

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
Religious affiliated schools, colleges and universities
Local, national and international mission field
Religious organizations

Obtain appropriate seminary training for clergy.
Become certified through denomination for specialized staff positions.
Gain related experience through local church 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 master's degree in specialized area, e.g., Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, etc.
Secure internship in area of interest.

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STRATEGIES

RESEARCH

Colleges and universities
Government agencies
Insurance companies
Publishers
Museums
Political organizations
Public Interest Research Groups
Nonprofit organizations

Obtain Ph.D. for college and university advanced positions.
Develop excellent research and verbal and written communication skills.
Obtain related experience.

GOVERNMENT

Staff Positions
Congressional Staffs
Lobbying

Federal, state and local government
Federal agencies including Office of Personnel Management
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.

CONSULTING

Service organizations
Research organizations
Health science funding agencies

Obtain graduate degree.
Gain related experience.

ETHICS

Medical
Environmental
Research

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

Obtain Ph.D. for most positions.
Participate in related professional organizations.
Join debate groups.
Develop excellent research, verbal and written communication skills.
Learn federal and state government job application process.

AREAS

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STRATEGIES

WRITING

Writing
Editing
Technical Writing
Journalism
Advertising

Publishing companies
Insurance companies
Travel agencies
Magazine and newspaper companies
Professional/Trade associations
Advertising agencies/departments

Serve on college newspaper staff.
Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills.
Take courses, minor or double major in journalism, advertising or English.
Get related experience.
Become student member of 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
Travel agencies
Advertising agencies/departments
Real estate companies

Take a business minor.
Get related experience.
Earn leadership role(s) in campus organization(s).
Take advertising courses.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Philosophy students develop many functional skills which can be transferred from one career/job to another and provide flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable.
- These skills include analytical, organizational, research, and oral and written communication. Abilities include generate ideas, formulate and solve problems, integrate diverse data, construct useful analogies, adapt to change, elicit hidden assumptions, persuade people and summarize complicated material.
- Undergraduate degree qualifies 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.
- Selected computer science courses essential and offer more employment opportunities.
- 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.