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Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Priority Fall: March 1
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

Why choose Texas State?
Dialogue, essential to any practical application of philosophy, is at the heart of the MAAPE program. Students apply theory by participating in the Department of Philosophy’s Dialogue Series. The series includes student and faculty presenters from all eight colleges on campus, as well as speakers from off campus.

MAAPE students participate in regional and national Ethics Bowl competitions, the Philosophy Symposium, the International Research Conference for Graduate Students and the Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society.

Course Work
Each course in the MAAPE program contributes to the development of skills of argumentation, analysis, dialogue and theoretical knowledge in real-life situations. Students must also select a specific group of classes oriented toward their career goals in a discipline other than philosophy. Students may choose between a non-thesis track (33 hours) or a thesis track (30 hours). The thesis track is designed especially for those who plan to advance to doctoral studies. Students who choose the thesis track will write a thesis under the supervision of a member of the graduate faculty in the Philosophy Department. All MAAPE students can enroll concurrently in a six-hour program leading to a graduate certificate in professional ethics.

Faculty
The expertise of the graduate faculty encompasses key areas of applied philosophy and ethics, including philosophy of technology, biomedical ethics, Latin American philosophy, environmental ethics, religious studies, social and political philosophy, philosophy of law and gender studies. Faculty are committed to cultivating sustained, innovative research projects, forging interdisciplinary ties and mentoring MAAPE students. Faculty present their research at national and international conferences and publish books, book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles in top venues in their field.

Career Options
Graduates of the MAAPE program are qualified for teaching positions in community college settings and may choose to pursue advanced studies in philosophy or related fields. In addition, graduates have taken positions in academic advisement, legal services, international educational outreach, child protective services and a variety of community organizations.