



What Can I Do With a Major in... Philosophy

What is Philosophy...

Philosophy courses require you to think clearly and reason creatively in order to solve problems. Such critical thinking is the ultimate transferable skill, one which can deepen your understanding of your major field and enhance your skill and efficiency. Philosophy helps you learn how to learn, a crucial ability in rapidly changing fields. In developing your ability to think critically, philosophy courses can help you to develop the most fundamental of skills. Philosophy is an academic discipline that exercises reason and logic in an attempt to understand reality and answer fundamental questions about knowledge, life, morality and human nature. The ancient Greeks, who were among the first to practice philosophy, coined the term, which means "love of wisdom." Those who study philosophy are called philosophers. Through the ages, philosophers have sought to answer such questions as, what is the meaning and purpose of life? How do we know what we know? What does it mean to possess consciousness? And, what is the value of morals?

Potential Employers

- ❖ Local Churches or Synagogues
- ❖ Mental Health Agencies
- ❖ Museums
- ❖ Public Interest Research Groups
- ❖ Social Service Organizations
- ❖ Non-Profit Organizations
- ❖ Denominational Headquarters
- ❖ Religiously Affiliated Schools, Colleges, Universities
- ❖ Local, National and International Mission Fields
- ❖ Religious Organizations
- ❖ Adult Education Programs
- ❖ Professional or Graduate Schools
- ❖ Political Action Committees

Possible Job Titles

- ❖ Special Interest Advocate
- ❖ Elected or Appointed Leader
- ❖ Foreign Service Staff
- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ City Management
- ❖ Public Relations Specialist
- ❖ Journalist
- ❖ Advertising Specialist
- ❖ Editor
- ❖ Technical Writer
- ❖ Publisher

- ❖ Management Sales Representative
- ❖ Financial Advisor
- ❖ Human Resources Market Manager
- ❖ Paralegal
- ❖ Environmental Researcher
- ❖ Medical Researcher
- ❖ Public Policy Advocate
- ❖ Regional Planner
- ❖ Judicial Service Assistant

- ❖ Student Affairs
- ❖ Administrative Affairs
- ❖ Teacher: College/University
- ❖ Clergy
- ❖ Missionary
- ❖ Fund Raising Advocate
- ❖ Counselor
- ❖ Grant Writer
- ❖ Museum Administrator

How This Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills I've learned in this major:

- ❖ Intellectual skills (e.g. critical, analytical, synthesizing and problem-solving skills)
- ❖ Communication skills (written and oral)
- ❖ Organizational skills (e.g. working independently, taking initiative, time-management.)
- ❖ Inter-personal skills (e.g. ability to work with or motivate others, flexibility/adaptability)
- ❖ Research Skills

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www.salary.com

www.uncw.edu/career/WhatCanIDoWithaMajorIn.html

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CSU/ UC Related major Transfer(BA/BS):

- ❖ **CSUN:** Philosophy BA
- ❖ **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Philosophy BA (Options in Religious Studies)
- ❖ **CSULA:** Philosophy BA (Options in General Philosophy and Pre-law)
- ❖ **UC Irvine:** Philosophy BA
- ❖ ... and more!

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CSU/UC Graduate Degree Options (MA/MS):

- ❖ **UCLA:** Philosophy MA/C.Phil/Ph.D
- ❖ **CSU LA:** Philosophy MA
- ❖ **UC Santa Barbara:** Philosophy MA/C.Phil/Ph.D.

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