WHAT IS THE NEW MAJORS COHORT PROGRAM?

A four-month program in which new philosophy majors/honours/combined majors will build relationships with fellow philosophy undergrads; spend time reflecting on and discussing how they want to approach their philosophical education (pre- and post-graduation); and have the opportunity to talk philosophy with instructors outside of the classroom.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The program is open to philosophy students in the first year of their major, combined major, or honours program.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

One 1.5 hour session per month for a total of four months (January – April 2021) with further opportunities for connection, discussion, and resource-sharing via optional group socials and the cohort's self-enroll Canvas page.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM COHORT SESSIONS?

1) Q&A panels with guest speakers (ie. current majors, alumni, grad students, faculty, and/or advisors), 2) focused reflection and discussion within small "learning pods," and 3) time for socializing with fellow students. Each cohort program is designed and scheduled according to the needs of participating students, so more focus may be given to certain discussion topics (grad school, for example) depending on the group's interest areas. Please note: there will be time to talk philosophy with guest speakers during Q&A panels and corresponding discussions; however, for the most part, sessions will be focused on your experiences as UBC Philosophy students and not on particular philosophical concepts/philosophers.

WHO WILL BE LEADING THE SESSIONS?

Jillian Read - the department's Undergraduate Outreach person - with support from other members of the department (faculty, students, and staff) along the way.

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Send your completed application form to Jillian (phil.ugradengagment@ubc.ca.) by Wednesday 13 January.