WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?

GOVERNMENT

Government, Community Centers, Religious Organizations, Non-Profits

- Community Outreach Worker
- Recreation Specialist
- Family Services Specialist
- Clergy

Foundations

- Grant Coordinator

Local, State, and Federal Agencies

- Public Affairs Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Information Officer

HUMAN SERVICES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE / LAW

- Correctional Caseworker
- Paralegal
- Immigration/Custums Officer

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide

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

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Meetings Coordinator
- Communications Assistant
- Conference Assistant

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator

BUSINESS

Human Resources

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Position Classification Specialist
- Labor Relations Trainee

Insurance

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

Banking / Finance

- Branch Manager
- Property Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Credit Counselor
Retail / Sales
- Assistant Buyer
- Sales Representative
- Store/Department Manager
- Merchandise Manager
- Manufacturer’s Rep.

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
- News Writer
- Production Assistant
- Assistant Segment Producer
- Copy Editor
- Book Selector
- Promotions Assistant
- Copy Editor
- Editorial 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
- Junior Account Executive
- Special Events Planner
- Speech Writer
- Media Liaison
- Public Affairs Assistant
- Public Relations Assistant
- Press Relations
- Communications Specialist

Research
Libraries, Universities, Think Tanks, Encyclopedias, Magazines
- Fact Checker
- Library Technician
- Technical Writer
- Junior Researcher
- Indexer
- Project Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Abstractor
- Database Editor

Keep in mind...
This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Think about other jobs where you analyze, communicate, coordinate, counsel, evaluate, and persuade (all skills acquired in an philosophy education). Also keep in mind that although these listed career fields are open to you as a philosophy major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

(1) obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience (see CDC about their part-time, major-related job announcements; the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities; and Community Outreach about their volunteer programs) and

(2) supplement your philosophy course work with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career advisor for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

Additional Resources
Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for Philosophy degree:
- Career Development Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

National Association: American Philosophical Association (http://www.udel.edu/apa)

UMBC, Career Services Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, www.careers.umbc.edu/