



2020 Hamilton College Summer Program in Philosophy Call for Student Applications

Are you an undergraduate student who loves studying philosophy? Would you like to spend two weeks this summer with creative philosophy teachers and other enthusiastic students? The Hamilton College Summer Program in Philosophy (HCSPiP) may be for you!

The HCSPiP is designed for twenty excellent undergraduate students seeking an exciting and collegial two-week experience studying philosophy with other ambitious students. Three concurrent courses, chosen for their innovative pedagogies, will be offered, June 28–July 11, 2020.

- Philosophy and Comedy, taught by Prof. Ashley Pryor (University of Toledo)
- Adventures in Meta-Philosophy: Projects for Young Philosophers, taught by Prof. Anthony Weston (Elon University)
- Disagreement in the Digital Age: Philosophical Reflection About/With New Technology, taught by Prof. Michael Barnes

Unlike other philosophy summer programs, the HCSPiP was not created mainly to prepare students for graduate work. Our program is designed to explore new ways to teach and learn philosophy. Instructors are committed to active, student-centered learning and the classes may not feel like ones to which you may have become accustomed! Students in the HCSPiP will attend all three classes every day, Monday through Friday, and are expected to prepare for those classes, both before the program and during the two weeks they are on campus. In addition to the three courses, the HCSPiP may include visiting speakers, a day trip to the Adirondacks, and a July 4 celebration. To participate actively and take advantage of the opportunity, students must have exceptional intrinsic motivation for philosophical work. No college credit is awarded.

We have room for ten Hamilton College students and ten students from other colleges or universities. We are hoping this year mainly to serve rising sophomores and juniors, though rising seniors are also welcome to apply. There is no tuition for the summer school. Room and board at Hamilton College will be provided. In addition, students who attend the summer school will receive a \$750 stipend, plus up to \$500 reimbursement for travel.

To apply for the HCSPiP, [complete this form](#) by March 16, 2020. The form is also available at tinyurl.com/wd6szve. The form requests information about your study of philosophy and ask you to reflect on why you study philosophy and what role you see philosophy playing in your life. Since we hope to attract a wide range of perspectives to the program, you will be asked about how you would contribute to the diversity of the program. In addition to your letter of application, please also send, by the same date to hcspip@hamilton.edu, one letter of recommendation from a philosophy teacher with whom you have worked **and** an undergraduate transcript (an unofficial copy suffices).

Participants in the program will be selected according to the following criteria: demonstrated ability to participate actively in the program; expressed interest in the specific classes we offer; strength of undergraduate record; and ability to diversify our student population. Applications from international students will be treated as all others.

For more information, contact Professor Russell Marcus, Director, at rmarcus1@hamilton.edu. Or see our website at academics.hamilton.edu/philosophysummerschool.