



**W**hen we ask philosophical questions, we're talking about the construction of a culture's mores, thoughts, and morality. In other words, we're talking about the building blocks of law. Our society's philosophical and moral understandings of good and evil, right and wrong, and morality and immorality lay the foundation for the way we construct what is legal and illegal. Philosophy is a great foundation for law because you'll study the orations of philosophers and learn the building blocks of logic. You're the kind of person who sees that understanding the big picture requires a reasoned pursuit of fundamental truths, and you're still searching for answers. At Loyno, we can't promise that you'll leave with those answers, but we can promise you'll learn the right questions to ask.

## This is the place.

New Orleans is the perfect place for both philosophy and law. Every lawyer needs critical thinking, analytical writing, and oral communication skills. Every firm needs someone who can step back and dissect a problem into its component parts, and every courtroom awaits the attorney armed with expertise in logic, law, and oration. Lawyers also need to develop values of public service, devotion to justice, and care for others, and at Loyno, our commitment to these values is fundamental to the education we offer—because New Orleans relies on people like you.

At Loyno, you'll develop the skills necessary for a career in law, public policy, NGOs, or government, and our pre-law advisers will help you develop the tools needed to apply to law school successfully. But we don't just want you to study philosophical concepts—we want you to apply them. Participate in our Philosophy Kids Program, and encourage schoolchildren to ask big questions about such topics as bravery, respect, and justice. Debate difficult moral questions with students from across the nation by joining our Ethics Bowl team. Join a student group like Students Against Hyper-Incarceration, and help advocate for change in your community.

**Philosopher Kids** was founded by Dr. Jon Altschul to introduce big philosophical concepts to elementary school students. Though Altschul passed away in 2016, the program continues to honor his vision: its members visit the Good Shepherd Nativity School weekly to engage their class of third-graders in philosophical conversations through art, games, and literature.

## Courses

Our program offers challenging courses and a flexible structure. In the systematic sequence, you'll take courses on law, morality, political theory, social topics, and theoretical philosophy. In the historical sequence, you'll learn ancient, medieval, and modern philosophy. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

### Philosophy of Law

This is an inquiry into the nature of law; the relevance of law to morality; the concepts of responsibility in the law; punishment; and the relevance to law justice, equality, and liberty. We also explore the philosophical assumptions that underlie criminal law and private law.

### Social and Political Philosophy

What is the origin, nature, and necessity of political order? In this course we try to answer this question while examining the relation of the individual to the social and political whole; the origin, nature, and just use of political authority; the nature of rights and duty; the problem of freedom; and the philosophical prerequisites of a just social order are addressed.

### Law and Morality

This course presents and analyzes frameworks for conducting ethical reasoning in the context of the law. This course asks: How should we conceive of the relationship between moral principles and legal norms? Does the law command our allegiance and respect from a moral point of view? How should moral principles inform legislation?