

Philosophy

Curriculum

The Department of Philosophy offers a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy. Philosophy majors may pursue one of three tracks for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy; General Track, Graduate Preparation Track, Career/Professional Track. The critical aspect of philosophy involves posing difficult and probing questions about various truth claims. The constructive aspect of philosophy involves developing an accurate and productive picture of reality. In the end, the hope of philosophy is to understand ourselves, our world, our values and the entirety of existence around us.

Philosophy majors develop the following skills

- Generate ideas on a variety of problems
- Formulate and solve problems
- Uncover assumptions and suggest alternatives
- Ability to distinguish subtle differences without overlooking similarities
- Analyze, develop and formulate logical arguments
- Capability to make knowledgeable decisions, examining thoroughly the consequences of various actions
- Aptitude to examine various angles of topics
- Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively
- Interpret and assess various thoughts and theories

Job and Internship Websites

- Jobs in Philosophy
<http://www.jobsinphilosophy.org/>
- Jobs for Philosophers
<http://philjobs.org/>
- Higher Education Jobs
<http://www.higheredjobs.com>
- Phylo
<http://phylo.info/jobs>
- American Philosophical Association
<http://www.apaonline.org/>
- University Jobs
<http://www.unijobs.us/>
- Cato Institute
<http://www.cato.org/>
- Idealist
<http://www.idealists.org/career.html>
- Peace Corps
<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>
- DC Internships
<http://www.dcinternships.org/>
- Social Service Jobs
<http://www.socialservice.com/>
- Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
<http://www.ok.gov/cleet/>
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs
<http://www.oja.ok.gov>
- Market Research
<http://www.marketingresearch.org/>
- State of Oklahoma Employment
http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/
- USA Jobs
<https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- Non-Profit Job Boards
<http://nonprofit-jobs.org/>
<http://www.opportunityknocks.org/>

Get Involved

Friends of the Forums
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society)
Pi Alpha Nu (Religious Studies)

For a complete list of student clubs and organizations visit campuslink at:
<https://campuslink.okstate.edu>

College of Arts & Sciences Career Services

213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources:
<http://cascareers.okstate.edu>

Philosophy Career Paths...

Business:

There are many capacities very important in business (i.e. the ability to communicate, to find and organize information, and to solve problems) which a good philosophical education develops.

Career Options

Management	Sales
Consulting	Public Relations
Fundraising	Accounting
Systems Analysis	Advertising
Labor Relations	Actuary Work
Lobbying Organization	Claims Adjuster
Loan Officer	Real-estate Agent
Insurance Specialist	Accounts Manager
Financial Analyst	

Potential Employers

Non-Profit Organizations	Government
Business	Law Firm
Insurance Company	

Education:

Many philosophy majors pursue advanced degrees and find that their philosophy skills serve them well in the educational field.

Career Options

Secondary Teacher	Research Assistant
Art Educator	Historian
Administrative Staff	College Professor
Library Scientist	Alumni Affairs Coordinator
Computer Scientist	

Potential Employers

College/Universities
K-12 Schools
Public/Private Schools

Radio/Television/Film/Journalism:

Philosophy majors are particularly able to clarify content without changing meanings and to distinguish what is central from what is not.

Career Options

Publications Researcher	Editor
Radio/Television Researcher	Freelance Writer
Film Researcher/Copywriter	Publisher

Potential Employers

University/Commercial Presses
Book/Magazine Publishers
Radio/Film/Television Industry

Non-Profit:

Philosophy majors find jobs serving causes they cherish.

Career Options

Religious Groups
Civic Groups
Private Interest Groups

Potential Employers

Non-Profit Organizations	Lobbyists
Government	Ministry

Government:

There are now philosophy majors in all areas of government.

Career Options

Foreign Service	Affirmative Action
Legislative Aide	Federal Agencies
United Nations C	Congressional Positions
Policy Analysis	State/Local Government
Intelligence Work	

Potential Employers

Government Agencies

Law:

The law is not only a career that interests many philosophy majors; it is also a field for which philosophical training is generally excellent preparation.

Career Options

Lawyer	Human Rights Advocate
Legal Researcher	Paralegal
Police Officer	Prison Administrator
Judge	

Potential Employers

Law Firm	Non-Profit Organizations
Government	Corporations

Medicine

Philosophy majors are now doing a wide range of jobs related to medicine, where they both help to formulate policy and to counsel patients and families.

Career Options

Doctors	Bioethics Specialist
Hospital Administrators	Hospice Workers
Neonatal Nursery Workers	Intensive Care Unit
Substance Abuse Counselor	

Potential Employers

Hospitals	Nursing Care Centers
Adult Care Centers	Hospice Centers
Senior Living Facilities	

Henry Bellmon Scholarship

Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

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