

# Philosophy

Philosophy is literally defined as the love of wisdom. In the academic world, the discipline of philosophy encompasses any intellectual pursuit that investigates the foundations of our thinking about, acting in, and engaging with the worlds we inhabit. Traditionally this includes critical and reflective thought about the following:

- the nature of knowledge and justification of belief (epistemology);
- the nature of reality and what can be said truly to exist (metaphysics);
- the conduct of life and what makes one's actions moral (ethics);
- and the underlying structure of reasoning and language (logic).

## A Rich Curriculum

In addition to the customary areas of philosophy, the Stevens philosophy curriculum also examines questions to do with these compelling topics:

- the nature of beauty and art (aesthetics);
- literature and drama as vehicles of expression of the human spirit (philosophy of literature);
- forms of society and government (social and political philosophy);
- the aims and methodologies of scientific theories and progress (philosophy of science)



## The Philosophy of Science

It is precisely this emphasis on the philosophy of science that distinguishes the philosophy program at Stevens from most others, given the university's mission as a premier center for research in the areas of science, engineering, and technology. Philosophy students at Stevens have the unparalleled opportunity to investigate philosophical questions about science and nature in an atmosphere uniquely dedicated to developing these resources to their fullest and most fruitful potentials. We devote special attention to matters having to do with ethical questions that arise for scientists, engineers, and technologists today.

## The Philosophy Major

The Philosophy Major at Stevens Institute of Technology offers you the opportunity to delve deeply into all these branches of philosophical

inquiry and the opportunity to specialize in any one if you so choose.

You can opt for a single major in philosophy or a double major in philosophy and another discipline from across the university, such as engineering, computer science, pre-law, and many others.

Many of our majors go on to successfully pursue graduate study in law, medicine, business, as well as philosophy.

## Philosophy Club and Debate Team

The Stevens Philosophy Club and Debate Team is open to all Stevens students interested in engaging in philosophical discussion and debate in a more informal setting. Events of the club include movie nights, book discussions, colloquia, and field trips to museums and plays, just to mention a few.

## Our Faculty

At Stevens, the philosophy faculty members represent a broad range of interests and proficiencies in the history of philosophy. They are actively involved in the wider philosophical and academic communities, and are eager to engage students in philosophical discourse inside as well as outside the classroom.

## About Stevens

Stevens Institute of Technology is a private, residential university situated on a 55-acre park-like campus in Hoboken, NJ, with fewer than 2,000 undergraduate students. Students like you come to Stevens from all over the world with distinct backgrounds and diverse goals. But fundamentally, whether they study engineering, philosophy, chemical biology, or business, all Stevens students share one very important thing—the passion for intellectual inquiry. As knowledge seekers, our students and our faculty are relentless as they ask unanticipated questions and uncover the sometimes surprising answers. This is the mode of inquiry to which we are most accustomed, and it is in this environment that the study of philosophy can flourish and take unexpected and rewarding turns. In all disciplines, academics at Stevens are rigorous, challenging, and rewarding.

## The Perfect Location

Our campus is situated across the Hudson River from the cultural riches of Manhattan, just a 15-minute PATH train ride from the wealth of museums, galleries, and cultural opportunities of New York City. You will have access to museums, theaters, galleries, music venues, restaurants, and cultural festivals, to name just a few. With such an epicenter of art, music, and diversity a stone's throw away from your doorstep, you will be able to explore trends and inspirations, observing where our society has been as you consider where it is going.

For more information, visit [www.hum.stevens.edu/Philosophy](http://www.hum.stevens.edu/Philosophy).



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Philosophy of Human Nature

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