WORLDVIEWS: COMPARING the Faith

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Why Philosophy?

Some people immerse themselves in daily experience and rarely think about the fundamental questions of the meaning of human life. Plato compared them to prisoners chained in a cave and able only to look at the shadows cast by real things.

Our Faculty

**Dr. Angus J. L. Menuge** holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Diploma in Christian Apologetics from the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg. He specializes in the philosophy of mind, philosophy of science and Christian Apologetics and currently serves as President of the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

**Dr. John Warwick Montgomery** holds a Ph.D. from Chicago, an LL.D. from Cardiff and a D.Théol. from Strasbourg. He is a Barrister-at-law, England and Wales; Avocat à la Cour, Paris bar; and Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy, Concordia University Wisconsin. He directs and is a professor at the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

**Dr. Roland Cap Ehlke** holds four master’s degrees (in the areas of history, literature, and theology) and a Ph.D. in literature. He has authored and edited numerous books and articles and served as an associate editor of the Lutheran Study Bible. His publications include works on Christianity and other religions, such as the book Speaking the Truth in Love to Muslims.

**Dr. Gregory Schulz** holds doctorates in Philosophy and Ministry. He specializes in existential thought and phenomenology as well as the doctrine and practice of church and ministry. A seasoned parish pastor and teacher at both the undergraduate and Ph.D. levels, he is a published author, an international university lecturer, and a Lutheran, theology-of-the-cross thinker.

**Dr. Kevin E. Voss** is an ordained LCMS minister, has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, and holds a Ph.D. in Health Care Ethics, and is a Fellow of Christian Apologetics. His training and experience make him uniquely qualified to teach, speak, and write about ethical issues involving biology and health care from a distinctively Lutheran perspective. Dr. Voss is the Director of the Concordia Center for Bioethics.

**Dr. Stephen Parrish** (CUAA) holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy, and specializes in Metaphysics, especially in philosophy of religion and philosophy of mind. An experienced teacher, having taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level, he also has co-published two books and published two, as well as many papers and book reviews.

The Philosophy department fosters the love of wisdom by promoting dialogue between Christianity and a variety of world views.

There is an emphasis on the historical development of ideas and a critical examination of the limitations and biases of contemporary thought.
Concordia offers both a major and a minor in Philosophy. Our program of study is classical, dialogical, and interdisciplinary. Following the model of classical education, Concordia’s Philosophy program emphasizes the trivium: foundational knowledge (grammar), rational analysis (logic), and personal application (rhetoric).

Students read primary sources from ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary discourse. They are equipped to interact with non-Christian ideas while cultivating an authentically Christian pursuit of wisdom.

But is it Useful?

In our pragmatic age, the first question we hear about any program of study is “What can I do with it?” Some assume that Philosophy is useless meditation on obscure and insoluble issues. In fact, Philosophy trains the mind in the highly practical abilities of problem analysis, evaluating evidence, and persuasive communication. Studies show that Philosophy is an excellent preparation for productive work in a number of areas.

In a volatile economy, in which people can expect to change careers many times, the most useful education is one like Philosophy, which emphasizes the tools of life-long learning.

According to Purdue University and the University of Connecticut, Philosophy majors are well-equipped for law school (having among the highest scores in the LSAT), medical school, and graduate education. They also prosper in business, computer science, pastoral ministry, journalism, sales and marketing, management, and political advocacy. For more information, please visit:

www.cuw.edu/Programs/philosophy/useful.html
At Concordia, we train thoughtful Christians who, like St. Paul, can present Christianity as a compelling answer to the questions raised by the world's philosophies. Our faculty reverence God’s Word and see reason as a servant of the Christian faith.

Your Philosophy professors have theological as well as philosophical training. They defend the merits of a Christian philosophy of life, both in the classroom and in their published work.

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What About My Other Interests?

One of the most appealing qualities of Philosophy is its interdisciplinary character. There is a Philosophy of art, business, computer science, literature, religion, science, medicine, and every other discipline.

By including appropriate electives, a Philosophy major or minor can be tailored to focus on the philosophical questions surrounding another interest or area of study. Art students can focus on aesthetics, business students on business ethics, literature students on literary theory, theology and science students on the Philosophy of religion and science.