WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy helps students develop strong skills in writing, critical thinking, reading and understanding complex texts. These skills are indispensable to any professional. The study of philosophy also provides a deeper understanding and enjoyment of the challenges and issues students face throughout their personal and professional lives.

*Taken from the UNC Charlotte Department of Philosophy Website

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

Government & Law
Local Government Analyst
Foreign Service Officer
Compliance Officer
Policy Analyst
Paralegal/Lawyer
Advocacy/Non-Profit
Volunteer Coordinator
Development Associate
Museum Curator
Social Services
Case Manager
Counselor
Family Advocate

Education
Academic Advisor
K-12 Teacher
University Professor
Admissions Officer

Business & Industry
Compliance Officer
Diversity & Inclusion Consultant
Insurance Underwriter
Sales Specialist

Communications
Public Relations Specialist
Technical Writer
Marketing Coordinator

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Health & Social Services: Gain experience by volunteering or interning with a nonprofit organization; develop fundraising and grant writing skills; plan to earn a graduate degree for counseling positions; learn a language and learn to work well with people of differing backgrounds; hone written and oral communication skills; gain cultural experience with groups of interest, seek tutoring or mentoring experience.

Education: Obtain a relevant master’s degree or PhD if desiring university/college employment; double-major or minor in Education if interested in K-12 teaching (or look into lateral entry options such as Teach for America).

Business & Industry: Double major or minor in business; gain related experience and contacts through internships; seek leadership positions; participate in student organizations; develop persuasive speaking skills; read trade journals and business magazines to keep current with business trends; seek an MBA for advancement.

Communications: Gain writing experience by joining staff of a student publication; pursue internship opportunities with a community or organization that allow you to gain experience in public relations, marketing, social media, etc; build a portfolio of writing or advertising samples.

RELATED WEBSITES

American Philosophical Association
www.apaonline.org/?page=career

American Society for Bioethics + Humanities
www.asbh.org

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
appe.indiana.edu

American Bar Association
www.abanet.org

Society for Business Ethics
www.societyforbusinessethics.org

HOW DO I KNOW IF IT’S RIGHT FOR ME?

ASSESS: Take a career assessment, such as the Strong Interest Inventory or MBTI, to see how your interests, values, and personality fit with majors and careers.

RESEARCH: Research the careers on this WCIDWAMI and thousands of other careers using these top career websites:


EXPLORE: Learn more about a career field of interest by job shadowing, attending a career panel, or participating in a Company Trek. Further your exploration while gaining valuable skills by completing an internship, co-op, volunteer, or research experience.

For the expanded version of this WCIDWAMI, visit career.uncc.edu/majors/philosophy

PREPARING FOR YOUR CAREER IN

Government & Law: Develop strong communication and language skills in more than one language; intern with a local, state, or federal government agency; learn about government job application process.

Advocacy/Non-profit: Volunteer/intern for a social services agency or nonprofit organization; pursue a relevant double-major (ex. social work) or graduate degree (ex. public administration).