Philosophy provides students with the skills of conceptual analysis, logical reasoning, and critical thinking. These skills are intrinsically valuable throughout one's life and apply to a wide variety of professions, including law, medicine, education, journalism, business, public policy, and government. In addition, the methods and skills developed in a philosophical education aim to provide students with the intellectual grounds for reflecting on their beliefs, to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of alternative beliefs, and to understand how philosophical ideas have shaped their culture and history.

MAJOR: Philosophy

What are some alumni doing now?

- Director of Marketing
- Rabbi
- Attorney
- Health and Wellness Coach
- Psychologist
- Associate, Industrial Investment Banking
- Professor of Management
- Senior Vice President, Creative Strategy and Integration
- Investigator
- Commercial Photographer
- Assistant Director for U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- Business Analyst

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Who hires Philosophy Majors?

- Government Agencies
- Research Institutes
- Archives
- Churches
- Museums
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Libraries
- Publishing Companies
- Newspapers
- Colleges/Universities
- Business Corporations

What else can you do with this major?

- Bookstores
- Business Corporations
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Philosophy in Action

- Acquire outstanding verbal & written communications skills.
- Seek work & internships in a given field.
- If interested in business, consider securing an economics minor.
- If interested in social services or politics, take courses in psychology, politics, or DWA.
- If interested in international business/relations, master a second language.
- Take computer courses to increase employment opportunities.
- Start early and shadow & interview professionals in their jobs.
- Network with professionals and alumni.
- Seek membership in Interfaith groups or other interest areas.
- Apply to become a Resident Advisor or Programming Assistant for the Intercultural Community Center.
- Volunteer through the Center for Community Based Learning or the Office of Community Engagement.
- Run for an Associated Students of Occidental College (ASOC) position.