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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

- Oral Communication Skills
- Written Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Proficiency in Field of Study
- Demonstrated Teamwork
- Leadership Abilities
- Flexibility
- Analytical Skills
- Ability to Persuade
- Problem Solving Skills
- Decision-Making Abilities
- Initiative
- Goal Orientation
- Negotiation Skills
- Ability to Synthesize
- Creativity
- Organizational Skills
- Presentation Skills
- Computer Skills
- Critical Thinking Skills

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Trial Lawyers
- Criminal Law
- Government Attorneys
- Law Clerks
- Academic Counselor
- Case Management Aide
- Drug Abuse Counselor
- Gerontology Aide
- Mental Health Technician
- Social Worker
- Spiritual Counselor
- Lobbyist
- College Professor
- Account Executive
- Advertising Director
- Art Buyer
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Copyeditor/Copywriter
- Teacher
- Events Coordinator
- Human Resources Manager
- Media Planner
- Producer
- Publicist
- Market Researcher
- Sales Representative
- Columnist
- Clergy
- Journalist/Reporter
- Publisher
- Museum Curator
- Filmmaker
- Librarians
- Newscaster
- Production Assistant
- Scriptwriter
- Psychologist
- Archivist
- Communications Consultant
- Government Relations

** Some of the potential careers may require post graduate education*

** Taken from Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors (Camenson) 2008*

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- State Government
- Local Government
- Individual/Family Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Elementary/Secondary Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Advertising Agencies
- Marketing Firms
- Corporate Advertising Departments
- Publishing Companies
- Bookstores
- Vacation Resorts
- Chambers of Commerce
- Radio and TV Stations
- Literary Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Writing/Editing Firms
- Hospitals
- Military Bases
- Peace Corps
- Prisons, Jails
- Recreational Centers
- Religious Organizations
- Museums
- Insurance Agencies

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TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN PHILOSOPHY

Clergy, other religious workers	29.6%
Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators	10.4%
Artists, broadcasters, writers, editors, entertainers, public relations	4.7%
Insurance, securities, real estate, business services	4.5%
Sales occupations, including retail	4.2%
Construction, trades, miners, well drillers	3.2%
Secretaries, receptionists, typists	2.7%
Other management-related occupations	2.7%
Other administrative (e.g., records clerk, telephone operators)	2.4%
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	2.3%

POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

- About 52% proceed to earn a post-graduate degree.
- About 55% of the master's degrees are earned in philosophy.
- About 14% of the master's degrees are earned in the field of education.
- About 9% of the master's degrees are earned in the field of psychology.

**Taken from The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington) 2004*

RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

- *Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career*
- *Keys to Liberal Arts Success*
- *Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*
- *Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*
- *Careers for Scholars and Other Deep Thinkers*