

# Philosophy

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Learn how to think, not what to think. You'll become a thoughtful, critical, engaged citizen – capable of cutting through the “fake news” to think carefully about what really matters and live authentically. In small classes taught by accessible, dedicated instructors, you'll be encouraged to participate actively in class, ask questions and debate the theories and ideas that are presented. This lively conversation will help you develop a better understanding of different points of view and become a better thinker, debater and writer. You'll study both current problems and historical perspectives in courses that explore critical thinking, social and political philosophy, philosophy of the mind and language.



*“The Philosophy program at Glendon has both challenged me with complex questions and given me the tools to critically address them. The department is filled with knowledgeable, caring, and engaging professors who are committed to student learning and success.”*

— Sonia P., BA'17

## Boost Your Major

- Some courses, such as *Business Ethics*, and *Moral Questions and Social Policies*, involve case studies and in-class debates
- Consider complementing your degree with a specialized **General Certificate in Law and Social Thought**

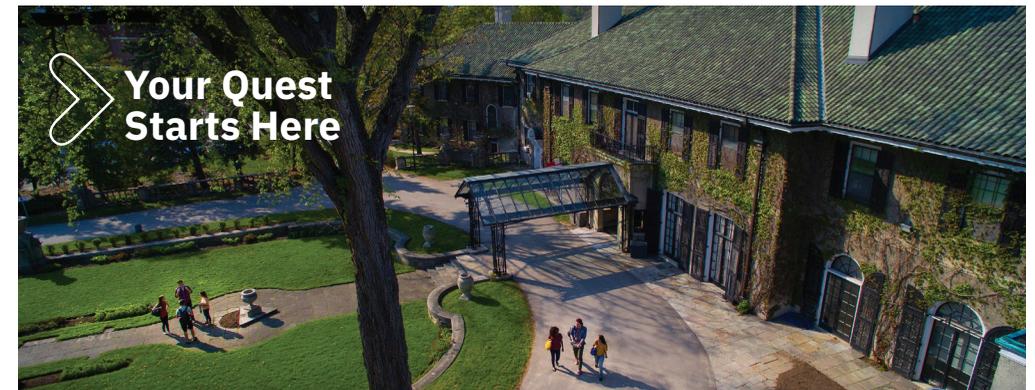
## Skills You'll Earn

- Learn analytical thinking, argumentation, logical reasoning and sharp problem-solving skills
- Develop strong writing skills and the ability to present your rational, logical critical analysis in an organized, clear manner
- Think creatively and systematically; ask the right questions and make sound decisions while considering different sides of an argument

## Career Paths

As a Philosophy graduate, you are well-equipped to become a leader and changemaker. You can choose to pursue grad studies or obtain additional qualifications to help your career, in areas such as:

