The Ohio State University Department of Philosophy rigorously instructs students to question, examine, and analyze issues and ideas and provides a foundation for success in law, business, medicine, politics, teaching and scholarship. The philosophy department’s multidisciplinary nature attracts top scholars to pursue projects that engage the entire community.

**DISCOVER OUR COMMUNITY**

The **UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY CLUB** meets throughout the year and sponsors talks by undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty.

**WIPHI** is a philosophy reading group for undergraduate and graduate women interested in connecting with one another through reading and discussion.

**CONSILIENCE** is a student organization that provides a forum for interdisciplinary dialogue amongst undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students.

**FEATURED COURSES**

**PHILOSOPHY 1100: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**
Explore the big philosophical questions such as the nature of reality and morality, how free will and moral responsibility are possible in a world governed by physical laws and the question of how God’s existence is compatible with the existence of so much evil in the world.

**PHILOSOPHY 1300: INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS**
Consider moral quandaries from contemporary life such as human cloning, performance enhancing drugs, abortion and capital punishment.

**PHILOSOPHY 1500: INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC**
Learn how to construct strong arguments and how to identify various kinds of fallacies in reasoning.

**PHILOSOPHY 1850: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**
Analyze the nature of religion and the foundations of religious belief.

**PHILOSOPHY 2120: ASIAN PHILOSOPHIES**
Examine at least three of the great philosophical traditions of Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, Taoism and Confucianism.

**PHILOSOPHY 3210: HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY**
Get acquainted with the most influential figures in the history of human thought, including Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

Better thinkers make better citizens.
WHY SUPPORT PHILOSOPHY?

Every spring, the Department of Philosophy hosts the annual Dan Farrell Undergraduate Philosophy Retreat at the Jeffers Tree Farm in southeast Ohio. This event is sponsored by Jim Jeffers, who volunteers his tree farm, and Mike Perkins, who provides financial support. Both Jim and Mike are alumni of Ohio State’s philosophy program. We appreciate their generosity.

THE LEIBNIZ SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA 2015

The philosophy department hosted the ninth annual conference of the Leibniz Society of North America in Columbus on Oct. 23-25, 2015. The conference was organized by two of our faculty members, Julia Jorati and Glenn Hartz, and it celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Leibniz Review and Glenn Hartz’s role as editor.

For more information, visit the conference website: http://u.osu.edu/lsna2015/

FACULTY

21 faculty members are top scholars in diverse areas of specialization and cover the basics: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, history of philosophy, logic, aesthetics, moral psychology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language and philosophy of action.

THE COMPAS PROJECT: SUSTAINABILITY

Ohio State’s Center for Ethics and Human Values, headed by Philosophy Professor Emeritus Don Hubin, conducts a series of year-long interdisciplinary “conversations” through its Conversations on Morality, Politics, and Society (COMPAS) program. This program has emerged through the efforts of Professors Hubin and Piers Turner to bring some of the philosophy department’s expertise and interests into broader dialogue with the university community.

The COMPAS program for 2015-2016 will focus on Sustainability. Perhaps the greatest cultural, economic, and technological challenge facing modern democracies and global development groups is how to respond to the depletion of natural resources and the effects of climate change. The health of the planet as well as the future shape of human society is at stake. Responding to these challenges will require a combination of scientific and technological expertise, social scientific analysis and humanistic reflection.

The ethical and political issues raised by sustainability engage each of Ohio State’s Discovery Themes: Energy and the Environment; Food Production and Security; Health and Wellness. The Sustainability COMPAS aims to unify Ohio State’s many environmental research, policy and educational programs within a single year-long “conversation” dedicated to finding feasible and socially responsible solutions to these challenges.

For more information, visit http://compas.osu.edu/sustainability

GRADUATE STUDIES

The PhD program is strong in the analytical tradition with several areas of special strengths: Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic; Ethics and Metaethics; Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science; Metaphysics; Moral Psychology; Philosophy of Language; and Action Theory.