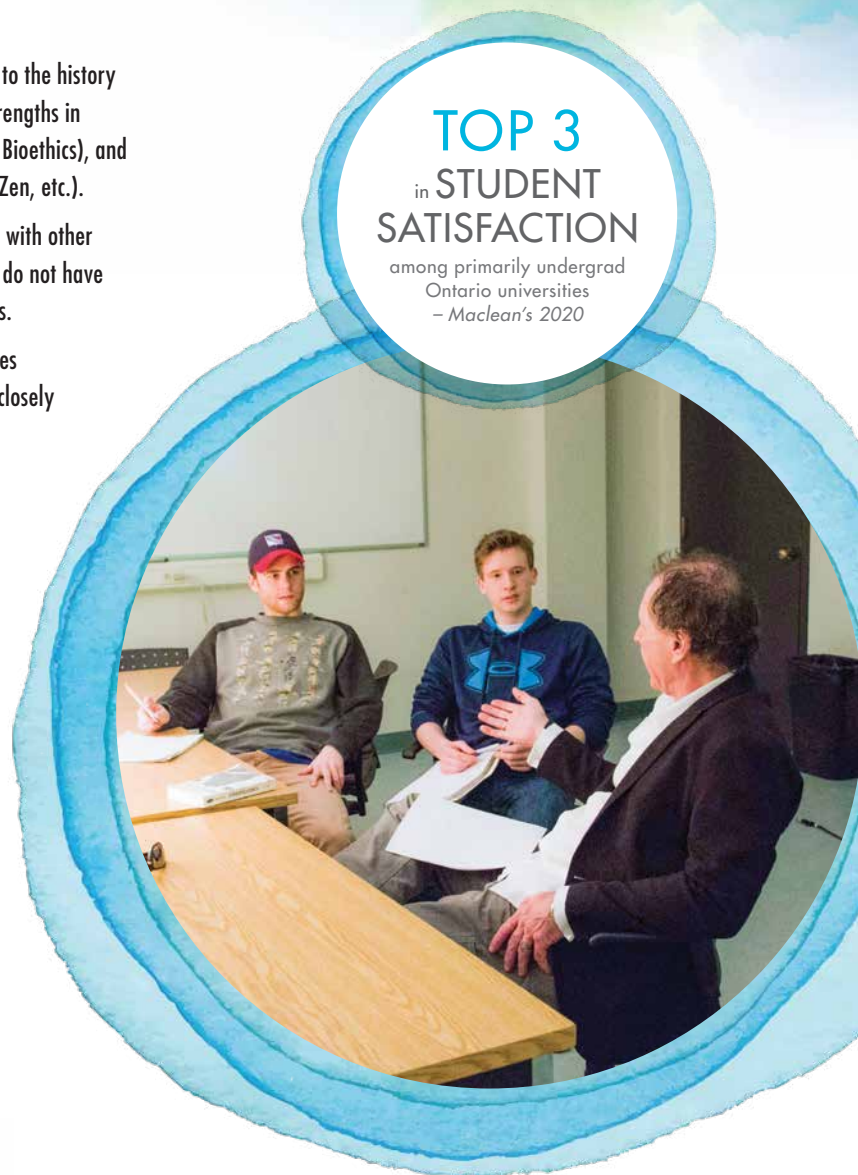
First year consists of electives you select and two introductory Philosophy courses: one provides you with a solid foundation in the history of Western Philosophy, and the other introduces you to fundamental concepts in value theory.

## Where Can I Go After Graduation?

The skills developed through an undergraduate degree in Philosophy at Nipissing have prepared our graduates for many different career paths, including law school, graduate school in Philosophy or other cognate fields, education, business, journalism and public health. Successful Philosophy graduates are excellent communicators, and are particularly good at thinking outside the box, a highly desired skill in today's work force.

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