



# Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

## Program Guide

### Welcome to the Philosophy Program at Newlane University

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The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Newlane University is designed for students who want to develop skills in critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and intellectual analysis while studying the major philosophical traditions that have shaped human thought.

**Philosophy asks some of the most important questions people can explore:**

- What is knowledge?
- What is justice?
- What is a good life?
- How should societies make decisions?
- What responsibilities do humans have in a technological age?

Through philosophy, students learn to examine arguments carefully, question assumptions, and communicate ideas with clarity and precision.

At Newlane, philosophy is not just about reading historical texts. It is about learning to think deeply, evaluate complex issues, and engage with the most important intellectual challenges of the modern world.

# About Newlane University

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Newlane University is an accredited online institution focused on making higher education more accessible, flexible, and affordable.

The university uses a competency-based model, allowing students to progress by demonstrating mastery of the material rather than spending a fixed amount of time in class.

## **Key features of the Newlane model include:**

- 100% online learning
- Self-paced course progression
- Competency-based assessment
- Flexible scheduling for working adults
- The ability to transfer previous college credits

Newlane was created to make it possible for students to earn a legitimate college degree without taking on large amounts of student debt.

## Degree Overview

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The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is a 120-credit degree combining general education, philosophy major courses, and electives.

The degree structure typically includes:

- 39 credits of general education
- 30 credits in philosophy major courses
- 51 elective credits

Students must first complete an Associate of Arts degree or transfer equivalent credits from another accredited institution. Those without an associate degree can complete one through Newlane before continuing into the bachelor's program.

## Tuition and Cost

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Tuition follows a simple pricing model:

Initial enrollment payment:	<b>\$249</b>
Monthly tuition:	<b>\$39 per month</b>
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<b>Total cost per degree:</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

Students pay monthly until reaching the \$1,500 cap. Both the associate and bachelor's degrees together typically cost \$3,000 total. There are no hidden fees. Additional costs may include textbooks or learning materials.

# How the Learning Model Works

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Newlane uses a competency-based approach. Instead of progressing based on time in class, students demonstrate mastery of specific learning objectives.

Each course generally includes three phases:

## **1. Self-Directed Study**

Students review course objectives and learning materials, which may include readings, videos, and external resources.

## **2. Written or Project-Based Work**

Students demonstrate understanding through written assignments, projects, or essays.

## **3. Course Hearing**

Students participate in a live video session with an instructor who evaluates whether they have mastered the course objectives.

Students only pass once they demonstrate clear understanding of the material.

# Philosophy Major Curriculum

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The philosophy major explores core areas of philosophical inquiry, covering major traditions, key thinkers, and foundational questions that shape modern debates.

## Required courses include:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- History of Ancient Western Philosophy
- History of Modern Western Philosophy
- Symbolic Logic
- Philosophical Writing
- Advanced Topics in Ethics
- Advanced Topics in Metaphysics
- Advanced Topics in Epistemology

## Advanced Philosophy Electives

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Students also choose from advanced courses on major thinkers and specialized topics:

- Plato
- Aristotle
- Kant
- Nietzsche
- Descartes
- Aquinas
- Wittgenstein
- John Dewey
- Hannah Arendt
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Education
- Philosophy of Transhumanism
- Feminist Philosophy

## Skills Developed in the Program

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Philosophy develops intellectual abilities widely valued across professions:

### **Critical Thinking**

Evaluating arguments, identifying assumptions, and analyzing complex ideas.

### **Logical Reasoning**

Understanding formal logic and constructing clear arguments.

### **Ethical Analysis**

Examining moral questions in politics, technology, and business.

### **Writing and Communication**

Expressing complex ideas clearly and persuasively.

### **Conceptual Analysis**

Breaking down difficult concepts and understanding different perspectives.

## Career Pathways

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Philosophy graduates pursue careers across many fields:

- Law and legal analysis
- Business and strategy
- Technology ethics
- Government and public policy
- Communications and media
- Education and research
- Nonprofit leadership

Many also pursue graduate study in law, public policy, theology, or the humanities.

## Who This Program Is Designed For

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The Newlane philosophy degree is well suited for:

- Working professionals completing a bachelor's degree
- Students returning to college after time away
- Self-directed learners who prefer flexible scheduling
- Students seeking an affordable liberal arts education

The self-paced, competency-based format allows students to balance academics with work and personal responsibilities.

## Transfer Credit Opportunities

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Students may transfer credits from accredited colleges, completed associate degrees, or other approved programs. Transferring credits can significantly reduce the coursework needed to graduate.

## Graduation Requirements

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To graduate, students must:

- Complete all required coursework
- Demonstrate mastery of course objectives
- Complete the required credit hours
- Complete the degree hearing process
- Satisfy the total tuition requirement

## Start Your Degree

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Students can apply online and begin building a personalized learning path toward their degree.

For more information or to begin your application, visit:

[www.newlane.edu](http://www.newlane.edu)

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