



What can I do with a major in... **PHILOSOPHY**

The Philosophy major is designed to develop capacities and desires for sustained and careful thinking about fundamental questions regarding the world and life and for extended critical conversation regarding others' worldviews, the truth of basic beliefs, and logical relations between beliefs. It is also designed to develop a set of skills needed for these. All of this is rooted in a background of historic Christian theology, in particular the basic truth that God is acting according to plan for his purpose in Christ. Students completing this major will, therefore, possess intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Consulting
Teaching (additional education may be needed)
Research
Administration
Academic affairs
Foreign service
Library sciences
Law enforcement
Bioethics
Environmental ethics or policy
Law-related pursuits
Politics
Legislative, executive, or judicial services
Public policy/analysis

Who employs people with this degree?

Special interest groups
Labor unions
Research organizations and think tanks
Mission agencies
Churches and parachurch organizations
Environmental agencies
Colleges and universities
Hospitals, medical, and professional schools
Nonprofit organizations
Law firms
Consulting firms
Federal, state, or local governments

More information online at [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org)

Strategies for Success:

- It is important for philosophy students to identify potential career goals and seek out the experiences and education required to enter those fields.
- An undergraduate degree qualifies one for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations and government.
- Join related student or professional organizations. Work toward leadership roles.
- Develop knowledge in other areas such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, or religion.
- A high GPA and faculty recommendations are key when applying to graduate programs.
- A PhD is required for college/university teaching and research.
- Seek related summer or part-time work experience or internships in area(s) of interest.
- Conduct informational interviews or shadow professionals in fields of interest.

Professional Associations:

American Philosophical Association
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
Society for Business Ethics
Evangelical Philosophical Society

American Philosophical Practitioners Association
Society of Biblical Literature
The Evangelical Theological Society
The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.