



The Department of English, World Languages, and Philosophy at Texas Southern University offers a comprehensive philosophy concentration designed to engage students in critical exploration of fundamental questions concerning existence, knowledge, ethics, and aesthetics. This program emphasizes the development of analytical thinking, effective communication, and ethical reasoning skills, preparing students for diverse professional pathways and informed citizenship.

## Curriculum Overview

Students pursuing the philosophy concentration will encounter diverse courses that delve into classical and contemporary philosophical discussions. The curriculum includes:

- **Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 231):** This foundational course introduces students to major philosophical issues and the works of significant philosophers, covering topics such as theories of reality, knowledge, and value, along with their practical applications.
- **Aesthetics (PHIL 431):** A critical examination of classical and contemporary aesthetic theories, this course explores their relevance to students' personal aesthetic experiences.

These courses foster a deep understanding of philosophical concepts and enhance students' abilities to analyze and articulate complex ideas effectively.

## **Integration with Core Curriculum**

The philosophy concentration aligns with Texas Southern University's commitment to a well-rounded education by contributing to the General Education Core Curriculum. Specifically, PHIL 231 (Introduction to Philosophy) fulfills the Language, Philosophy, and Culture requirement, enabling students across disciplines to engage with philosophical inquiry as part of their broader academic experience.

## **Career Pathways**

A concentration in philosophy equips students with versatile skills applicable to numerous career fields. The emphasis on critical thinking, ethical analysis, and effective communication prepares graduates for professions in law, education, public policy, business, and beyond. Additionally, philosophical training fosters a lifelong commitment to reflective and informed living.

## **Faculty Excellence**

Our department boasts a dedicated faculty committed to academic excellence and student mentorship. With diverse research interests and a passion for teaching, our professors guide students through the rich landscape of philosophical thought, encouraging intellectual growth and scholarly achievement.

### **Philosophy Professors**



**Dr. Michael Sollars**  
**Professor**  
**English**



**Stevens Orozco**  
**Visiting Professor**  
**English**

Embark on a journey of intellectual discovery and develop the critical skills essential for personal and professional success with a philosophy concentration at Texas Southern University.