What to do with a degree in

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy asks fundamental questions about ourselves, the world, and our place within it. As a philosophy student, you will learn how to think, discuss and write about abstract ideas.

Key Skills & Knowledge

**Conflict resolution:** listening and debate; capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others.

**Interdisciplinary methodology and perspective:** Understand and integrate different ways of thinking or conceptual frameworks.

**Analytical and deductive reasoning:** Critical and reflective thinking; synthesis, summation and clarification of complex data; think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detailed description.

**Ethical perspective and understanding:** Proficiency in using techniques for addressing complex ethical and practical dilemmas.

**Understanding of logic and persuasion:** Formulate and defend positions; identify key elements in an argument and to evaluate the logic of the argument; speak articulately and listen objectively.

**Conflict resolution:** listening and debate; capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others.

Sample Job Titles

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

- Archivist
- Bioethicist
- Biomedical Ethics Researcher
- Communications
- Community Organizer
- Crisis Counsellor
- Diplomat
- Editor
- Eligibility Review Officer
- Ethics Consultant/Researcher
- Foreign Service Officer
- Historian
- Hospice Worker
- Human Rights Advocate
- Intelligence Analyst/Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Servant
- Publisher
- Researcher/Research Assistant
- Social Activist
- Teacher/Professor
- Technical Writer
- Theologian
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Writers

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- American Philosophical Association: apaponline.org/
- Apeiron society: apeironsociety.org
- Canadian Bioethics Society: bioethics.ca
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities & Social Sciences: ideas-ideas.ca/
- Canadian Philosophical Association: acpcpa.ca
- Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy: scp.org
- Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics: csspe.ca
- Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy: cswip.ca
- Ethics Practitioners’ Association of Canada: epoc-apec.ca
- International Association for Environmental Philosophy: environmentalphilosophy.org
- The International Association for Philosophy & Literature: iapl.info
- Philosophy of Science Association: philsici.org
- The Society for Exact Philosophy: web.phil.ufl.edu/SEP
- Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World: spcw.org

Additional Resources

Career Opportunities in Advertising and Public Relations, Shelly Field
Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers by Camenson, Blythe
Profitable Careers in Non-Profit, William Lewis and Carol Milano
Liberal Arts Power! Nadler

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Student Clubs
Philosophy Club:
https://phil.ucalgary.ca/undergrad/philclub.html

Aligned Majors:
Religious Studies, History, Law, Political Science