

COTTEY

What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

Philosophy

Philosophy is the study of the fundamental questions about the nature of being, knowledge, right and wrong, and our place in the physical world. Students explore the key philosophical texts and traditions, and examine the nature of argument and reasoning. Students also consider the ways philosophy affects other fields of inquiry, such as physics, religion, and computer science. Philosophy majors develop many career related skills that can be used in a variety of occupations to include business, non-profit organizations and government.

IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

You might like this major if you also like: puzzles and games; thinking about what life is about; debate and argument; imaginative literature

Consider this major if you are good at: attention to detail; creativity; critical reading; critical thinking; organizing

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Colleges and universities
- Government and non-profit agencies
- Libraries and historical societies
- Publishing houses
- Secondary schools
- Business firms
- Museums
- Churches or other places of worship

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Educator
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Researcher
- Journalist
- Advocate

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

Jobs and Careers with Non-Profit Organizations

Careers for Good Samaritans

The Everything Alternative Careers Book

The Career Guide for Creative and Unconventional People

TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- Introduction to Philosophy
- History of Philosophy
- Ethics
- Political theory
- Logic
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of religion
- Philosophy of science
- Theory of knowledge
- Metaphysics
- Aesthetics

OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- English
- Religious Studies
- Political Science
- History
- Mathematics
- Classics
- Theology
- European Studies

WEBSITES TO VISIT

The American Philosophical Association
www.udel.edu/apa

The Society for Women in Philosophy
www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP

The American Philosophical Practitioners Association
www.appa.edu

North American Society for Social Philosophy
www.pitt.edu/~nassp/nassp.html