Welcome Back!

Fall 2021

We’re looking forward to seeing returning faces and getting to know those of you who are new to Penn (or just new to campus).

As we navigate these first few weeks, there are sure to be lots of changes, so keep an eye out for updates via the majors listerv.

Honors

Majors meeting the eligibility requirements may pursue honors, either through PHIL301 or by taking a 500-level graduate course. Students taking a 500-level course must submit the completed honors application by Sep. 14 with approval from the course professor and undergraduate chair. The application can be found at:

https://philosophy.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/application-honors-500-level-option

Important Dates

- **Sep 6** – Labor Day (no classes)
- **Sep 14** – Course Selection (Add) period ends
- **Oct 11** – Drop period ends
- **Oct 14-17** – Fall Break
- **Oct 29** – Last day to change grade type for courses
- **Oct 29-31** – Family Weekend
- **Nov 1-14** – Advance Registration for Spring 2022
- **Nov 6** – Homecoming
- **Nov 8** – Last day to withdraw from a course
- **Nov 23-24** – Thurs–Fri class schedule
- **Nov 25-28** – Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 10** – Last day of classes
- **Dec 11-14** – Reading Days
- **Dec 15-22** – Final Exams
- **Dec 22** – End of Fall Term
Get Involved

Penn Philosophy Society

Philosophy students interested in continuing the discussion outside the classroom are encouraged to check out the Penn Philosophy Society. Information about upcoming virtual programming can be found on the group’s Facebook page: https://facebook.com/pennphilosophysociety

Resources

Penn First Plus

Financial resources for FGLI students can be found at: https://pennfirstplus.upenn.edu/navigating-finances/

Wellness

As we return to life on campus again (or experience a first in-person semester), we may need time to adjust. Penn has an abundance of resources available to you, whether you want to find community or reach out for some extra help: https://www.college.upenn.edu/index.php/wellness

Major Advising

New Undergraduate Chair!

As we begin the 21-22 Academic Year, please welcome our new Undergraduate Chair, Professor Daniel Singer!

You can easily schedule a Zoom appointment to discuss a major or minor in Philosophy, or any other question, with the undergraduate chair via Calendly: https://calendly.com/philosophydan/officehours

You may also schedule appointments via email: singerd@phil.upenn.edu.
We are delighted to welcome a new faculty member to the Department of Philosophy this year: Presidential Penn Compact Associate Professor Jennifer Morton.

Professor Morton earned her PhD from Stanford University. She joins us after teaching at UNC-Chapel Hill, the City College of New York, and Swarthmore College.

Professor Morton’s areas of research include philosophy of action, moral philosophy, philosophy of education, and political philosophy. Her interests include how institutions shape our agency and how agents reason and act under adversity.

Professor Morton will be teaching a graduate seminar on philosophy of education this fall. In the spring, she will be teaching a first-year seminar on the self and transformation as well as a majors seminar on poverty.

Welcome!

New Admin Office Location

Find Us in Cohen 411

The department office can now be found in Cohen 411. You can find us by going through the doors next to Cohen 403.

Cohen 433/434 will continue to house IT Specialist Adam Podlaski. The remainder of the space will become a flex room.

Department Colloquia

Speaker Announcements Coming Soon

Throughout the semester, we will hold Friday colloquia featuring talks from eminent philosophical scholars on their emerging research. Undergraduates are welcome and encouraged to join us in Cohen 402 from 3-5PM.

Keep an eye on the department website and listerv for speaker announcements.