- Applied ethics
- Human rights
- Journalism
- Law
- Non-profit
- Public policy



# Your Path To Success

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	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year	Other Skills You'll Earn
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team</li> <li>Consult your program requirements in the <b>Academic Calendar</b></li> <li>Start/continue your language journey; visit our <b>language-learning support</b> centres</li> <li>Take courses such as <i>Moral Questions and Social Policies</i> and <i>Truth, Mind and Reality</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take courses such as <i>Sex, Love and the Family</i>, <i>An Introduction to Existentialism</i>, <i>Belief, Truth and Knowledge</i> and <i>International Justice</i></li> <li>Request a progress report and meet with your academic advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take specialized seminars on such topics as truth, contemporary political philosophy, metaphysics or the work of specific philosophers, such as Descartes, Kant or Wittgenstein</li> <li>Plan for your bilingual or trilingual certification; apply for the exam</li> <li>Get your degree audit</li> <li>Apply to graduate</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communication, Data Gathering &amp; Organizational Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather information from various sources and concentrate on what is relevant</li> <li>Interpret and analyze contemporary and historical sources of information</li> <li>Identify unspoken presuppositions and scrutinize them critically</li> <li>Summarize and explain complex ideas clearly to others, orally and in writing</li> <li>Apply complex theoretical concepts to everyday practice and professional dilemmas</li> <li>Collect and assess various types of information, analyze and incorporate potential links from different fields, put them into writing and efficiently convey your message and the goal of your work</li> </ul> <p><b>Management &amp; Teamwork</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret and analyze information presented by peers; efficiently and constructively support or challenge peer proposals, theories, ideas and reports to achieve a project's intended result</li> <li>Lead and interact with a variety of people with different approaches and personal and professional backgrounds</li> <li>Debate, persuade, mediate and present your thoughts and opinions</li> <li>Recognize and incorporate potential solutions or applications to problems</li> <li>Identify priorities and proper courses of action, plan the execution of tasks, and determine and delegate responsibilities to group members to effectively carry out projects</li> </ul>
Get Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in orientation activities like JumpStart and Frosh Week</li> <li>Join a club, such as the Glendon Debate Society, Glendon Model United Nations or Glendon Student Caucus</li> <li>Visit the <b>Salon francophone</b> or <b>ESL Open Learning Centre</b></li> <li>Meet the Student Life Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become a Peer Mentor</li> <li>Join the Student Union and develop your leadership skills</li> <li>Represent students' voices in university governance and/or committees – an excellent opportunity to practice the critical thinking, analysis, and persuasion skills developed in your studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spread the word about clubs, organizations and events you have enjoyed and have helped you get connected on campus</li> <li>Become a Glendon Ambassador</li> </ul>	
Gain Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrol in courses featuring case studies and debates around real-world problems, such as <i>Critical Thinking</i> and <i>Business Ethics</i></li> <li>Contact the <b>Experiential Education office</b> to find opportunities</li> <li>Develop your digital media skills at the <b>Glendon Digital Media Lab</b></li> <li>Articulate your skills through Becoming YU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in research with a professor through the Research Apprenticeship Program</li> <li>Pursue your passion project in <b>G21, Glendon's inquiry-based incubator</b>,</li> <li>Develop your entrepreneurial project in <b>GENIAL</b>, Glendon's business incubator for francophone and bilingual startups, and social innovation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on practical challenges by enrolling in the <b>Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4)</b></li> <li>Do a work placement in an elective course</li> </ul>	
Think Globally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn another language – 20 languages are taught at Glendon and Keele Campuses, including French, Spanish and Ojibwe!</li> <li>Develop your intercultural skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider an exchange abroad or with one of our partner universities in Quebec</li> <li>Enrol in <i>Le français par l'expérience</i> to expand your knowledge of French and francophone culture by doing a work placement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer with organizations that have a focus on international issues or diversity in Canada</li> <li>Attend the <b>Glendon Global debates</b></li> </ul>	
Plan Your Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build your transferable skills by participating in workshops about skills and career development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore career options and learn more about the skills required</li> <li>Discover career opportunities by connecting with alumni</li> <li>Book an appointment with the Career Centre to start working on your resumé, cover letters and interview skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Glendon's Bilingual Job Fair and networking events</li> <li>Use the Career Centre to enhance your resumé and LinkedIn profile; learn new job search techniques</li> <li>Attend a workshop on grad school applications</li> <li>Join a professional association in your field</li> </ul>	<p><b>Admission Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with an average* in the mid to high 70s</li> <li>Minimum of six 4U or 4M courses, including 4U English (ENG4U) or FRA4U</li> <li>A combination of U and M courses; OACs are accepted</li> <li>Proficiency in English <b>OR</b> French</li> </ul> <p>* Average is calculated based on the top six 4U; 4M or DU courses</p>
				<p><b>Get In Touch</b></p> <p>Domestic students: <a href="mailto:liaison@glendon.yorku.ca">liaison@glendon.yorku.ca</a>            International students: <a href="mailto:international@glendon.yorku.ca">international@glendon.yorku.ca</a>            Attend one of our <b>events!</b></p> <p><a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">in</a> <a href="#">@</a> GlendonCampus</p>