



### ***After Graduation***

There is a misconception that the only careers available to philosophy majors are in the academic field, as teachers in schools and universities. Nothing could be further from the truth. The majority move on to careers in other fields, and most of them find that their philosophical training gives them an important advantage in the various areas they end up working in.

This has to do with the nature of the subject and the kind of training that one gets as an undergraduate in philosophy. There is emphasis in philosophy on the development of *critical thinking, rigorous reasoning, mastering abstract concepts, and expressing oneself lucidly and convincingly*. Philosophy is a natural choice for an undergraduate looking for a broad-based liberal education. Some of our past graduates continued into *public policy, law, and even medical school*.

***To learn more about the Philosophy Department:***

**Web** [www.aub.edu.lb/fas/philosophy](http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/philosophy)



## **PHILOSOPHY**

### ***Undergraduate Program***

#### ***Humanities***

If you are interested in any of the following questions, then you are interested in philosophy: What is democracy and how can it be justified? Does the state have the right to limit the freedom of expression? What is the nature and extent of human knowledge? How can we tell the difference between right and wrong? Is it morally wrong to clone a human being?

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## Sample Courses

### PHIL 210

#### Ethics

An introduction to some of the major normative ethical theories based on the study of the original writings of selected philosophers, including a section on applied ethics.

### PHIL 216

#### Political Philosophy

An examination of the main issues of political philosophy, such as political obligation, justice, and political rights.

### PHIL 218

#### Metaphysics and Epistemology

An investigation of the most fundamental concepts involved in our thoughts about the world including the nature of truth, knowledge, causality, substance space and time.

*The Philosophy Department at AUB has a long tradition of introducing students to the study of philosophy by way of a wide range of topics and issues, as well as a considerable variety of authors and texts.*



Philosophy encompasses the study of the fundamental nature of *knowledge, reality, and existence*. Studying philosophy teaches students how to think critically and analyze reasoning processes.

### Curriculum

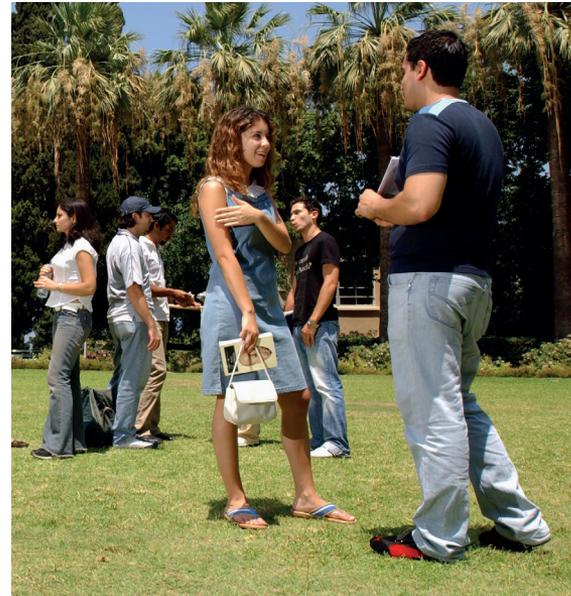
The Philosophy program provides students with a knowledge of key historical and contemporary philosophers and philosophical problems together with a range of answers to those problems.

Through respect for *clarity, truth, critical reflection and rational argument*, the department promotes independence of thought rooted in fair-minded understanding of opposing views.

The **Philosophy program** strives to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate relevant portions of contemporary philosophical terrain. Students go through a wide range of philosophical training varying from *history to normative ethics and logic*.

### Student Activities

The Philosophy department coordinates many public lectures and panels. During these many talks, students are encouraged to attend and participate with their questions and debate topics.



Every year, the department hosts an **annual conference** where renowned philosophers *from all over the world* attend and give lectures. The conference brings the modern world of philosophy to the grounds of AUB and to the palms of our students. Students receive the opportunity to engage with the top philosophers and to learn from and gain perspective into the discipline.

### PHIL 224

#### Philosophy of Religion

An in-depth survey of the main philosophical questions connected to religion, including questions about religion as a feature of human experience, as well as questions connected to the nature of God.

### PHIL 219

#### Existentialism

An introduction to existentialist philosophy, within the context of nineteenth and twentieth century philosophy.

### PHIL 221

#### Philosophy of Mind

An examination of contemporary accounts of the nature of the mental and of psychological explanation.

### PHIL 222

#### Philosophy of Science

Exploration of philosophical problems and issues that arise in attempt to understand the nature of science.