



Philosophy

Education

Teaching

Research

Administration

Student Affairs

- Student activities, leadership development, admissions, orientation, career services, residence life, multi-cultural affairs, study abroad, international student services

Academic affairs

- Academic support services
- Advising
- Educational advancement programs
- Honors programs

Library sciences

Education Employers

Colleges and universities

**Professional or graduate
schools, including medical**

Adult education programs

**Vocational-technical
educational programs**

Education Strategies

Obtain a doctorate degree to teach at colleges and universities. Maintain a high GPA and secure strong faculty recommendations to prepare for graduate school.

Develop one or more concentration(s), such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, or religion.

Become an effective writer.

Earn a master's degree in a specialized area (e.g., College Student Personnel, Higher Education Administration, or Library and Information Sciences to work in other roles at post-secondary institutions).

Seek campus leadership positions such as peer mentor, orientation leader, or resident assistant.

Build strong interpersonal skills.

Ethics

Teaching

Research

Medical/Clinical

Bioethics

Environmental

Law-related

Ethics Employers

Hospitals

Medical and professional schools

Colleges and universities

Bioethic centers

Research institutes

Medical organizations (e.g., American Medical Association)

Health science funding agencies

Environmental agencies

Law firms specializing in health or bioethics

Consulting services

Ethics Strategies

Plan to obtain a doctorate in philosophy for academic research and teaching positions. Some hospitals and healthcare organizations prefer to hire individuals who also have a clinical background in nursing or medicine. Another potential educational path is to earn a law degree.

Complete an internship in a relevant setting while in graduate school to gain experience.

Participate in professional organizations in ethics.

Develop excellent research skills as well as verbal and written communication skills.

Demonstrate commitment to ethical issues through involvement and volunteer experiences.

Investigate interdisciplinary degrees in bioethics offered at some universities.

Law

Prosecution

Defense

Contractual

Corporate

Nonprofit or public interest

Government

Mediation

Other specialties

Law assistance

Law Employers

Law firms

Federal, state, and local government

Private practice

Corporations

Special interest groups

Universities and colleges

Legal aid societies

Nonprofit and public interest organizations

- **ACLU**
- **NAACP Legal Defense Fund**
- **Legal Services Corporation**

Legal clinics

Other private legal services

Law Strategies

Plan on attending law school or a paralegal training school/program depending on area of interest.

Develop strong research skills and attention to detail.

Participate in debate or forensic team to hone reasoning, communication and critical thinking skills.

Choose courses or a minor to specialize in a particular area of law (e.g., a minor in business for a career in corporate law).

Gain experience and build skills through part-time or summer work in a law firm or an organization related to your interests.

Shadow an attorney to learn more about the field and various specialties.

Get involved in pre-law and mock trial organizations.

Volunteer with a public advocacy group. Seek experience with mediation and conflict resolution.

Maintain a high GPA and secure strong faculty recommendations. Prepare for the LSAT (Law School Admission Test).

Business

Sales

Management

Office administration

Human resources

Training and development

Writing/Editing

Underwriting and claims management

Entrepreneurship

Business Employers

Product and service organizations

Retail stores

Hotels

Restaurants

Wholesalers

Manufacturers

Banks and financial institutions

Insurance companies

Real estate agencies

Consulting firms

Other business corporations

Entrepreneurial/start up, incubators and funding organizations

Business Strategies

Earn a minor in business.

Develop excellent communication skills.

Gain experience in an area of interest through internships or other employment.

Obtain leadership roles in campus or community organizations.

Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills and a high energy level.

Learn to use various technologies and software packages such as databases, spreadsheets and presentations.

Be prepared to start in entry level positions, such as management trainee programs.

Consider earning an MBA to advance into higher levels of business management.

Participate in campus and community “pitch” competitions and startup support organizations.

Religiously Affiliated Areas

Clergy and other religious leaders:

- Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Islamic, Hindu, Greek Orthodox

Vocation as Monk or Nun

Chaplaincy:

- Military
- Institutional

Mission work:

- Church development
- Community or agricultural development
- Educational
- Medical
- Metropolitan evangelism

Local ministries:

- Youth ministries
- Adult ministries
- Leisure ministries
- Counseling/Recovery
- Religious education
- Day care, children and adult
- Food bank/Emergency ministries
- Family life center management

Music-oriented ministries

Religious camp administration

Religiously Affiliated Areas Employers

Local churches, synagogues, mosques

Religious organizations

Religious communities (e.g., convents and monasteries)

Religious retreat centers, Christian and Buddhist

Denominational boards and agencies

Monasteries

All branches of military service

Hospitals, hospices

Homes for children, youth, senior citizens

Correctional institutions

Police and fire departments

Missions boards

Local churches

Evangelical organizations (e.g., Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

Religious-based camps and youth programs

Religiously Affiliated Areas Strategies

Obtain general knowledge of practices, procedures, guidelines and doctrine of one's faith.

