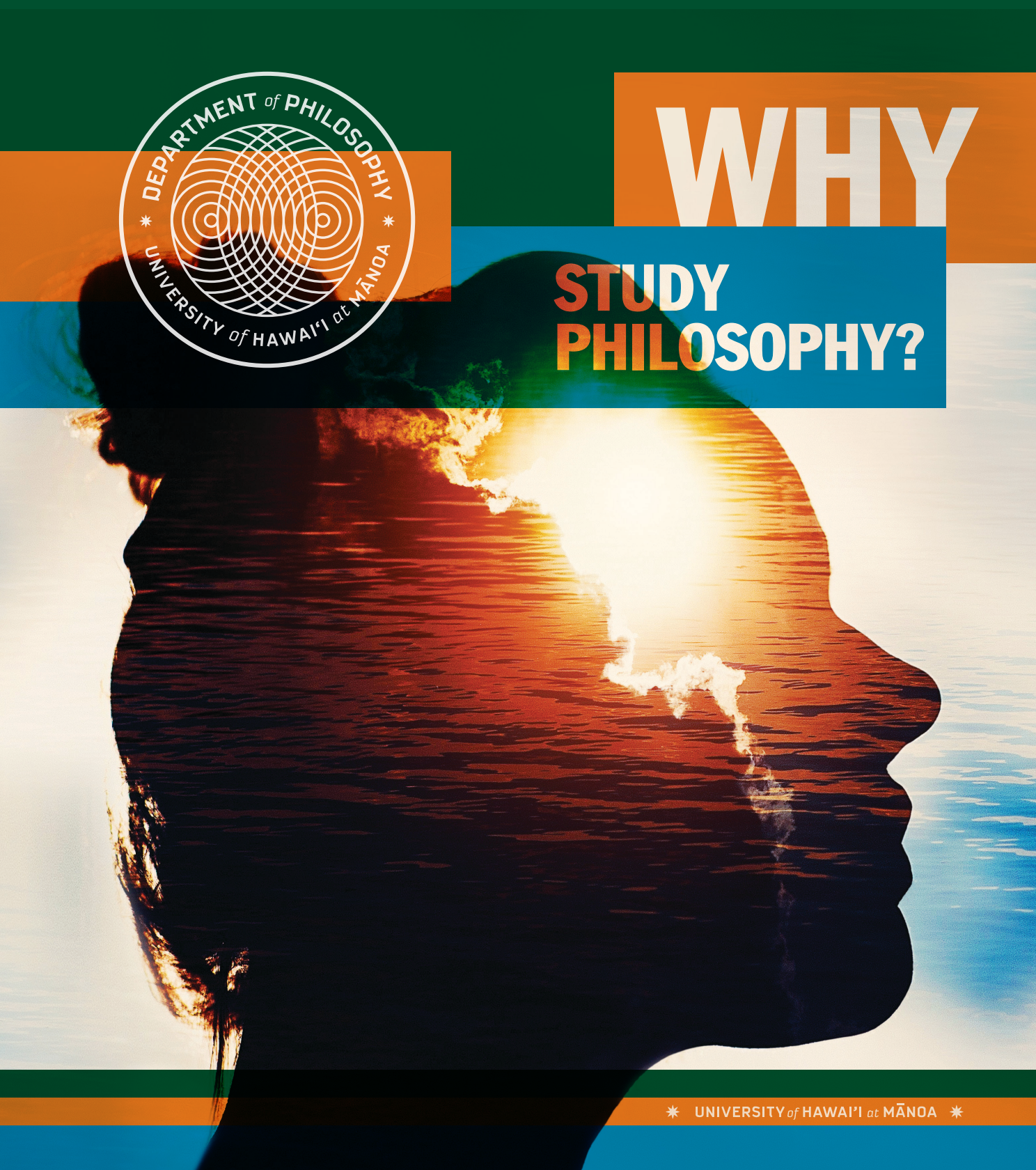
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WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?



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THE ANSWERS ARE SIMPLE!

Transferable Career Skills

Skills you acquire from philosophy:

Ability to read dense and difficult texts.
Capacity to critically analyze and evaluate arguments.
Clear and rigorous writing.
Precision and eloquence in speaking.

Career paths that require philosophical skills:

Law & Journalism
Psychology & Psychiatry
Marketing & Investing
Management & Consulting
Government

Philosophy majors score high on the following graduate admissions tests:

GRE
LSAT
MCAT
GMAT[1]

Philosophy is a practical choice for acquiring effective career skills and it's also a lot of fun!

Complements Other Majors

Other majors that philosophy pairs well with:

Pre-Law, Economics, & Business
Political Science & History
Biology, Neuroscience, & Psychology
Physics & Mathematics
English & Religious Studies

Data gathered by PayScale from the 2016-17 academic year shows that people with undergraduate degrees in philosophy tend to earn more over their lifetimes than people with degrees in any other humanities field.

Philosophy students have both the highest starting salary of any humanities major ($44,700) and the highest percentage of increase between starting and mid-career salary ($84,100).[2]

For Its Own Sake

A philosophical question:

Why do we value things exclusively in terms of their instrumental worth?

What about intrinsic value?

Philosophy enables you to think of your life as more than just a pool of skills and resources. As the study and pursuit of wisdom, philosophy cultivates human flourishing.

This kind of value is existential, an end in itself, not just a means to something else.

[1] http://dailynous.com/value-of-philosophy/charts-and-graphs/
[2] https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.apaonline.org/resource/resmgr/data_on_profession/philosophy_majors_after_coll.pdf

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