Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy offers a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy. Philosophy majors may pursue one of three tracks for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy: General Track, Graduate Preparation Track, Career/Professional Track. The critical aspect of philosophy involves posing difficult and probing questions about various truth claims. The constructive aspect of philosophy involves developing an accurate and productive picture of reality. In the end, the hope of philosophy is to understand ourselves, our world, our values and the entirety of existence around us.

Philosophy majors develop the following skills

- Generate ideas on a variety of problems
- Formulate and solve problems
- Uncover assumptions and suggest alternatives
- Ability to distinguish subtle differences without overlooking similarities
- Analyze, develop and formulate logical arguments
- Capability to make knowledgeable decisions, examining thoroughly the consequences of various actions
- Aptitude to examine various angles of topics
- Ability to write and speak clearly and effectively
- Interpret and assess various thoughts and theories

Job and Internship Websites

- Jobs in Philosophy http://www.jobsinphilosophy.org/
- Jobs for Philosophers http://philjobs.org/
- Higher Education Jobs http://www.higheredjobs.com
- Phylo http://phylo.info/jobs
- American Philosophical Association http://www.apaonline.org/
- University Jobs http://www.unijobs.us/
- Cato Institute http://www.cato.org/
- Idealist http://www.idealist.org/career.html
- Peace Corps http://www.peacecorps.gov/
- DC Internships http://www.dcinternships.org/
- Social Service Jobs http://www.socialservice.com/
- Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs http://www.oja.ok.gov
- Market Research http://www.marketingresearch.org/
- USA Jobs https://www.usajobs.gov/

Friends of the Forums
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society)
Pi Alpha Nu (Religious Studies)

For a complete list of student clubs and organizations visit campuslink at: https://campuslink.okstate.edu

College of Arts & Sciences Career Services
213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources: http://cascareers.okstate.edu
Business:
There are many capacities very important in business (i.e. the ability to communicate, to find and organize information, and to solve problems) which a good philosophical education develops.

**Career Options**
- Management
- Consulting
- Fundraising
- Systems Analysis
- Labor Relations
- Lobbying Organization
- Loan Officer
- Insurance Specialist
- Financial Analyst

**Potential Employers**
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Business
- Insurance Company

Education:
Many philosophy majors pursue advanced degrees and find that their philosophy skills serve them well in the educational field.

**Career Options**
- Secondary Teacher
- Art Educator
- Administrative Staff
- Library Scientist
- Computer Scientist

**Potential Employers**
- College/Universities
- K-12 Schools
- Public/Private Schools

Radio/Television/Film/Journalism:
Philosophy majors are particularly able to clarify content without changing meanings and to distinguish what is central from what is not.

**Career Options**
- Publications Researcher
- Radio/Television Researcher
- Film Researcher/Copywriter

**Potential Employers**
- University/Commercial Presses
- Book/Magazine Publishers
- Radio/Film/Television Industry

Non-Profit:
Philosophy majors find jobs serving causes they cherish.

**Career Options**
- Religious Groups
- Civic Groups
- Private Interest Groups

**Potential Employers**
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Government

Government:
There are now philosophy majors in all areas of government.

**Career Options**
- Foreign Service
- Legislative Aide
- United Nations C
- Policy Analysis
- Intelligence Work

**Potential Employers**
- Government Agencies

Law:
The law is not only a career that interests many philosophy majors; it is also a field for which philosophical training is generally excellent preparation.

**Career Options**
- Lawyer
- Legal Researcher
- Police Officer
- Judge

**Potential Employers**
- Law Firm
- Government
- Non-Profit Organizations

Medicine:
Philosophy majors are now doing a wide range of jobs related to medicine, where they both help to formulate policy and to counsel patients and families.

**Career Options**
- Doctors
- Hospital Administrators
- Neonatal Nursery Workers
- Substance Abuse Counselor

**Potential Employers**
- Hospitals
- Adult Care Centers
- Nursing Care Centers

**Henry Bellmon Scholarship**
Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

For more information visit 213 LSE