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One cannot reasonably attach himself to one school or philosopher, unless he has previously become familiar with them all.

-Pico della Mirandola, *Oration on the Dignity of Man*

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PHILOSOPHY

WHAT IS PHILOSOPHY?

A systematic study of the fundamental questions:

What ought I do with my life?

Are people basically good or evil?

What is a just society?

Does God exist?

Is the soul immortal?

Do I have free will?

Students of philosophy acquire:

Knowledge of key ideas in our cultural history.

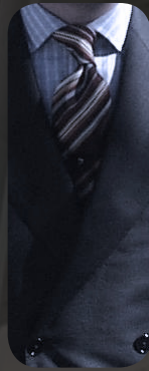
Critical thinking skills.

Proficiency in written and oral argumentation.

The ability to reflect deeply and independently on the basic questions of human life.

SAMPLE PHILOSOPHY COURSES AT ROCKFORD COLLEGE

Philosophy of Religion



Business and Economic Ethics

Capitalism in the Modern World



Free Speech and Censorship

Philosophy of Art



Biomedical Ethics

CAREERS IN PHILOSOPHY

The rigorous development of abstract, analytical, and argumentative abilities that one gains from the study of philosophy translate into a variety of fields—law, writing, management, politics, and computer programming, to name just a few.

Famous Philosophy Majors

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Carl Icahn—CEO, TWA Airlines
Gerald Levin—CEO, Time-Warner, Inc.
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Politics

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Rudy Giuliani—Former Mayor of New York City
Thomas Jefferson—3rd U.S. President
Martin Luther King, Jr.—Civil Rights Leader
John Paul II—264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church

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Philip K. Dick—Science Fiction Novelist
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Ken Follett—Novelist
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Philip Glass—Composer
Bruce Lee—Martial Artist, Actor
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