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### Philosophy

#### Transferable Skills

A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in Philosophy are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Ability to analyze cause and effects
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Ability to listen critically
- Ability to organize and memorize detailed information
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Ability to think logically and critically and make analogies
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to summarize and solve complicated material
- Ability to appreciate others' perspectives
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to organize, conduct and explain research
- High proficiency in reading, speaking and writing
- Ability to concentrate for long periods of time
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Background of general knowledge
- Computer literacy
- Creativity
- Good listening, clarifying and responding skills
- Proficiency in analytical reasoning
- Understanding of other cultures and people

#### Range of Example Positions held by Philosophy majors:

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O\\*NET On-line](#).

- Accompanist
- Accountant
- Actor/Actress
- Advertising Executive
- Announcer
- Arts Management
- Audiologist
- Banker
- Chamber Musician
- College Music Teacher
- Composer/Arranger
- Computer Programmer
- Conductor
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Elementary Music Teacher
- Foreign Service Officer
- Fundraiser
- Human Resources Manager
- Information Systems Analyst
- International Banker
- Jazz/Pop Musician
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Linguist
- Marketing
- Minister
- Music Technology and Recording Technician
- Non-Profit Work
- Production Assistant
- Professor
- Publisher
- Public Policy
- Public Relations Specialist
- Retail Manager
- Sales Manager
- Secondary Music Teacher
- Self-Employed
- Social Worker
- Studio Musician
- Symphonic Musician
- Technical Writer

**Resources & Professional Associations of Interest:**

Check out the following websites and consider joining at least one of the professional associations in your field of interest to boost your career and give you a competitive edge on the job market. These are just a few so don't hesitate to do some research on your own!

- [American Philosophical Association](#)
- [American Philosophical Society](#)
- [Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy](#)
- [Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy](#)