The faculty, with teaching and research interests:
Jerry Miller (Chair): Ethics, post-structuralism, philosophy of race.
Danielle Macbeth: Metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, logic, philosophy of mathematics.
Ashok Gangadean: Logic and language; global ontology; Hindu, Buddhist, and Zen thought in a global context. NB: Courses in global philosophy do not count towards the major or minor in philosophy.
Joel Yurdin: Ancient philosophy, philosophical psychology, epistemology, philosophy of perception.
Jill Stauffer (Affiliated): Political philosophy, human rights and international justice, philosophy of law.

Advice to First-Year Students
Philosophy is unique in focusing on the overview of human experience, and cultivates the critical skills and reflective habits of value and thought that bring out the underlying meaning of all aspects of cultural life. Our entry-level courses, all at the 100-level, introduce students to key figures and texts in philosophy and provide them with the critical and analytical skills essential for understanding all facets of intellectual history and the discourse of the liberal arts. They also help students to develop the skills peculiar to a philosophical perspective. All attempt to develop a historical perspective on the evolution of philosophy thereby providing students with a crucial orientation and background in the philosophical contributions to our cultural heritage.

The philosophy department offers a range of one-semester introductory, 100-level courses, some (odd-numbered) in ethics, some (even-numbered) in metaphysics and epistemology, all of which are open to, and to some extent geared toward, first-year students. One course at this level is a prerequisite for all upper-level courses in philosophy (except Phil 260); and students may take only two, one even-numbered and one odd-numbered, for College credit. Six entry-level courses are offered for AY 2015-2016.

Introductory Philosophy Courses Taught in the Fall:
• Philosophy 103: Global Ethics (Gangadean) Limited with 5 places reserved for first-year students. This course does not count toward the major or minor in philosophy.
• Philosophy 105: Love, Friendship, and the Ethical Life (Wright) Limited to 40.
• Philosophy 110: Mind and World (Macbeth) Unlimited.
• Philosophy 111: The Wicked and the Worthy (Miller) Unlimited.

Introductory Philosophy Courses Taught in the Spring:
• Philosophy 106: Philosophy of Consciousness and Problem of Embodiment (staff)
• Philosophy 107: Happiness, Virtue, and the Good Life (Yurdin)