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

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

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

To find out more about the daily work of these professions, skills needed, and salary ranges, go to Occupational Outlook Handbook and type a career title into the search field.

Visit Career Education & Development, 124 Bailey Library, to discuss these occupations and career opportunities with a Career Counselor.