The word “philosophy” comes from a Greek word that means “love of wisdom,” so it’s no coincidence that the highest degree awarded in many academic disciplines is a Doctor of Philosophy or Ph.D. In fact, the early Greeks were among the world’s first philosophers, and the example they set by thinking, questioning, and examining various aspects of life has provided a highly regarded model for critical thought that has endured for centuries. For you, as a student, philosophy offers a well-traveled path for self-discovery.

Socrates, one of the founders of Western philosophy, advocated the benefits of an examined life. Learn more about him and some of the world’s other great thinkers in Macomb Community College’s philosophy courses, where you will also be asked to consider such timeless issues as free will, right and wrong, truth, religion and the meaning of life.

A LOGICAL CHOICE
Macomb Community College’s philosophy courses easily transfer to a four-year college or university and, in most cases, can be applied toward the general education requirements for a bachelor’s degree. Macomb offers the following courses in philosophy:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Professional Ethics
- Introduction to Logic
- Philosophy of Religion

Quotes of great Philosophers!

“Since the unexamined life is not worth living.”
—Socrates

“I think therefore I am.”
—René Descartes

“If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?”
—Bishop George Berkeley

Philosophy is the art of thought. Come discover it at Macomb.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Philosophy courses, like many in the “liberal arts,” are intended to challenge you intellectually and are not always directly applicable to a specific career. While what you learn in your philosophy course(s) can serve you well in most any field, you may discover that you want to declare it as your major and pursue the advanced degrees required to make it a career. Opportunities with a Ph.D. include:

- Philosopher
- College/University Professor
- Positions that examine values, human nature and abstract thinking

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Most careers in this field require an advanced degree. With a Ph.D. in philosophy, you will be qualified for careers including professor and assistant professor of philosophy. Median salary for these careers is $46,880 in Michigan with a 12 percent increase in openings expected through 2024.

Two years at Macomb equals a tremendous savings—about $18,000—compared to attending a Michigan four-year public university. 80 percent of our students leave DEBT FREE!