

Philosophy

The Philosophy major is designed to develop capacities and desires for sustained and careful thinking about fundamental questions regarding the world and life and for extended critical conversation regarding others' worldviews, the truth of basic beliefs, and logical relations between beliefs. It is also designed to develop a set of skills needed for these. All of this is rooted in a background of historic Christian theology, in particular the basic truth that God is acting according to plan for his purpose in Christ. Students completing this major will, therefore, possess intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession.

What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Consulting
- Teaching (additional education may be needed)
- Research
- Administration
- Academic affairs
- Foreign service
- Library sciences
- Law enforcement
- Bioethics
- Environmental ethics or policy
- Law-related pursuits
- Politics
- Legislative, executive, or judicial services
- Public policy/analysis

Who employs people with this degree?

- Special interest groups
- Labor unions
- Research organizations and think tanks
- Mission agencies
- Churches and parachurch organizations
- Environmental agencies
- Colleges and universities
- Hospitals, medical, and professional schools
- Nonprofit organizations
- Law firms
- Consulting firms
- Federal, state, or local governments

More information at [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org)

General Strategies for Success:

- It is important for philosophy students to identify potential career goals and seek out the experiences and education required to enter those fields.
- An undergraduate degree qualifies one for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations and government.
- Join related student or professional organizations. Work toward leadership roles.
- Develop knowledge in other areas such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, or religion.
- A high GPA and faculty recommendations are key when applying to graduate programs.
- A PhD is required for college/university teaching and research.
- Seek related summer or part-time work experience or internships in area(s) of interest.
- Conduct informational interviews or shadow professionals in fields of interest.

Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
Society for Business Ethics
Evangelical Philosophical Society
American Philosophical Practitioners Association
Society of Biblical Literature
The Evangelical Theological Society
The Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career & Leadership Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career & Leadership Development tab.