

# PHILOSOPHY

**What is Philosophy?** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/philoreligion.htm>)

The study of philosophy develops our ability to make sense of ourselves and our surroundings. Philosophers apply critical thinking to questions of values and beliefs in order to understand reality, clarify the nature of interactions between individuals and society, and come to terms with the problems of existence and ultimate values. Different schools of thought in economics, history, psychology, and education are based upon differences in philosophy. Political and religious beliefs and codes of ethic are based on philosophical assumptions. Students who study philosophy engage in the examination of their own beliefs, the resolution of conflicts, the search for a purpose to life, and the development of a basis for ethical decisions.

**What are the career opportunities for a philosophy concentrator?** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/philoreligion.htm>)

**Related Career Titles** (Some of these jobs require education beyond the bachelor's degree.)

Administrative Assistant	Consultant	Lawyer
Announcer	Counselor	Lobbyist
Arts Consultant	Credit Analyst	Management Analyst
Assistant Buyer	Critic	Management Trainee
Author	Customer Service Rep	Marketing Research Analyst
Business Administrator	Diplomat	Newswriter
Claims Adjuster	Editorial Assistant	Nursing Home Director
Columnist	Employment Interviewer	Paralegal
Public Policy Manager	Financial Consultant	Producer/Director
Public Relations Rep.	Fund raiser	Professor
Public Service Official	Guidance Counselor	Psychologist
YMCA/YWCA Worker	Hospital Administrator	Salvation Army Worker
Sales Representative	Insurance Underwriter	Social Worker
Technical Writer	Journalist	Systems Analyst

**Some Employers of Philosophy Concentrators** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/philoreligion.htm>)

Advertising agencies Consulting firms Colleges & universities Religious associations Newspapers & magazines	Government political parties Hospitals Publishing companies	Nonprofit organizations Media State & federal government Business & industry
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**How can you get ready?** (from <http://career.utk.edu/students/majors/pdf/philosophy.pdf>)

- 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 and 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.
- A 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.

**Related Major Skills** (from <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/philoreligion.htm>)

Communicating in logical manner	Interest in pursuing, exploring and explaining intangible ideas
Debating skills	Self-discipline
Theory development	Curiosity
Open-mindedness	Close, extensive reading
Objectivity	Work independently
Oratory skills	Problem solving
Deductive reasoning	

**What about the future?**

For specific job outlook information, please refer to [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).

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Links to Internet sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by Albright College or the Career Development Center.

Links found at <http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/history.htm>.

## **Job and Internship Search Links**

- Philosophy Now... jobs in philosophy <http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainJob.asp>
- Idealist - The Non-Profit Career Center <http://www.idealists.org/career.html>
- Nonprofit Jobs <http://www.opportunityknocks.com>

## **Professional Associations Links**

- SWIP: The Society for Women in Philosophy <http://www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP>
- American Philosophy Association <http://www.udel.edu/apa/>

## **Miscellaneous Resources**

- The Window - philosophy on the Internet <http://www.trincoll.edu/depts/phil/philo>
- About.com – philosophy  
<http://www.philosophy.about.com/homework/philosophy/msubstudents.htm>
- Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>
- The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: Alphabetical index of philosophers and philosophical topics, with descriptions and explanations by scholars  
<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html>
- Episteme Links <http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainPers.aspx>
- The Value of Philosophy: A miniature library in Philosophy: The best site for full e-texts for many social and political philosophers Entries in two tables of contents, one arranged by topic and another by author <http://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/philosophy/index.htm>