

# PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## MAJOR MAP 2024



### GETTING STARTED

#### YOUR COURSE JOURNEY

- Explore the foundations of Philosophy in introductory courses (PHIL 100 and 121) or Religious Studies (REL 100, 101, 202)
- Establish a 4-year plan with your adviser
- Take relevant [General Education Program](#) (GEP) courses and explore the [School of Humanities and Global Studies](#)' curricular offerings

#### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Ask for help from the [Tutoring-Learning Center](#) (TLC) and your professors if you wish to improve
- Begin to develop reading, writing, and critical thinking skills in 100-level Introductory and Critical Thinking courses
- Get comfortable expressing yourself by participating in class discussions
- Establish [healthy study habits](#)

#### ACT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

- Talk to your adviser or faculty mentor about [study abroad](#) opportunities and career paths
- Think about picking up a [second language](#)
- Consider joining the [Philosophy Club](#), [Pre-Law Club](#), or another [University Club](#)
- [Explore Extracurriculars](#) at UWSP

#### CAREER READINESS

- Create a [college resume](#)
- Complete your [Handshake profile](#)
- Learn about and practice networking by attending a [Networking Workshop](#) or the [All-Major Career and Internship Fair](#)

### MAKING PROGRESS

- Begin taking upper-level courses
- Consider a Philosophy concentration:
  - [Religious Studies](#)
  - [Environmental Ethics](#)
  - [Law and Justice](#)
- Add a second [major, minor or certificate](#) to broaden your perspective, such as Creative Writing, International Studies, or Women's and Gender Studies

- Refine the skills of reading closely, writing effectively, and thinking critically
- Look into financial literacy and ways to continue to [fund your education](#)
- Deepen your knowledge of specific dimensions of various intellectual, cultural, and/or religious traditions

- Explore the [National Student Exchange](#) or [International Programs](#)
- Consider working with a student group to host an event that engages the local community
- Consider getting involved with [Student Government](#), or becoming an officer in the [Philosophy Club](#), [Pre-Law Club](#), or another [University Club](#)

- Seek out experience in [summer internship opportunity](#)
- Conduct an [informational interview](#) or [job shadow](#) with someone who works in a field of interest
- Update your [Handshake profile](#), and/or create a [LinkedIn profile](#)
- Conduct a [Gap Analysis](#)

### MAKING PROGRESS

- Focus on completing 300-level courses, the History of Philosophy sequence (PHIL 325 and 326), or Religious Studies requirements and electives
- Continue to take any required interdisciplinary courses
- Explore and [apply for scholarships](#) from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

- Present a poster or give an oral presentation at the [College of Letters and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)
- Hone analytical and interpretive reading skills

- Explore volunteer opportunities with local non-profit organizations
- Think of different ways to gain experience not only in Philosophy but also in communication and writing
- Consider working as a [tutor in the TLC](#)
- Seek opportunities to volunteer for campus or community events

- Seek out internship opportunities through the School of Humanities and Global Studies that enhance your work experience
- Network with UWSP alumni working in related fields of interest
- Talk with mentors about your next steps; if considering [graduate school](#), research your options, understand the application timeline and testing requirements (GRE, MCAT)

### PREPARING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

- Complete capstone courses (PHIL 480/490/499, or RS 490/499)
- Review your 4-year plan and make sure you have all the necessary courses for graduation
- Explore post-graduation experiences such as [Fulbright](#)
- [Apply for graduation](#)

- Formulate an original thesis, conduct research, and produce a substantive work in a Capstone course
- Master presentation skills by considering a poster or oral presentation at the [COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium](#)

- Consider joining a national Philosophical association like Phi Sigma Tau

- Start [job searching](#); solidify primary targets and refine materials to fit
- Meet with your major's [Career Coach](#) to work through stuck points
- Join and [get involved with](#) relevant professional associations
- Complete the Graduation Exit Survey; we want to celebrate your accomplishments!

### CAREERS

- Legal Analyst
- Arbitrator
- Bioethicist
- Environmental Advocacy
- Technical Writer
- Human Resources Specialist
- Clergy
- Journalist
- Professor
- Strategic Account Leader
- Event Manager

and many more!

## AVAILABLE ONLINE

Major Map documents are available online with additional information!

The staff and faculty at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point want to help you craft your personal journey. Use this map as a jumping off point for conversations about your goals.