

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PHILOSOPHY DEGREE?

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## Using the Major Sheet:

- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (\*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

## GOVERNMENT

### **Government, Community Centers, Religious Organizations, Non-Profits**

- Community Outreach Worker
- Recreation Specialist
- Family Services Specialist
- Clergy
- Social Service Administrator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Activities Leader
- Eligibility Specialist
- Case Manager
- Caseworker
- Hospice Coordinator
- Advocate

### **Foundations**

- Grant Coordinator
- Proposal Reviewer
- Researcher

### **Local, State, and Federal Agencies**

- Public Affairs Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Information Officer
- Peace Corps Worker
- Researcher
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Records Manager
- Program Evaluator

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE / LAW

- Correctional Caseworker
- Paralegal
- Immigration/Customs Officer
- Police Officer
- Court Appointed Advocate
- Parole Officer
- Probation Officer
- Legal Assistant
- Lawyer

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **Congress / State Legislature / Local Government**

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide
- Legislative Research Asst.
- Committee Staff Person
- Staff Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Press Aide
- Field Worker

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

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Membership Coordinator
- Publications Assistant
- Communications Assistant
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Legislative Liaison
- Fundraising Assistant
- Project Manager
- Political Organizer
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist Assistant

## 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
- Production Assistant
- Assistant Segment Producer
- Copy Editor
- Book Selector
- Project Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Copy Editor
- Editorial Writer
- News Writer
- Story Analyst
- Script Writer

## EDUCATION

### **High Schools, Colleges, Universities**

- Teacher/Professor
- Admissions Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor

## **BUSINESS**

### **Human Resources**

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Position Classification Specialist
- Labor Relations Trainee
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter/Interviewer
- Job Developer

### **Insurance**

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

### **Banking / Finance**

- Branch Manager
- Property Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Credit Counselor
- Loan Representative
- Operations Assistant
- Securities/Research Analyst
- Collections Analyst
- Stockbroker
- Trust Officer
- Financial Consultant

## **EDUCATION**

### **High Schools, Colleges, Universities**

- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- ESL Instructor Abroad
- Financial Aid Counselor

## **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
- Customer Service/Support Rep.
- Junior Account Executive
- Special Events Planner
- Speech Writer
- Communications Specialist
- Public Affairs Assistant
- Public Relations Assistant
- Press Relations
- Media Liaison

## **RESEARCH**

### **Libraries, Universities, Think Tanks, Encyclopedias, Magazines**

- Fact Checker
- Library Technician
- Technical Writer
- Junior Researcher
- Indexer
- Project Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Abstractor
- Database Editor

### **Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:**

- **Focus on transferable skill sets** as you pursue a degree in Philosophy.
- **Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.**
- **Supplement Philosophy course work with classes** that are **relevant** to your career.
- **Meet with a Career Specialist** to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

### **Additional Career Center Resources:**

• **Major Sheets (PHIL, ENGL, SOCY, ANTH, ECON):** <http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/>

• **Links by Major:** <http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php>

• **The Vault:** <http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/>

- Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password

- Select "Guides" to view relevant guides such as:

"Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms"

"Vault Guide to Advertising and Marketing Jobs"

"Vault Guide to Law Firm Pro Bono Programs"

"Vault Career Guide to Law"

### • **Professional Organizations:**

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

The American Philosophical Society: <https://www.amphilsoc.org/>

The Society of Philosophers in America: <http://www.philosophersinamerica.com/>