

What Can I do with a Major in **PHILOSOPHY**?

Philosophy lies at the foundation of every other academic discipline. It takes up questions like these: Does God exist? Can computers feel emotions? Is lying always wrong? Does science describe the true nature of reality, or just make helpful predictions? Philosophers then use carefully constructed lines of reasoning to defend answers to such questions.

Typical Coursework

Contemporary Philosophers	English Composition
Ethics	History of Philosophy: Ancient
History of Philosophy: Modern	Introduction to Philosophy
Logic	Metaphysics
Senior Seminar	Speech Communication
Theories of Knowledge	

If you want to do graduate study in philosophy, you will probably need to know at least one scholarly language. French and German are usually preferred. If you want to specialize in ancient philosophers, Latin or Greek would be helpful.

Related Occupations (may require advanced education)

Lawyer	Author	Lobbyist
Professor	Business Administrator	Minister/Youth Minister
Consultant	Counselor	News Writer
Critic	Diplomat	Employment Interviewer
Editorial Assistant	Financial Consultant	Journalist
Psychologist	Policy Analyst	Medical Ethics
Grant Writer	Student Affairs	Politician
Fundraiser	Sales/Management	City Planning

Who Hires for this Occupation?

Non-profit Organizations, Colleges & Universities, Advertising Agencies, Consulting Firms, Media, State & Federal Government, Religious Associations, Business & Industry, Newspapers & Magazines, Government, Political Parties, Hospitals, & Publishing Companies.

Related Major Skills

Problem Solving	Theory Development
Deductive Reasoning	Curiosity
Communicating in logical manner	Open-mindedness
Close, extensive reading	Objectivity
Debating Skills	Work independently
Self-discipline	Oratory Skills
Interest in pursuing, exploring and explaining intangible idea	

Minnesota Colleges & Universities with a major in PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

Augsburg College	Bethel University
Carleton College	College of Saint Benedict
Concordia College	Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University	Macalester College
Saint John's University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Saint Catherine's University	St. Olaf College
University of Northwestern	University of St. Thomas
Metropolitan State University	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Southwest State University
St. Cloud State University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Professional Association Links

SWIP: The Society for Women in Philosophy
<http://www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP/>

American Philosophy Association
<http://www.apaonline.org/>

For More Information

Contact ARCC Career Counseling: (763) 433-1240 (CR campus), (763) 433-1840 (Cambridge campus)
or stop by the campus Information Desk

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