

## What Sets Our Philosophy & Religion Studies Department Apart?

**Q:** We frequently talk about skills that we expect students in our majors to acquire: critical thinking, communication, research and analysis, organization, and empathy. In addition to these more general skills, are there specific skills that your program offers to prospective students?

**A:** The number one advantage that Rowan offers Philosophy and Religion Studies students is that we offer numerous courses in Ethics. Our department offers a concentration in ethics, biomedical ethics, and/or philosophy of medicine. Similarly, we have courses that allow students to study the philosophy of science. We also offer our students a focus on debating, as most of our courses involve in-class debates over certain topics. Additionally, many of our courses are writing intensive, so our students leave Rowan with pristine writing skills.



**Q:** How does your program give students an advantage in today's job market?

**A:** Because the Philosophy and Religion Studies Department is very flexible when it comes to double majors, minors, and/or concentrations, our students can focus on the more specific fields of study that they wish to enter. Our department offers some very specific courses such as pre-med, pre-business, pre-ministry, and pre-law concentrations, so that students who wish to go into those specific fields can gain the skills and knowledge they need.



**Q:** What jobs / careers are students in your major best positioned to pursue?

**A:** For the most part, our students are usually seen entering fields such as - but not limited to - law, government, non-government offices (e.g. The World Bank), ethics boards for hospitals, the medical profession (as doctors, nurses, etc.), engineering, publishing, journalism, and business.

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### The Bottom Line

The number one thing that sets Rowan's Philosophy and Religion Department apart regionally and even nationally is our class size. Because we keep classes small, they are very personalized. The professors in our department know every student by name, and know what their goals are and how to help them achieve those goals. Additionally, our department has some more specific focuses that most other universities don't, such as World Philosophy and the Philosophy of Feminism. All of our students are required to take World Philosophy I and II so that they get a broader view of philosophical and ethical problems that face the world today.

