# PHILOSOPHY

What can I do with this degree?

## AREAS

### SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES
- **Research**
- **Staff Positions**
- **Counseling**

### RELIGION/MINISTRY
- **Clergy**
- **Staff positions**

### EDUCATION
- **Teaching**
- **Research**
- **Administration**
- **Student Affairs**

## EMPLOYERS

- Nonprofit organizations
- Organizations serving the arts
- Social service organizations
- Public interest research groups
- Museums
- Libraries
- Mental health organizations

- Local churches/synagogues
- District, jurisdictional, national, and world divisions of denominations
- Religiously affiliated schools, colleges, and universities
- Local, national, and international mission field
- Religious organizations

## STRATEGIES

### SOCIAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES
- Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Gain related work experience.
- 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
- Obtain appropriate seminary training for clergy.
- Become certified through a denomination for specialized staff positions.
- Gain related experience through local churches or religious organizations.

### EDUCATION
- 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 a master's degree in a specialized area, e.g., Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, etc.
- Secure an internship in your area of interest.
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| **RESEARCH** | Colleges and universities  
Government agencies  
Insurance companies  
Publishers  
Museums  
Political organizations  
Public interest research groups  
Nonprofit organizations | Obtain a Ph.D. for advancement in college and university positions.  
Develop excellent research and verbal and written communication skills.  
Gain related experience through volunteer or paid positions. |
| **GOVERNMENT** | 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 | Learn federal, state, and local job application process. |
| **ETHICS** | 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. |
| **LEGAL** | Corporations  
State and federal legal offices  
Independent, private firms | Obtain law degree.  
Develop excellent research and writing skills. |
### AREAS

**WRITING**
- Writing
- Editing
- Technical Writing
- Journalism
- Advertising

**BUSINESS**
- Management
- Sales/Marketing
- Human Resources
- Marketing Research
- Advertising
- Finance
- Insurance
- Lobbying

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Philosophy students develop many functional skills which can be transferred from one career/job to another and which can demonstrate the flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable.
- These skills and abilities include analytical, organizational, research, and oral and written communication skills.
- The abilities to generate ideas, formulate and solve problems, integrate diverse data, construct useful analogies, adapt to change, elicit hidden assumptions, persuade people and summarize complicated material are also attractive to employers.
- Undergraduate degree qualifies you 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.
- 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.

### EMPLOYERS

**Writing**
- Publishing companies
- Magazine and newspaper companies
- Professional/trade associations
- Advertising agencies/departments
- Electronic media organizations

**Business**
- Business firms
- Insurance companies
- Bookstores
- Marketing research departments/organizations
- Museums
- Advertising agencies/departments
- Real estate companies

**Strategies**
- Serve on college newspaper staff.
- Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills.
- Take courses, minor or double major in journalism, advertising, or English.
- Gain related experience.
- Become a student member of a related professional group.
- Minor in business.
- Get related experience through internships or part-time jobs.
- Obtain leadership role(s) in campus organization(s).
- Develop computer skills in word processing, databases and spreadsheet programs.