



Why Study Philosophy at Carlow College?

Often students are attracted to doing philosophy as part of their degree but do not know what they can 'do' with it after they leave college.

So, what can you 'do' with it?

A Philosophy component to your degree provides you with the innovative and comprehensive reasoning that employers are increasingly finding attractive in graduates. Particularly in harsh economic times, philosophy provides the kind of degree that can be applied across a range of jobs. More and more research is showing that the philosophy graduate is seen as a very attractive option for a range of employers, both large and small. Philosophy students from Carlow have gone on to study Philosophy, Film Studies, International peace Studies and Literature to both MA and PhD. level nationally and internationally, from UCD and NUIG to Louvain, Belgium and Ontario, Canada. Carlow College philosophy students have also been highly successful in gaining employment in an exciting range of careers from Media and Marketing to Education and a wide variety of jobs in the corporate sector.

Just recently, the Minister of Education and Skills, Jan O' Sullivan T.D. has signalled her intention to include Philosophy on the Secondary School Curriculum. This means that Philosophy is set to become a teaching subject! The Humanities/ English and History degree student at Carlow College is uniquely positioned to take advantage of this because of the broad range of elective options open to them that other two-subject degrees in other Colleges and Universities cannot provide. Those of you considering a career in teaching and who would love to include Philosophy in their degree can now take advantage of this exciting development!

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/o-sullivan-signals-philosophy-to-be-taught-in-schools-1.2050759>

So, what can I study with Philosophy at Carlow College?

Philosophy goes well with any other component of your degree and quite often whether you are in **Psychology, English, Media Studies, Theology** or **History**, Philosophy will inevitably come up! Some of the new modules on offer to third and fourth year students have been designed to complement Psychology and English. In first and second year we have exciting courses in **History of Philosophy** and **Ethics** and in third and fourth year we have a diverse range of courses from **Political Philosophy** and **Existentialist Literature** to **Philosophy and Psychoanalytic Theory, Critical Theory** and **History of Feminist Political Thought**. We also have an exciting new module on the relationship between humans and animals, so if you ever wondered as

Montaigne did, whether you were playing with your pet or was your pet playing with you, then consider our module **Humans and Other Animals!**

Certainly **Philosophy** and **Psychology** is a very good combination. If you take all Philosophy (100 credits) and Psychology modules (40 credits) on offer at Carlow College you still have 100 credits over the four years of an Honours degree which you can take in any other subject or combinations of subjects. ***This means that you can combine it with English, Theology or History. Or, if you have no particular career path in mind and are here for an all round liberal arts education, then consider our philosophy modules as part of your study.***

If you have questions take some time out to talk to the Philosophy lecturers at Carlow college, Sarah Otten (sotten@carlowcollege.ie) and Dr Noel Kavanagh (nkavanagh@carlowcollege.ie)