

What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy?

Knowing What's Expected

If you possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, can think and read about complex issues, as well as formulate and defend philosophical positions, you will enjoy the options that a Philosophy Major affords.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of analytical functions.

You will be required to understand and communicate cultural and ideological issues, and understand and apply social theory on behalf of organizations.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Keeping aware of current trends
- ❖ Ability to maintain objectivity
- ❖ Excellent communication skills (presentations, meetings, teamwork)
- ❖ Ability to think critically

Your Choices

A Philosophy Major opens the door to many areas. As a result, depending on the concentration of your studies, you may pursue occupations in government, law, education, and marketing.

*Further education in some fields may be a requirement.

Careers for Philosophy Majors

- ❖ Diplomat
- ❖ Judge
- ❖ Journalist
- ❖ Peace Corps
- ❖ Foreign Correspondent
- ❖ Professor/Teacher
- ❖ Counsellor
- ❖ Lawyer
- ❖ Clergy
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ School Administrator
- ❖ Consultant
- ❖ Tour Guide
- ❖ Ethicist
- ❖ Human Resources Manager
- ❖ Sales/Marketing Executive

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Researching
- ❖ Project management
- ❖ Knowledge of trends

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (see-www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Canadian Philosophical Association
www.acpcpa.ca
- ❖ Canadian Section - International Association of Law and Social Philosophy
<http://csivr.phil.umanitoba.ca/>
- ❖ Society for Women in Philosophy
<http://www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP/>

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ Philosophy/Religious Studies (Refer to yellow binder)

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers

Directories

- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services
- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Business Directory for the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ
- ❖ Career Beacon
www.careerbeacon.com
- ❖ Halifax Herald
www.jobspress.com
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers
www.acc.net

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