

CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES

Philosophy is concerned with the basic aspects of the human experience – understanding reality, clarifying the nature of interactions between individuals and society, and coming to terms with the problems of existence and ultimate values. Philosophers apply critical thinking to questions of values and beliefs and their rational defense. They help people make sense of their world in scientific, evaluative and practical terms. Philosophy prepares students for advanced studies in its own and in related fields and for many careers that require a high level of logical and linguistic refinement, ethical awareness, and the capacity to form interpretive judgments within complex and dynamic social and intellectual environments in a global scale.

Skills Associated with Philosophy Majors:

- Critical thinking, analytical skills, reflective nature, and objectivity
 - Strong grammatical and communication skills
- Ability to conduct, organize, and explain research
 - Ability to formulate and defend positions
 - Appreciation of past events
 - Desire to research
 - Public speaking skills
- Ability to concentrate for long periods of time

Sample Career Titles

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| Administrative Assistant | Customer Service Rep | Missionary |
| Announcer | Denominational Executive | News Writer |
| Arts Consultant | Diplomat | Nursing Home Director |
| Assistant Buyer | Director of Religion | Paralegal |
| Associate Pastor | Editor | Pastor |
| Author | Education | Priest |
| Business Administrator | Editorial Assistant | Producer/Director |
| Campus Minister | Employment Interviewer | Professor |
| Campus Religious | Financial Consultant | Psychologist |
| Coordinator | Fundraiser | Public Policy Manager |
| Chaplain | Guidance Counselor | Public Relations Director |
| Church Camp Director | Human Resources | Representative |
| Claims Adjuster | Hospital Administrator | Researcher |
| Clergy | Insurance Underwriter | Public Service Official |
| Columnist/Journalist | Lawyer | Rabbi |
| Psychologist | Lobbyist | Religious Education |
| Congressional Staff | Management Analyst | Teacher |
| Consultant | Management Trainee | Sales Representative |
| Counselor | Marketing Research | Social Worker |
| Credit Analyst | Analyst | Systems Analyst |
| Critic | Minister/Youth Minister | Technical Writer |

** Some careers may require additional training and/or education

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