

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy?



Know What's Expected

Philosophy explores cultural and ideological issues and applies social theory. If you major in Philosophy, employers will expect that you can think about complex issues, formulate and defend philosophical positions and perform a wide variety of analytical functions. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Analysis and interpretation of information and the ability to critically evaluate it
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Ability to maintain objectivity
- Problem-solving skills
- Time management skills
- Keeping aware of current trends

What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Leadership
- Researching and writing skills
- Knowledge of trends
- Project Management

Where Can You Work?

A Philosophy Major offers a broad background in the arts, history, humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Graduates from Philosophy programs may find careers in government, law, education, and marketing.

A Philosophy degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—Philosophy webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Judge
- Journalist
- Foreign Correspondent
- Professor/Teacher
- Counsellor
- Lawyer
- Social Worker
- Consultant
- Ethicist

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Art galleries and museums
- Historic Properties
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

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.

- American Philosophical Association
www.apaonline.org
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
www.ideas-idees.ca
- Canadian Philosophical Association
www.acpcpa.ca
- Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association
www.cstha-ahstc.ca
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
www.sshrcca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!



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