

# PHILOSOPHY

What can I do with this major?

## AREAS

## EMPLOYERS

## STRATEGIES

### SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES

Research  
Fund Raising  
Counseling  
Volunteer Coordination  
Grant Writing  
Administration

Nonprofit organizations  
Social service organizations  
Public interest research groups  
Museums  
Mental health agencies

Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills.  
Gain related work experience.  
Volunteer in relevant organizations.  
Obtain master's degree in social work or counseling as well as applicable state licensure for therapy positions.  
Become familiar with grant writing techniques.

### RELIGION/MINISTRY

Clergy  
Administration  
Missions

Local churches or synagogues  
District, regional, national, and world denominational headquarters  
Religiously affiliated schools, colleges, and universities  
Local, national, and international mission fields  
Religious organizations

Obtain appropriate seminary training for clergy positions.  
Become certified through a denomination for specialized staff positions.  
Gain related experience through volunteering with local churches or religious organizations.  
Develop applicable foreign language skills for international mission work.  
Seek leadership positions in campus religious organizations.  
Complete an internship or summer position with a religious camp or missionary organization.

### EDUCATION

Teaching  
Research  
Administration  
Student Affairs

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

Obtain a doctorate degree for opportunities in teaching and/or research.  
Develop one or more concentrations, such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, or religion.  
Gain related experience through internships, volunteering, or part-time employment.  
Earn a master's degree in a specialized area (e.g., Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, or Counseling).  
Seek campus leadership positions such as peer mentor or resident assistant.

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### GOVERNMENT

Public Policy  
Research  
Regional Planning  
City Management  
Intelligence  
Foreign Service  
Law Enforcement  
Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services  
Program Administration  
Elected or Appointed Leadership  
Campaign Management  
Staff Administration  
Special Interest Advocacy

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  
Legislative, executive, or judicial officials  
Political action committees  
Special interest groups  
Political parties  
Campaigns (national, state, or local)

Become familiar with federal, state, and local job application processes.  
Supplement curriculum with courses in political science, public administration, or business.  
Complete an internship in government or related area.  
Serve in model United Nations.  
Become involved in student government.  
Participate in cultural groups and organizations.  
Write for campus publications focused on national and international affairs.  
Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis.  
Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions.  
Earn a graduate degree in political science or public administration for advancement.  
Volunteer with the staff of a government official.  
Participate in local or national campaigns.

### ETHICS

Medical  
Environmental  
Research

Hospitals  
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.

### LAW

Law firms  
Corporations  
Federal, state, and local government  
Private practice  
Special interest groups  
Universities

Obtain law degree.  
Develop excellent research and writing skills.  
Participate in debate or mock trial.  
Maintain a high grade point average.  
Gain experience through part-time employment or internships in legal settings.

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### **WRITING**

Editing  
Technical Writing  
Journalism  
Advertising  
Public Relations

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

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

### **BUSINESS**

Management  
Sales  
Human Resources  
Market Research  
Finance  
Insurance

Business firms  
Insurance companies  
Banks  
Retail stores  
Marketing research departments or organizations  
Real estate companies

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

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Philosophy students develop many transferable skills that can be utilized in a variety of careers and jobs, demonstrating the flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable. These skills include analytical, organizational, research, as well as oral and written communication skills.
- Other related skills that are attractive to employers are idea generation, problem formulation and problem solving, diverse data integration, adaptation to change, the ability to elicit hidden assumptions, persuasion, and summarization of complicated material.
- An undergraduate degree qualifies one for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations, and government.
- Graduate and/or professional studies usually lead to careers in law, medicine, ministry, finance, psychology, counseling, diplomacy, ethics, and related areas.
- Ph.D. is required for college/university teaching and research.
- Concentrations with other areas can include mathematics, religion, science, history, women's studies, 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.