



## Why Major in Philosophy?

Philosophy is the original home of Critical Thinking, rigorous analysis, and systematic argumentation. Its work demands clarity, objectivity, sound reasoning, fairness, and good writing. The study of Philosophy builds conceptual skills exportable to any branch of the Army and to all professions, skills essential to leadership.

### Ethical Reflection

Philosophy provides the future officer a rational framework in which to understand the ethical principles behind duty and right conduct. Philosophy both trains the mind and enlarges the self.

### Cultural Awareness

Philosophy reveals the mind and values of distant cultures: ancient Greece and Rome ( seeking the good life); the Far East ( the goal of inner happiness); early Modern Europe (science in conflict with religion). Philosophical study develops an appreciation of the universal character of humanity.

### Education for Life

Philosophy enriches the self. Its concerns are fundamental, enduring, and important: the place of the mind in physical nature; moral value; the problem of evil; the limits of human knowledge; freedom and necessity; state and individual; the existence of God.



Cadets at "Selection Square" in Krakow, Poland, contemplate the moral depravity of liquidating the Krakow ghetto. At this site, Nazi soldiers forced men onto trains to Auschwitz and murdered 16,000 women and children.

## Philosophy Matters.



"Studying philosophy has broadened my perspective and provided me the necessary tools to effectively build consensus with host-nation leaders, locals, and both

national and international partners. It has made me a far more reflective-thinker; I better examine problems, analyze critical information, and articulate arguments that compel action. Philosophy develops many of the competencies and attributes necessary to excel in the Army and on the battlefield."

- Major Tim Leone '03

"Military professionals deal with the deepest questions of life, duty, and justice every day. From questions of how a unit ought to be justly led, to what good action and leadership look like, to what is morally permissible in war--these are the kinds of the questions that philosophers seek answers to and which can be readily applied to our profession as United States Army Officers."



- Major John Madden '05



Explore the intersection of ethics and technology



## What You Can Study

Aristotle and Plato

Contemporary Philosophy

Cyber Ethics

Descartes and Locke

Eastern Thought

Kant

Logic

Military Ethics

Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy of Science

Political Philosophy

Theory of Knowledge