

## Meet the Faculty

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## Why Study Philosophy?

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To . . .

**Be brave** enough to ask the big questions

**Hone** your analytical and logical skills

**Develop** critical listening skills

**Understand** how people think and how they respond to different situations

**Open your mind** to the diversity of human experience and thought

**Cultivate** empathy

**Strengthen** your problem-solving skills

**Become** a thoughtful and rigorous writer

**Facilitate** conflict resolution

**Communicate** complex ideas

**Convincingly argue** for a position

**Reflect** on life and our place in the world

**Know** which questions to ask to acquire a deeper understanding

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# Philosophy Program



*The unexamined life*

*is not worth living*

—*Socrates*

**R** UNIVERSITY OF  
**Redlands**

## Philosophy: The Big Picture

Philosophy engages with big philosophical questions and ideas that have profoundly affected human life and culture. At Redlands, students consider these both in the Western tradition and in the context of Chinese philosophy. They consider ideas such as human rights, the social contract, skepticism, the relation between mind and body, the significance of family and human relations (a central concern of Confucianism), the natural way of life (Daoism), or the path to enlightenment (Buddhism).

While it seems really abstract at first, Philosophy has a very practical side: students grapple with contemporary issues that apply philosophical insights to ethics and public policy: Do we have free will? How should we punish criminals? Do animals have rights? What are the moral constraints on medical practice and the implications of medical technologies?

Studying philosophy can enrich our lives, enhancing our capacities for self-reflection, creative and analytical thinking, and responsible citizenship. The skills and habits of mind developed through studying philosophy are useful in many professional and career pursuits. Philosophy graduates flourish in a variety of careers in the public and private sectors. They can be found in every field from high tech to law, business, education, and the world of non-profit organizations.

## What Philosophy Students Do

- ◆ Many select second majors or minors to pursue additional interests and expand their skills, training and opportunities.
- ◆ After graduation, many pursue graduate study, in fields such as:
  - ◆ M.A. or Ph.D. in Philosophy
  - ◆ J.D. (Law degree)
  - ◆ Other professional training (e.g., teacher certification)
- ◆ They work in many fields – some of our recent grads work in:
  - ◆ Health professions
  - ◆ Public service
  - ◆ Legal profession
  - ◆ Teaching at all levels from elementary to university
  - ◆ Professional Writing and Creative Writing
- ◆ *What can Philosophy students do?*  
**ANYTHING!**

## Program Features

- ◆ Both a B.A. in Philosophy and a Minor in Philosophy
- ◆ Courses focusing on both contemporary Philosophy and history of Western Philosophy
- ◆ Introductory and advanced courses in Chinese Philosophy
- ◆ A rich selection of applied philosophy courses (e.g., human-animal ethics, bioethics, environmental ethics)
- ◆ Opportunities to study off-campus in May Term travel courses with Philosophy faculty to foreign countries and around Southern California.

***Philosophy Club*** a student-run organization aimed to catalyze intellectual discussion about philosophical issues on two levels: student/student and student/faculty member.

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## Who Studies Philosophy?

**Sheila Bair** (former FDIC chair)

**Carly Fiorina** (former CEO of HP)

**Peter Thiel** (co-founder of PayPal)

**Reid Hoffman** (co-founder of LinkedIn)

**Bruce Lee** (martial artist)

**Simone de Beauvoir** (writer and activist)

**Pearl Buck** (writer, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner)

**Noam Chomsky** (activist and public intellectual)

**Pope John Paul II**

**Ethan Coen** (Filmmaker)