



# PHILOSOPHY

Think for Yourself



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

UNCOVER THE MEANING OF

# CORE QUESTIONS

WHAT IS CONSCIOUSNESS? ARE ALL ACTIONS DETERMINED BY OUTSIDE CAUSES?  
WHERE DO MORALS COME FROM? WHAT CAN WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN?

The study of Philosophy provides many chances to think hard about these and other questions that can fundamentally change the way you view and interact with the world.

## THE HURON ADVANTAGE

AT HURON, YOU WILL BE IN THE COMPANY OF EXPERT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS WHO, LIKE YOU, AREN'T SATISFIED WITH ACCEPTING EVERYTHING AT FACE VALUE.

You'll discover what the great thinkers of the past and present have said, and you'll develop your own reasoned ideas in response. Our small class sizes and one-on-one faculty mentorship provide the ideal environment to explore the meaning of our experiences.



*"For students who are looking to really challenge themselves, I would definitely say go for Philosophy. The ways the program forces you to think critically and engage in meaningful dialogue really open up your capacity for convincing argumentation. Philosophy teaches you to defend your convictions, without raising your voice, while also showing you there's a flipside to every viewpoint. Huron's small classes make for the perfect environment for Philosophical debate, as you get to hear everyone's opinion and know each person well enough to feel comfortable sharing your own."*

**MATTHEW HOOGSTEN** | STUDENT  
Major in Philosophy  
Mississauga, Ontario

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*“Within Philosophy at Huron, you are really given the opportunity to learn and excel at imperative foundational skills. Beyond the incredible breadth and depth of knowledge offered through the program, it really serves you by enhancing your critical reading and thinking capacities, while sharpening your ability to argue. Not only do you develop these skills, which are the basis of any graduate program or career, but you do so within really positive, conversational learning environments. Pursue Philosophy if you really want to grow, as an individual and professional - not if you’re just looking to tick a box while getting your degree.”*

**TAYLOR HARRIS '13**

Honours Specialization, Philosophy & Globalization  
Graduate of Cambridge University  
Associate, Hogan Lovells LLP  
London, England

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## WHAT DO OUR **GRADS** DO?

Learning to analyze arguments and think for yourself is exciting. It is also a fundamental skill for Leaders with Heart who must know how to think critically, ask questions and relentlessly pursue wise and just answers. We've specifically designed our program to foster these transferable skills, so it's no accident many leaders in law, business and government have a background in Philosophy. Our grads have gone on to careers and studies in areas such as:

- Law
- Education
- Public Relations
- Policy
- Foreign Service
- Medicine
- Communications
- Investment Counselling
- Market Research
- Journalism
- Politics
- Biomedical Ethics



# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

## YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

[huronatwestern.ca/career-development](http://huronatwestern.ca/career-development)

| PROGRAM OPTIONS                | Honours Specialization | Specialization | Major | Minor |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Philosophy                     | ✓                      | ✓              | ✓     | ✓     |
| Philosophy, Reasoning & Ethics | ✓                      | ✓              |       |       |
| Philosophy in Commerce         |                        |                | ✓     |       |
| Ethics                         |                        |                |       | ✓     |
| Religious Studies & Philosophy |                        |                |       | ✓     |

## FIRST-YEAR COURSES

### REASONING AND CRITICAL THINKING

Enhance your ability to evaluate various forms of reasoning found in everyday life as well as in academic disciplines.

### RIGHT AND WRONG

Analyze select philosophical problems in the areas of ethics and political/legal philosophy.

### REALITY AND WHAT WE CAN KNOW OF IT

Topics include the mind/body problem, free will and personal identity, the existence of God, skepticism and truth.

### FORM, THOUGHT, COMMUNICATION

An introduction to the meaning, use and grammatical structures of two kinds of languages – the natural ones and the artificial ones logicians have invented to help in reasoning.

## SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses  Elective courses

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>9:30am – 10:30am</b><br><b>Economics 1022A</b><br>Principles of Macroeconomics<br><i>0.50 credit</i>    | <b>10:30am – 12:30pm</b><br><b>Political Science 1020E</b><br>Intro to Political Science<br><i>1.00 credit</i> | <b>9:30am – 10:30am</b><br><b>Economics 1022A</b><br>Principles of Macroeconomics<br><i>0.50 credit</i>               | <b>1:30pm – 3:30pm</b><br><b>Philosophy 1250F</b><br>Right and Wrong<br><i>0.50 credit</i> | <b>9:30am – 10:30am</b><br><b>Economics 1022A</b><br>Principles of Macroeconomics<br><i>0.50 credit</i>    |
| <b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b><br><b>Philosophy 1230A</b><br>Reasoning & Critical Thinking<br><i>0.50 credit</i> | <b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b><br><b>Philosophy 1250F</b><br>Right and Wrong<br><i>0.50 credit</i>                     | <b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b><br><b>Philosophy 1230A</b><br>Reasoning & Critical Thinking<br><i>0.50 credit</i>            | <b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b><br><b>Business 1220E</b><br>Intro to Business<br><i>1.00 credit</i> | <b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b><br><b>Philosophy 1230A</b><br>Reasoning & Critical Thinking<br><i>0.50 credit</i> |
| <b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b><br><b>Business 1220E</b><br>Intro to Business<br><i>1.00 credit</i>                 |  | <b>2:30pm – 3:30pm</b><br><b>Political Science 1020E</b><br>Intro to Political Science Tutorial<br><i>1.00 credit</i> |  | <b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b><br><b>Business 1220E</b><br>Intro to Business<br><i>1.00 credit</i>                 |

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- Management & Organizational Studies
- Political Science
- Global Great Books
- Psychology
- Economics
- Governance, Leadership & Ethics
- History
- English & Cultural Studies



***“In Philosophy, you learn to identify, understand, and evaluate the fundamental principles that govern how we think about the most important things in our lives: knowledge, justice, meaning, virtue and wellbeing. Philosophical training makes you a better thinker by exposing you to a range of exciting ideas and honing your skills of critical argumentation. These improvements can help you live a better personal and professional life.”***

**DR. STEVE BLAND**  
Chair and Associate Professor, Philosophy



## HURON & IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, in which students earn both an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honours Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy.

[huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey](http://huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey)



## HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

[huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online](http://huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online)

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of Philosophy at Huron are eligible for special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Godsoe Family Scholarships of Distinction in English and Philosophy
- The Mr. and Mrs. Benno Schachter Memorial Prize in Philosophy
- The Walker Family Memorial Award
- The Philosophy 1350 F/G Prize



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors.

- Philosophy of law
- Foundations of knowledge
- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Decision theory
- Social and political thought

## AFTER FIRST YEAR, YOU CAN STUDY:

- Sex, Love & Friendship
- Asian Philosophy
- Philosophy of Money
- Cultures, Values & Human Rights
- Philosophy of Law
- Justice
- Bias, Rationality & Objectivity
- Nationalism & Public Morality

### GET INVOLVED!

THE HURON PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY is open to all Huron students. This active and engaged club, funded by Huron's Students' Council, hosts film viewings, forums and social events to build community and generate philosophical discussions.

# EARN & LEARN

**AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP** and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of Philosophy include:

- Sales & Finance at The Score
- Practice Management Team at Nesbitt Burns with BMO

## RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:

- Huron Philosophy Society
- Mentorship Program – Peer Mentor
- Huron Literary Society



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

By attending and participating in annual or semi-annual Philosophy conferences, Huron students gain exposure and valuable experience by presenting their work to a wider audience of peers and faculty.

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*with*  
*heart*



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