

PHILOSOPHY

This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

DESCRIPTION OF PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy explores why we believe and how we know by engaging us in the deepest, most important and persistent questions concerning the nature of life. By studying philosophy, you are applying critical thinking to the experience of existence and to all dimensions of language in order to understand reality, society, and the self. You should expect to develop outstanding skills in analysis, written and oral communication, critical thinking, and argumentation. With a bachelor's degree in Philosophy, you can pursue entry level positions in government, education, finance, publishing, journalism, business, and research (just to name a few). Likewise, you can continue your education in graduate programs to study business, law, administration, government, religious studies, medicine, or any number of fields in the fine arts and humanities. Because the Philosophy degree can lead you to down many different career paths, it is important to identify an area of interest and take the initiative to develop the appropriate skills, experience, and credentials to enter your chosen field.

MARKETABLE SKILLS

- **Research**—Ability to analyze and gather information from a variety of sources
- **Creative Problem Solving**—Ability to view problems from many angles and develop unique, comprehensive solutions
- **Writing**—Ability to express thoughts clearly, persuasively, and in a professional manner
- **Interpersonal**—Ability to communicate effectively with people from various political and cultural backgrounds

POSSIBLE INTERNSHIPS

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| Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Coordinator Intern | Commercial Insurance |
| Dallas Jewish Community Foundation, Proofreader/Writer Intern | National Center for Border Security and Immigration at UTEP: Homeland Security Intern |
| Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Consumer Affairs Intern | National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), Media/Communications Intern |
| Fidelity Investments, Compliance Analyst Internship | Santander Consumer USA, HR Intern |
| KPMG LLP, Global Mobility Services Intern | Tenet Healthcare Corp, Corporate Communications |
| Liberty Mutual Insurance, Underwriting for | Toyota, College Programs Co-op (Human Resources/Talent Acquisition) |

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES

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| Advocacy Associate | Ethics and Compliance Officer | Market Researcher |
| Archivist | Fundraiser | Missionary |
| Broadcaster | Grant Writer | Operations Manager |
| Career Counselor | Human Resources Generalist | Pastor |
| Community Affairs Specialist | Information Specialist | Physician |
| Congressional Aide | Insurance Underwriter | Professor |
| Copywriter | Intelligence Specialist | Project Manager |
| Diplomat | Journalist | Publisher |
| Editorial Assistant | Lawyer | Rabbi |
| Employee Relations Manager | Legislative Analyst | Risk Analyst |
| Environmental Planner | Librarian | Social Worker |

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

Aetna Inc.	George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum	The Center for American and International Law
AmeriCorps	Interstate Batteries, Inc.	The Dallas Morning News
AT&T	JP Morgan Chase	The Greenlining Institute
Capital One	Northwestern Mutual	The Smithsonian Institute
City of Dallas	Parkland Health & Hospital System	The White House
Community Hospice of Texas	Pioneer Natural Resources USA	Toyota
D Magazine	Plano ISD	TXU Energy
Dallas Housing Authority	Public Broadcasting System	United Commercial Realty
Dallas Theological Seminary	Southwest Airlines	United Nations
Federal Government		UT Dallas
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas		

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES

CometCareers	Bridgespan Nonprofit Job Board
GettingHired	Ethics & Compliance Initiative Job Board
Indeed.com	LinkedIn.com – Recent Graduates
Idealist.org	Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics Job Board
USAJobs.gov	

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY RESOURCES

American Philosophical Association	Creative Organizations in DFW
American Philosophical Society	National Society of Compliance Professionals
American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics	Society for Technical Communication
Association of American Publishers	Young Risk Professionals

RESEARCHING JOB TITLES & CAREERS

Best Careers for Philosophy Majors	O*Net
Careeronestop	Occupational Outlook Handbook
Federal Occupations by College Major	Quintessential Careers

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS / CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alpha Phi Omega	Pride at UTD
American Medical Student Association	Student Government
Club Improv	Student Leadership Programs
Military and Veteran Center	Student Media
The Philosopher's Society	Student Union & Activities Advisory Board (SUAAB)

CAREER READINESS – CORE COMPETENCIES EMPLOYERS SEEK

[Career readiness](#) is the attainment and demonstration of requisite competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace. Take time to intentionally develop and demonstrate these competencies in your classes, projects, volunteerism, campus involvement, PT jobs and internships.

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communication
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency