

# Academia



**Environment which provides intellectuals with administrative and domestic support.**



**State institution for generating ideologically appropriate research.**

American philosophy is a vast and industrious enterprise. There are 10,000 professional academic philosophers. About 4,000 new philosophical books and articles are published every year.

*Philosophy for Beginners*

Old-fashioned academia provided freedom for what mediocracy considers the wrong sort of people, i.e. those with their own minds. The updated version contains a profusion of highly trained mediocrities, and exists to generate **research** that is sufficiently vacuous to be unthreatening. As with other areas of culture, an ersatz version more effectively displaces the genuine form than does simple suppression.

If ten thousand professional philosophers wrote five academic papers a year for a hundred years, might one of the papers contain a profound observation? Perhaps, but if so it would be an unintended result from the point of view of mediocracy.