

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?



Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

GOVERNMENT

Government, Community Centers, Religious Organizations, Non-Profits

- Community Outreach Worker
- Recreation Specialist
- Family Services Specialist
- Clergy
- Social Service Administrator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Activities Leader
- Eligibility Specialist
- Case Manager
- Caseworker
- Hospice Coordinator
- Advocate

Foundations

- Grant Coordinator
- Proposal Reviewer
- Researcher

Local, State, and Federal Agencies

- Public Affairs Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Information Officer
- Peace Corps Worker
- Researcher
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Records Manager
- Program Evaluator

RESEARCH

Libraries, Universities, Think Tanks, Encyclopedias, Magazines

- Fact Checker
- Library Technician
- Technical Writer
- Junior Researcher
- Indexer
- Project Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Abstractor
- Database Editor

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide
- Legislative Research Asst.
- Committee Staff Person
- Staff Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Press Aide
- Field Worker

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Membership Coordinator
- Publications Assistant
- Communications Assistant
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Legislative Liaison
- Fundraising Assistant
- Project Manager
- Political Organizer
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist Assistant

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- ESL Instructor Abroad
- Financial Aid Counselor

BUSINESS

Human Resources

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Position Classification Specialist
- Labor Relations Trainee
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Developer

Insurance

- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Abstractor (Title Insurance Co.)
- Insurance Agent
- Claims Adjuster
- Underwriter

Banking / Finance

- Branch Manager
- Property Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Credit Counselor
- Loan Representative
- Operations Assistant
- Securities/Research Analyst
- Collections Analyst
- Stockbroker
- Trust Officer
- Financial Consultant

CRIMINAL JUSTICE / LAW

- Correctional Caseworker
- Paralegal
- Immigration/Customs Officer
- Police Officer
- Court Appointed Advocate
- Parole Officer
- Lawyer
- Probation Officer
- Legal Assistant

PUBLISHING / JOURNALISM

Publishing Houses, Newspapers, Magazines, Radio, TV, Movies

- Editorial Assistant
- Freelance Indexer/Index Editor
- Reviewer
- Manuscript/Copy Reader
- Technical Writer
- Letter Editor
- Writer
- Research Assistant
- Story Editor
- Assistant Editor
- Proofreader
- Publishing Assistant
- Sales Representative
- Reporter
- Wire Editor
- Circulation Manager
- Production Assistant
- Assistant Segment Producer
- Copy Editor
- Book Selector
- Project Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Copy Editor
- Editorial Writer
- News Writer
- Story Analyst
- Script Writer

ADVERTISING / MARKETING

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Sales Promotions Specialist
- Advertising Representative
- Assistant Account Executive
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Marketing Coordinator
- Media Analyst
- Marketing Analyst
- Catalog Copywriter
- Copywriter
- Media Buyer/Planner
- Research Assistant
- Assistant Traffic Manager

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Sales Promoter
- Customer Service/Support Rep.
- Junior Account Executive
- Special Events Planner
- Speech Writer
- Communications Specialist
- Public Affairs Assistant
- Public Relations Assistant
- Press Relations
- Media Liaison

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Philosophy.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Philosophy course work** with **classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:

- **Major Resources (PHIL, ENGL, SOCY, ANTH, ECON):** <https://careers.umbc.edu/tools/majors/>
- **Vault:** <https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/vault/>
 - Log in and/or create an account
 - Use the top search bar to find these relevant guides:
 - [“Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms, 2024 Edition”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to Advertising”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to Marketing Jobs”](#)
 - [“Vault Career Guide to Law Jobs”](#)
 - [“Vault Career Guide to Nonprofit Jobs”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to Consulting Jobs”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to Government Jobs”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to Legal Practice Areas”](#)
 - [“Vault Guide to First Year of Law School”](#)
- **Professional Organizations:**
 - American Philosophical Association: <http://www.apaonline.org/>
 - The American Philosophical Society: <https://www.amphilsoc.org/>
 - The Society of Philosophers in America: <http://www.philosophersinamerica.com/>