

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

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| 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 Major Skills

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| 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 | |

Related Occupations (may require advanced education)

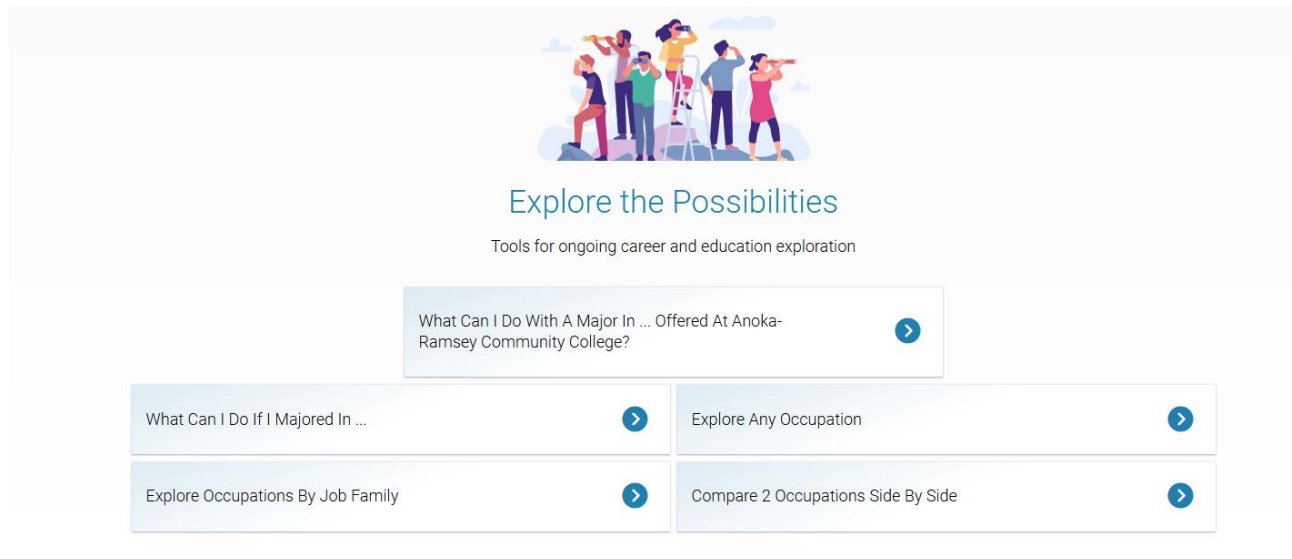
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| Lawyer | Author | Lobbyist |
| Professor | Business Administrator | Minister/Youth Minister |
| Consultant | Counselor | News Writer |
| Critic | Diplomat | Employment Interviewer |
| Editorial Assistant | Financial Consultant | Journalist |
| Psychologist | 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.

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Minnesota Colleges & Universities with a major in PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

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| 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 |

Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers an [Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree](#) with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree.

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Professional Association Links

[SWIP: The Society for Women in Philosophy](#)
[American Philosophy Association](#)

For More Information

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