

Why Philosophy is Worth Studying

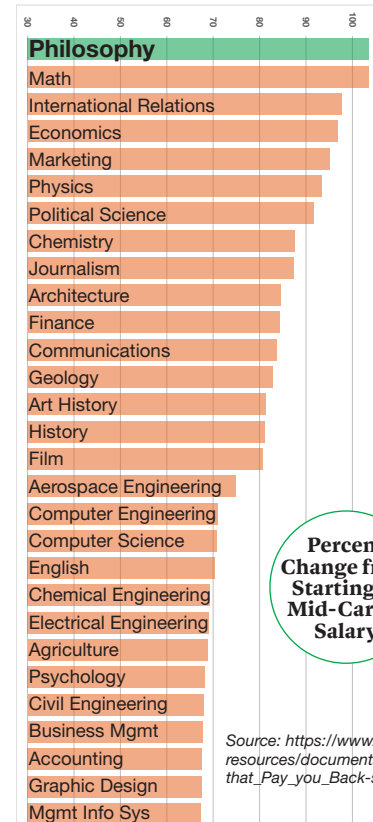
Career Opportunities

- Teaching and education
- Management
- Computer programming
- Analysis and research
- Law
- Policy analysis
- Non-profits & Social Justice
- Business/Medical ethics
- Politics
- Counseling & Consulting
- Software development
- Technical writing
- Librarians & Archivists
- ...and any other position!
- All jobs benefit from the critical thinking, clear communication, and effective argumentation that a Philosophy degree provides.

“ [Philosophers] come equipped with a great set of **mental muscles**, the **ability to learn** in new and unfamiliar areas, the ability to **express yourself well**, to write well and to **think deeply** about problems and to get **outside the box** of where everybody else is. ”

- Chief Executive of Overstock.com,
Patrick Byrne

Philosophers Have the Greatest Increase in Salary



Percent Change from Starting to Mid-Career Salary

Source: https://www.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees_that_Pay_you_Back-sort.html

Philosophy Majors score highest on GRE Verbal Reasoning*



Philosophy is #1 in Analytical Writing, too!

*Average scores by intended graduate major for the Verbal Reasoning GRE section. For 2020 to 2023, **Philosophy is the best performing major overall**, ranking first in both the verbal reasoning and analytical writing sections of the test. Philosophy ranked 16th in the quantitative reasoning portion—the highest score of any humanities field, and in the top third of the 51 majors tracked by the GRE. Source: <https://www.ets.org/pdfs/gre/gre-guide-table-3a.pdf>

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

Philosophy Concentration

Philosophy Minor

Ethics Minor



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Major in Philosophy & Ethics

Complete 12 Philosophy Courses | 36 credit hours

Discovering Philosophy | 2 courses • 6 credit hours

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 110 Introduction to Logic
PHIL 120 Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 130 Introduction to Political Philosophy
PHIL 140 Introduction to Philosophy of Education

Philosophy in the World | 2 courses • 6 credit hours

PHIL 245 Death and Dying
PHIL 315 Philosophy of Race & Postcolonialism
PHIL 327 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 355 Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 360 Feminist Philosophy
PHIL 385 Global Philosophy

Philosophy in the Workplace | 1 course • 3 credit hours

PHIL 221 Symbolic Logic
PHIL 250 Ethics in Engineering and Science
PHIL 251 Ethics in Health Care
PHIL 252 Applied Business Ethics
PHIL 253 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 254 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Ethics
PHIL 255 Media Ethics
PHIL 350 Philosophy of Technology
PHIL 371 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 475 Data Science Ethics
PHIL 497 Projects

Philosophical Tradition | 2 courses • 6 credit hours

PHIL 300 History of Philosophy
PHIL 304 Existentialism & Phenomenology
PHIL 310 Philosophy of Art, Literature, and Film
PHIL 312 American Philosophy
PHIL 331 Contemporary European Philosophy
PHIL 342 Advanced Ethics
PHIL 399 Topics
PHIL 450 Philosophy, Economics, and Politics
PHIL 451 Current Topics in Political Philosophy
PHIL 491 Seminar

Capstone | 1 course • 3 credit hours

PHIL 480 Public Philosophy

Electives | 4 courses • 12 credit hours

12 credit hours in any 200 or above PHIL course

“The most important human endeavor is the **striving for morality** in our actions. Our **inner balance** and even our very existence depend on it. Only morality in our actions can give **beauty and dignity** to life.”

- Albert Einstein

Philosophy Minor

Complete any
7 PHIL courses
21 credit hours

Ethics Minor

To earn a minor in Ethics, students must complete 7 Philosophy courses (21 credit hours)

Required Courses

2 courses | 6 credit hours

PHIL 120 Intro to Ethics
PHIL 342 Advanced Ethics

Electives

5 courses | 15 credit hours

PHIL 130 Introduction to Political Philosophy
PHIL 245 Death & Dying
PHIL 250 Ethics in Engineering and Science
PHIL 251 Ethics in Health Care
PHIL 252 Applied Business Ethics
PHIL 253 Environmental Ethics
PHIL 254 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Ethics
PHIL 255 Media Ethics
PHIL 304 Existentialism & Phenomenology
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