

# 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.

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
<u><b>GOVERNMENT</b></u> 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.
<u><b>ETHICS</b></u> 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.
<u><b>LAW</b></u>	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.

## AREAS

## EMPLOYERS

## STRATEGIES

### 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.