

What you can do with a degree in

Philosophy

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The following is a sample of occupational titles and work settings related to Philosophy.

Keep in mind that career options are not dictated solely by choice of major.

Just as there are many careers open to graduates of any major, there are many paths to careers that do not require a specific degree. Use this information as a beginning guide to exploring options.

Sample Job Titles:

- Campus Missionary
- Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Ethics/Compliance Officer
- Government Reform Activist
- Grant Writer
- Grants Specialist
- Green marketing Analyst
- Historical Research Assistant
- Institutional Researcher

- Interfaith Youth Camp Coordinator
- Legislative Assistant
- Life Coach
- Mediator
- Parole Officer
- Public Policy Analyst
- Secondary School Teacher
- Social Service Agency Director

- Yoga Instructor
- Administration Official
- Biographer
- Book Critic
- Clergy Member
- College/University Administrator
- Columnist/Commentator
- Foreign Service Officer
- Genealogist

- International Relations Specialist
- Lawyer (with advanced degree)
- Philologist
- Psychiatrist (with advanced degree)
- Social Worker
- Writer

Possible Professional Settings:

- Bioethic Centers
- Churches
- Colleges and Universities
- Consulting Services
- Correctional Institutions
- Electronic Media
 Organizations
- Government Agencies
- Health Science Funding Agencies
- Hospitals
- Law Firms
- Labor Unions
- Magazines and Newspaper Publishers
- Non-profit Organizations
- Publishing Companies
- Religious Organizations
- Research Institutes
- Special Interest Groups
- Websites
- Archives/Federal, Municipal
- Bookstores
- Business Corporations

- Civil Rights Commission
- Library of Congress
- Museums & Historic Sites
- National Foundation of the Arts & Humanities
- Social Service Agencies

Resources:

The following lists are samples of resources available for learning more about majors and careers.*

Professional Associations

• The American Philosophical Association: http://www.apaonline.org/

General Career Information

- Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/ooh/
- The Occupational Information Network, (O*Net): www.onetonline.org

Sample Internship Sites & Volunteer Opportunities

• https://spu.edu/administration/center-career-calling/prepare/finding-an-internship/internship-locations

SPU Resources

- Philosopy Department Website: www.spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/philosophy
- Major & Career Exploration (GS 2001 2 credits, offered every quarter)
- Career Counseling: call 206.281.2485 or stop by the Center for Career and Calling on the second floor of the SUB
- Academic Advising: www.spu.edu/depts/sas
- Academic Catalog: www.spu.edu/academics.aspx



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