What Can I Do With a Major In…

Philosophy
http://www.unt.edu/majors/uphil.htm

**General information on Careers for Philosophy Majors:**

Are you an inquisitive person? Do you enjoy tasks that challenge the mind? Do you often have different views on events from your peers? Can you explain complex situations in simple, understandable terms? You may want to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy at the University of North Texas.

Philosophy is the exploration of the ideas that shape laws, culture, history, politics and values. A philosophy degree from the University of North Texas is a solid foundation for areas that also generally require advanced degrees, such as the study of law, public administration and theology. Many undergraduates who plan to study at seminaries to become ministers or rabbis graduate with philosophy and religion studies degrees.

A major in philosophy provides you with a strong liberal arts background and helps you develop analytical skills and problem-solving abilities that are extremely useful in various settings. Many corporations hire liberal arts graduates for formal training programs.

To teach philosophy at the college level, you need a master's or doctoral degree. Many people with advanced philosophy degrees specialize in the study of ethics, helping government and other organizations wrestle with legal, medical or business decisions involving moral dilemmas.

**Majoring in Philosophy:**

UNT has a complete program of study in the history of Western philosophy as well as courses in religion, environmental ethics and non-Western philosophies. In addition, it provides the opportunity for you to read and appreciate classic works of Western civilization.

As a philosophy major, you take courses in metaphysics, philosophical foundations of natural and social sciences, logic and the history of philosophy. At the undergraduate level, the department provides a traditional program emphasizing the history of philosophy. Courses inspire you to think about the themes of truth, beauty, goodness and wisdom.

The philosophy faculty members are outstanding teachers and scholars, including four leading authorities on environmental ethics. Faculty members have written hundreds of books and articles on philosophy, and some are considered national experts on various philosophical topics.
Our rigorous curriculum introduces you to methods of thinking about the timeless questions of truth, beauty, goodness and justice as you encounter these central areas of philosophy:

- Aesthetics (What is beauty?)
- Epistemology (How do I know?)
- Ethics (What should I do?)
- Human nature (Who am I?)
- Metaphysics (What is reality?)
- Politics (What is justice?)

Analyzing these questions helps you gain a solid liberal arts background while developing your analytical and problem-solving skills.

*For more information about specific classes and requirements for students beginning in 2014-2015 follow the links provided below.

BA in Philosophy

**Related Career Titles:**

**Entry-Level (Possible with a Bachelor's Degree)**

- Activist, Advocate/Organizer
- Administrator
- **Clergy**
- Compliance Manager
- Consultant
- Ecotourism Trail Leader/Guide
- Environmental Educator
- City Manager
- Campaign Assistant
- Government Analyst
- **Equal Opportunity Representative**
- Human Resources Specialist
- Legislative Aid
- Lobbyist
- Arbitrator/Mediator
- Research Analyst
- Public Opinion Analyst
- **Public Relations Specialist**
- Reporter
- Editor
- Free-lance writer
- **High School Teacher**
- Immigration Officer
- Event Planner
- Sales Associate
- Management Trainee
- Marketing Manager
- Community Program Manager
Jobs Requiring Additional Experience (Master's, Doctorate, Certifications)

- Attorney/Lawyer
- Counselor
- Clinical/Health Ethicist
- Environmental Ethicist
- Librarian
- Medical Advisor
- Religious Organization Director
- Researcher
- University/College Professor
- Museum Curator

Possible Work Settings

- Religious Organizations
- National/State/Local Government
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Environmental Agencies/Organizations
- Law Firms
- High Schools
- Federal Agencies
- State/Local Agencies
- Colleges/Universities
- Consulting Firms
- Social Services Agencies
- Special Interest Groups
- Political Parties
- Campaign Offices
- Museums
- Private Businesses
- Newspapers
- Academic Journals
- Research Organizations

Skills Used and Developed in the Philosophy Major

- Philosophy
- Ethics
- English Language
- Debate
- Theory Development
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Research Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension & Expression
- Deductive Reasoning
- Speech Clarity

Websites for Exploring Philosophy Major

- Philosophy Now, http://philosophynow.org/

**Student Organizations at UNT (Learn more at UNT ORGSYNC)**

- Undergraduate Philosophy Forum
- Moot Court
- Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society
- Amnesty International
- Secular Student Association

**Internship and Volunteer Opportunities**

- Internship Programs, http://www.internshipprograms.com/
- Internweb, http://www.internweb.com
- Philosophy Internships Abroad, http://www.goabroad.com/intern-abroad

**Job Sites for Your Major**

- Bioethic Jobs, http://www.bioethics.net/jobs
- Idealist, http://www.idealista.org
- Philosophical Services, http://philosophical-services.com/
- USA Jobs, https://www.usajobs.gov/

**Professional Organizations**

- Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory, http://www.afeast.org/
- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, http://www.indiana.edu/~appe/
- American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, http://www.asbh.org/
Institute for Global Ethics, http://www.globalethics.org/
Society for Business Ethics, http://www.societyforbusinessethics.org/
Society for Utopian Studies, http://www.utoronto.ca/utopia/
The Society for Women in Philosophy, http://www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP/
Theosophical Society in America, http://www.theosophical.org/

**Additional Resources**

O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
Eagle Network: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html
LinkedIn: http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html
mySkills myFuture: http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/
USAjobs: https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads
CareerOneStop: http://www.careeronestop.org/
CareerRookie: http://www.careerrookie.com/

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:

Central Washington University: http://www.cwu.edu/career/
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/
Texas State University: http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/
University of North Carolina Wilmington: http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html
University of North Texas: http://careercenter.unt.edu/
University of Tennessee-Knoxville: http://career.utk.edu/
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm