

The study of philosophy develops our ability to make sense of our surroundings and ourselves. Philosophers apply critical thinking to questions of values and beliefs in order to understand reality, clarify the nature of interactions between individuals and society, and come to terms with the problems of existence and ultimate values. Different schools of thought in economics, history, psychology, and education are based upon differences in philosophy. Political and religious beliefs and codes of ethic are based on philosophical assumptions. Students who study philosophy engage in the examination of their own beliefs, the resolution of conflicts, the search for a purpose to life, and the development of a basis for ethical decisions. A student majoring in philosophy can go into many different careers reflective of their interests, value, personal style and skills.

In pursuing philosophy, students develop their ability to solve problems, communicate effectively and organize ideas. Philosophy majors are successfully employed in many different areas of the private sector and government service-as managers, administrators, journalists, etc.-wherever a liberal education combining analytical skills with breadth of perspective is valued. Holders of the Bachelor's degree in Philosophy obtain jobs held by liberal arts graduates in **newspapers, government, management, law, and computer-connected businesses.**

Many undergraduate philosophy majors are interested in going to **law school**, or in getting a degree in another academic area. **Businesses** claim to be looking for people who have a broad outlook, and who can write well and argue forcefully. These capacities should result from the kind of training one gets from studying philosophy. Throughout its history philosophy has generated new ideas and methods that have become useful in other areas. For this reason philosophy is one traditional area that has found a new role in the **high-tech** world. Specific technical skills can quickly become obsolete, but philosophy emphasizes a skill that is needed in every technical area, which is the ability to take a vaguely formed problem and find precise ways to deal with it. Philosophers are playing a major role in **artificial intelligence, computer program development and industrial applications of computational linguistics and teaching.**

Transfer Information:

- A Bachelor's degree is entry-level into many of these professions and a Master's degree may be required for some.

Additional Information:

- Why Study Philosophy?: www.univnorthco.edu/philosophy/why.html

