What Can I Do With a Major in…? Philosophy

Overview

Philosophy is the study of the most fundamental questions that arise in our reflection on ourselves and our place in the natural world. Most students who major in philosophy study it for its intrinsic interest. Nonetheless, relatively few people become professional or academic philosophers. For most of us, our professional lives are spent in other endeavors. After receiving your degree, you can either pursue further formal education, or look for work immediately. Using this choice as the first branching of a decision tree, we can represent the possible options below.

Related Careers

Account Executive
Account Manager
Advertising Executive Analyst
Campaign Manager
Clergy member
Communications Analyst
Community Affairs Director
Computer systems analyst
Congressional Staff
Consignment Merchant
Consultant
Consultant commodities broker
Consumer Affairs Coordinator
Copywriter
Copyeditor
Corporate Manager
Customer Sales/Service Representative
Criminal Justice Program Critic
Coordinator
Editor
Educator
Financial advisor
Financial Aid Consultant
Foreign Service Officer
Fundraiser
Grant/Proposal Writer
Graphic Artist
Human Resources Manager
Historian

Human Resources Professional
Insurance Agent
Intelligence Agent
Investment broker
IRS Agent
Lawyer
Material and Traffic Coordinator
Production Manager
Project Manager
Research Assistant
Sales Representative
Special Program Teacher
Writer
MAJOR SKILLS

- Problem solving
- Systematic Studies
- Distinguishing good from bad
- Critical thinking
- Clarity
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Communication
- How to build on successes and failures
- Persuasion
- Writing Skills
- Advocacy
- Examination
- Thinking

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Job Postings

TU Job Postings http://myinterface.com/trinity/student
"Philosophy Jobs" (MANY links!) www.earlham.edu/~peters/philinks.htm#jobs
"Career Handbook for Philosophy Majors"
  web.phil.ufl.edu/ugrad/ugcrhk.html

Career Overview http://www.careeroverview.com/

American Philosophical Association: A Non-Academic Career?

Riley Guide to Jobs in Philosophy http://www.rileyguide.com/arts.html#phil

Working your Degree in Philosophy http://money.cnn.com/2000/10/13/career/q_degreephilosophy/

Philosophers Find the Degree Pays Off www.ualr.edu/philosophy/payoff.htm

Famous Philosophy Majors www.ualr.edu/philosophy/use.htm

Professional Organizations

American Philosophy Association
http://www.udel.edu/apa

Society for Philosophical Inquiry
http://www.philosopher.org

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
http://www.american-philosophy.org