Gaining an understanding of diverse cultures, ideas, institutions, philosophies, moral codes and ethical principles is something we greatly encourage. Exposure to such differences helps students take seriously the perspectives of others by raising students’ awareness of the wider world and fostering more critical self-awareness as well. To pursue this goal, we regularly offer short-term philosophy or religion courses that include travel abroad to places like Greece and Italy. The immersion in another culture and visuals of the history studied adds a deeper level of understanding, moving learning from passive to experiential.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

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“Largely due to the engaging enthusiasm of the department’s professors and students alike, my time as a philosophy and religion major challenged me to move far outside my own small perspective in order to better see our world’s complexities and find my role in it.”

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