The graduate program, including the M.A. in Applied Philosophy and Ethics (MAAPE) and the Graduate Certificate in Professional Ethics, is central to the mission of the Philosophy Department and to our vision of its future. The MAAPE is a new and flourishing program, with over sixty students receiving their MA during its first six years. The MAAPE has become nationally and internationally competitive, attracting students from Arizona, Maine, Maryland, Georgia, California, Mexico, and Bangladesh, as well as from Texas.

We conceived of Applied Philosophy as philosophy engaged with other disciplines and the affairs and concerns of contemporary life. In research and in teaching the department emphasizes the relevance of philosophy to technology and engineering; mathematics, computer science, and disciplines in natural sciences; medicines; the social sciences; public policy; the humanities and arts; law; and everyday life. The Department has interdisciplinary ties through the participation of faculty members in the Honors College, the Center for Diversity and Gender Studies, the program in International Studies, the Certified Public Manager program, the PhD in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, Physics, and Sustainability Studies. Additionally, the Department houses a growing program for research in, and teaching of, Responsible Conduct of Research Program.

The M.A. in Applied Philosophy and Ethics prepares students to apply successfully for admission to Ph.D. granting departments (in philosophy and other disciplines), to teach in 2-year colleges and high schools, and to enter professions in business, nonprofits, and public agencies through a strong grounding in philosophy and in the analysis and application of ethical theories in professional and community settings. By fostering a love of learning, an appreciation of the value of critical and reflective thinking, and a collaborative intellectual community, we help prepare our students to become engaged, reflective citizens and lifelong learners while preparing them for graduate study or careers in government, law, the non-profit sector, business, or education.

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