

Philosophy

How can I succeed with this major?



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SOCIAL/ COMMUNITY SERVICES

What can I do with this major?

- Research
- Fundraising
- Counseling
- Volunteer Coordination
- Grant Writing
- Administration

Where do I want to work?

- Non-profit organizations
- Social service organizations
- Public interest research groups
- Museums
- Mental health agencies
- Law firms

How to get there...

- Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Volunteer in relevant organizations.
- Attend Law School.
- Philosophy majors consistently score well on the LSAT's.

EDUCATION

What can I do with this major? (Government)

- Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Student Affairs

Where do I want to work?

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

How to get there...

- 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.

Tips: FYI

- 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, non-profit organizations, and government.

GOVERNMENT

What can I do with this major?

- Public Policy
- Regional Planning
- Intelligence
- Law Enforcement
- Research
- City Management
- Foreign Service

Where do I want to work?

- Federal, state, and local government
- Commission on Civil Rights
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Department of Energy
- Federal Communications Commission

How to get there...

- Become familiar with federal, state, and local job application processes.
- Supplement curriculum with courses in political science, public administration, or business.
- Serve in model United Nations.

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Most of our undergraduates continue on to graduate school or pursue careers in law or medicine. Others go on to teach in elementary schools, high schools or universities. Other graduates have pursued satisfying careers in business and public services.

Due to Philosophy's emphasis on reasoned argumentation, the study of Philosophy develops the following abilities that can be utilized in any field:

- Public Policy
- Research
- Regional Planning
- City Management
- Intelligence
- Foreign Service
- Law Enforcement

INTERNSHIP

Hospitals and corporations, seeing the importance of the ethical dimension of their respective institutions, have begun to hire people trained in medical and business ethics. The internship allows students to explore these careers paths.

The study of Philosophy develops strong intellectual skills. The internship will let students experience how these skills are used in business and legal settings.

Advice from professors

- All lower-level courses have small weekly discussion classes while all upper-level courses are run as seminars.
- Philosophy majors write a thesis in their senior year under the direction and encouragement of a member of the department.
- Philosophy internships are available.

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