

What can I do with a major in “Philosophy”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Philosophy

Philosophy is a major that seeks to understand the nature of human beings through analyzing, interpreting, and logically explaining what human beings believe, value, and do. As a division of the liberal arts, it involves the systematic study of the truths or principles underlying basic issues such as the nature of reality, knowledge, value, and obligation. Students of philosophy acquire skills of critical thinking, learn to discover and evaluate basic assumptions, are trained in accurate analysis of concepts and ideas, and can easily construct logical and reliable arguments, many businesses recognize the value of a philosophical education. What is more, they look favorably at an individual who quickly learns new things and think for him or herself and can be trained in the specifics of a job. With that said, a student majoring in philosophy can tailor his or her career for law, business, education, or a host of other professions.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance

Possible Job Titles of Philosophy Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Account Executive*	Editor	Mediator
Analyst	Educator	Missionary
Anthropologist	Foreign Services Officer	Political Scientist
Archivist	Help Desk Specialist*	Project Manager*
Assistant Manager*	International Relations	Psychologist
Biographer	Journalist	Public Relations Representative
Columnist	Judge	Publisher
Counselor*	Lawyer	Volunteer Coordinator*
Critic	Librarian*	Webmaster
Cryptanalyst	Lobbyist	Writer

Possible Employers of Philosophy Graduates

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Ad Agencies	Consulting Services	Magazines & Newspapers
Archives	Consumer Affairs Office	National Archives
Banks	Edleman Public Relations*	Non-profit foundations
Bookstores	Education Departments	Political Organizations
Broadcasting Companies	Foreign Service	Professional / Trade Associations
Businesses and Corporations	Government Agencies	Public Relation Firms
Chambers of Commerce	Insurance Companies	Publishing Companies
Civil Service Commission	Justice Department	Radio and Television Stations
Colleges and Schools	Legislatures	Research Foundations
Community Dev't. Agencies	Library of Congress	Social Service Agencies

Career Center Library Resources

Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Figler, Carter, Bishop & Kravits
Liberal Arts Jobs: The guide that turns learning into earning by Burt Nadler
Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers by Wilga Rivers
Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries
Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US
Careers for Culture Lovers & Other Artsy Types by Marjorie Eberts & Margaret Gisler
Opportunities in Museum Careers by Blythe Camenson
The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande

Campus Resources

Ethics and the Environment - <http://www.phil.uga.edu/eande/index.htm>

Employment Websites

Jobs in Philosophy - <http://www.jobsinphilosophy.org/>
ePhilosopher - www.ephilosopher.com
CDS International - <http://www.cdsintl.org/>
Idealist.org - <http://www.idealist.org/>
Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking - <http://ailact.mcmaster.ca/Links.html>
Philosophy News - <http://www.philosophynews.com/common/default.aspx>
USA Jobs - <http://www.usajobs.com/>

Additional Resources

International Association for Environmental Philosophy - www.environmentalphilosophy.org
Society of Christian Philosophers - <http://www.societyofchristianphilosophers.com/>
The Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology - <http://southernsociety.org/>
Society for Women in Philosophy - www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP
The International Association for Philosophy & Literature - <http://www.iapl.info/>
Philosophy News - <http://www.philosophynews.com/>
Association for Informal Logic & Critical Thinking - <http://ailact.mcmaster.ca/>