

PHILOSOPHY

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Research
Staff Positions

Nonprofit organizations
Organizations serving the arts
Social service organizations
Public interest research groups
Museums
Libraries

Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills.
Gain related work experience.

Counseling

Mental health organizations

Acquire master's degree in Library and Information Sciences.
Take counseling courses.
Obtain master's degree in social work or counseling for therapy positions.

RELIGION/MINISTRY

Clergy
Staff positions

Local churches/synagogues
District, jurisdictional, national, and world divisions of denominations
Religiously affiliated schools, colleges, and universities
Local, national, and international mission field
Religious organizations

Obtain appropriate seminary training for clergy.
Become certified through a denomination for specialized staff positions.
Gain related experience through local churches or religious organizations.

EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Administration
Student Affairs

Colleges and universities
Adult education programs
Vocational-technical educational programs
Professional or graduate schools including medical

Obtain Ph.D. for most teaching and research positions.
Develop one or more concentrations, such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, religion, etc.
Gain related experience.
Combine with a master's degree in a specialized area, e.g., Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, etc.
Secure an internship in your area of interest.

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RESEARCH

Colleges and universities
Government agencies
Insurance companies
Publishers
Museums
Political organizations
Public interest research groups
Nonprofit organizations

Obtain a Ph.D. for advancement in college and university positions.
Develop excellent research and verbal and written communication skills.
Gain related experience through volunteer or paid positions.

GOVERNMENT

Staff Positions
Congressional Staffs
Lobbying

Federal, state, and local government
Commission on Civil Rights
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Department of Energy
Federal Communications Commission
Foreign Service
Federal Municipal Archives
National and State Endowments for the Humanities

Learn federal, state, and local job application process.

ETHICS

Medical
Environmental
Research

Medical and professional schools
Colleges and universities
Consulting services
Research organizations
Health science funding agencies
Environmental agencies

Obtain Ph.D. for most positions.
Participate in related professional organizations.
Join debate groups.
Develop excellent research skills.
Hone verbal and written communication skills.

LEGAL

Civil
Criminal

Corporations
State and federal legal offices
Independent, private firms

Obtain law degree.
Develop excellent research and writing skills.

AREAS

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STRATEGIES

WRITING

Writing
Editing
Technical Writing
Journalism
Advertising

Publishing companies
Magazine and newspaper companies
Professional/trade associations
Advertising agencies/departments
Electronic media organizations

Serve on college newspaper staff.
Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills.
Take courses, minor or double major in journalism, advertising, or English.
Gain related experience.
Become a student member of a related professional group.

BUSINESS

Management
Sales/Marketing
Human Resources
Marketing Research
Advertising
Finance
Insurance
Lobbying

Business firms
Insurance companies
Bookstores
Marketing research departments/organizations
Museums
Advertising agencies/departments
Real estate companies

Minor in business.
Get related experience through internships or part-time jobs.
Obtain leadership role(s) in campus organization(s).
Develop computer skills in word processing, databases and spreadsheet programs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Philosophy students develop many functional skills which can be transferred from one career/job to another and which can demonstrate the flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable.
- These skills and abilities include analytical, organizational, research, and oral and written communication skills.
- The abilities to generate ideas, formulate and solve problems, integrate diverse data, construct useful analogies, adapt to change, elicit hidden assumptions, persuade people and summarize complicated material are also attractive to employers.
- Undergraduate degree qualifies you for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations, and government.
- Graduate studies usually lead to careers in law, ministry, finance, psychology, counseling, diplomacy, and related areas.
- Ph.D. is required for college/university teaching and research.
- Concentrations with other areas can include philosophy and mathematics, religion, science, history, women, Eastern philosophy, and medical or business ethics.
- Develop aptitudes for analytical thinking, logic and statistics in order to apply philosophy to a broad range of professions such as law, government, finance, management consulting, and related areas.
- Join related student or professional organizations.
- Seek related summer or part-time work experience or internships in area(s) of interest.
- Take computer courses to increase employment opportunities.