

PHILOSOPHY AND CRITICAL THINKING

PACT

Summer Camp



Organized and led by the **Department of Philosophy** at **The Ohio State University**, this week-long summer learning program is designed to introduce high school students to the exciting world of philosophy through engaging and dynamic discussions, guest lectures and collaborative problem-solving.

Over the course of the week, you'll reflect on issues you care about most, practice critical thinking skills, share some laughs and tackle a few of the biggest questions in philosophy today.

This year's camp themes:

Session 1: PHILOSOPHY OF AI

July 13-17, 2026 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- » Can a computer system be conscious?
- » How and why can artificial intelligence improve upon human decision-making?
- » How and why does machine learning enshrine bias or other forms of injustice?
- » Who is responsible when self-driving cars or social media algorithms produce bad outcomes?
- » Can a super-intelligent AI system pose an existential threat to humanity?

Session 2: PHILOSOPHY AND IDENTITY

July 27-31, 2026 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- » If you lost all of your memories, would you be the same person?
- » What are racial and gender identities?
- » When and why should we take someone at their word when they tell us who they are?
- » Can identifying with a group make you who you are?
- » Do we have a right to keep parts of our identities private?

* Campers can enroll in one or both sessions. Different content will be offered in each week.



APPLY TODAY!

Connect with other smart, like-minded students, spend time with instructors who are leaders and rising stars in their fields of research, and strengthen your ability to understand the mechanics of an argument – all while having fun!

Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

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“ I valued my experience at this camp greatly. It was so much fun and taught me to think outside of the box. ”

“ Great experience to learn new things about not only philosophy, but college, other people, and yourself. ”