Possess understanding of human spiritual and social needs.

Research requirements to enter leadership in the faith you want to pursue. Master of Divinity and denominational ordination are required for most clergy positions, for example.

Possess high moral and ethical standards.

Develop leadership ability and self discipline. Obtain excellent written and verbal communication skills.

To become a chaplain, obtain ordination and two years' service in local church or after acceptance into branch of military service, attend chaplaincy school.

Obtain any needed advanced degrees, certification or licensing in area of interest for missions.

Seek related experience by participating with missions groups.

Obtain travel and cultural experience with group of interest. Foreign language skills are a plus.

Develop fund raising skills and contacts. People interested in religious vs. secular work possess deep faith, want more than filling one's own personal needs and desire to make a difference.

May be more opportunities for specific ministries in urban areas and large religious institutions.

Obtain experience and contacts through extensive involvement in campus organizations or local religious institutions. Leadership on the local, state and regional level is crucial.

Seek camp experience to improve organization and counseling skills as well as network within the denominational/organizational structure.

Learn to work well with people of all different backgrounds and socioeconomic status.

Earn dual degrees where appropriate (e.g., music).

Social and Community Services

Administration/Management

Fund raising/Development

Public relations

Policy analysis

Research

Grant writing

Direct service

Social entrepreneurship

Social and Community Services Employers

Local and national nonprofit agencies

Foundations

Charitable organizations

Trade or professional associations

Special interest groups

Labor unions

Research organizations and think tanks

Government Agencies

Incubators, start up investors

Social and Community Services Strategies

Seek courses with service learning components.

Supplement curriculum with courses in business, psychology, sociology, or social work.

Plan to volunteer and/or complete an internship.

Obtain leadership roles in relevant campus and community organizations.

Develop strong communication and research skills.

Learn how to write grants.

Demonstrate knowledge and experience in a specialty area (e.g., public health, environment, urban issues).

Research organizations' values. It is critical that you are knowledgeable about and committed to the work you plan to do.

Investigate term of service or service corps positions as a way to gain entry into the field.

Consider earning a graduate degree for more job opportunities and advancement.

Participate in campus and community "pitch" competitions and startup support organizations.

Government and Politics

Public policy

Research

Regional planning

City management

Intelligence

Foreign Service

Law enforcement

Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services

Program administration

Elected or appointed leadership

Campaign management

Staff administration

Special interest advocacy

Government and Politics Employers

State and local government

Federal departments and agencies

Foreign Service

Federal Municipal Archives

National and State Endowments for the Humanities

Legislative, executive, or judicial officials

Political action committees

Special interest groups

Political parties

Campaigns (national, state, or local)

Government and Politics Strategies

Take courses or minor in applicable interest area(s).

Seek leadership roles in relevant campus organizations such as model United Nations, student government, and cross-cultural organizations.

Write for campus publications focused on national and international affairs.

Participate in national campaigns.

Develop computer, statistics, data analysis and other functional administrative skills.

Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions.

Complete an internship with the federal government.

There are many specialized agencies within the federal government. Extensive research will help you find the right fit.

Earn a graduate degree in political science or public administration for advancement.

Become familiar with the government application process. Utilize applicable websites and seek assistance from your college career center.

General Philosophy Information

Philosophy students develop many transferable skills that can be utilized in a variety of careers and jobs, demonstrating the flexibility and capacity for growth that employers find valuable. These skills include analytical, organizational, research, as well as oral and written communication.

Other skills emphasized in philosophy that are attractive to employers are idea generation, problem formulation and problem solving, diverse data integration, adaptation to change, the ability to elicit hidden assumptions, persuasion, and summarization of complicated material.

It is important for philosophy students to identify potential career goals and seek out the experiences and education required to enter those fields.

An undergraduate degree qualifies one for entry-level positions in business, nonprofit organizations, and government.

Graduate and/or professional studies usually lead to careers in law, medicine, ministry, finance, psychology, counseling, diplomacy, ethics, and related areas.

Ph.D. is required for college/university teaching and research.

Consider earning a minor or concentration in another discipline such as: mathematics, religion, science, business, political science, women's studies, Eastern philosophy, sustainability or environmental studies.

Develop aptitudes for analytical thinking, logic, and statistics in order to apply philosophy to a broad range of professions such as law, government, finance, management, consulting, and related areas.

Seek related summer or part-time work experience or internships in area(s) of interest.

Join related student or professional organizations. Work toward leadership roles.

Conduct informational interviews or shadow professionals in fields of interest.