

Linking Majors to Careers

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy

Philosophy probes the nature of human beings and the ways people seek to understand their world. Students of philosophy learn to analyze and evaluate, by logical processes, the premises on which we base our ideas about life. Topics of investigation may include concepts such as reality, perception, morality, ethics, knowledge, aesthetics and existence.

- Business leaders cite the ability to learn in new situations and the capacity to analyze, evaluate and interpret data as essential qualities for success in business. Because philosophy majors specialize in the development of these skills, their bachelor's degrees qualify them for almost every field of business, social service and communication.
- Some of the areas in which philosophy majors have applied their knowledge are education, finance, consulting, journalism, technical writing and computers. Others find satisfying careers in government, law, publishing and medicine.

SKILLS: Because they develop an analytical way of thinking, graduates trained in philosophy possess problem-solving and research skills. They are capable of identifying assumptions and articulating alternatives. This helps them develop flexibility in their thinking. The person who majors in **Philosophy** at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills** such as:

- communicating
- summarizing
- acting in a principled manner
- critical thinking
- observing
- generating ideas
- analyzing
- integrating data
- constructing analogies
- evaluating
- persuading
- testing
- adapting
- writing
- perceiving

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL ENTRY INTO A CAREER:

1. Develop communication skills such as debate, persuasive speaking and negotiation. Hone these skills by becoming active in campus organizations like the forensic team.
2. Finely developed reading and writing skills are important to comprehending and being able to explain the complex subject matter of philosophy. Analytical abilities can be gained through taking the most challenging courses in the curriculum.
3. Become proficient in basic skills related to business or social service to improve your marketability for the job hunt.
4. Participate in internships to investigate career fields, gain new skills and make contacts with prospective employers.
5. Become active in philosophical associations through attending topical discussions and through submitting papers to journals.

RELATED JOBS: In-depth training in philosophical foundations augmented by basic career-related instruction and experience qualifies the philosophy graduate for virtually all career areas. Listed below are typical careers philosophy majors enter:

development manager	librarian*
bank officer	archivist
diplomat	immigration officer
policy/planning consultant	hotel manager
educational tester	technical writer
lecturer	college professor, philosophy*
editorial assistant	lobbyist
personnel manager	market research analyst
public specialist	systems analyst
social worker*	claims adjuster
insurance agent	film editor
psychologist*	FBI or CIA agent
clergy*	arbitrator
journalist	foreign correspondent
criminologist*	advertising executive
anthropologist*	attorney*
underwriter	technical editor
computer field	editing

* Requires a graduate degree(s).

WEB SITES RELATED TO PHILOSOPHY:

- Philosophy in Cyberspace
www.personal.monash.edu
- Guide to Philosophy on the Internet
www.earlham.edu
- Philosophy Around the Web
www.users.ox.ac.uk

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD:

- The American Philosophical Association
www.apa.udel.edu/apa/index.html
- Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
www.ezinfo.ucs.indiana.edu/~appe/home.html
- Society for Ethics
www.rohan.sdsu.edu

CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
 - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
 - ON THE INTERNET
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Career and Occupational Information

Occupational Outlook Handbook (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

ONET <http://online.onetcenter.org>

Adams Jobs Almanac (CS, DM)

Dictionary of Occupational Titles (CS, DM)

Great Careers for... series (CS)

Careers for ... series (CS)

Careers in ... series (DM)

Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance (DM)

Liberal Arts Career News (CS)

Professional Organizations

National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations (DM)

Denver Meets (DM)

Encyclopedia of Associations (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at: <http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

Employer Directories

Reference USA (link on DM online catalog)

Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists (CS, DM)

Colorado Business Directory (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

Directory of Colorado Manufacturers (DM)

Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory (DM)

Almanac of American Employers (DM)

Job Banks for US cities (CS, DM)

Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory (link on DM online catalog)

Thomas Register of American Manufacturers
<http://www.thomasregister.com>

Directory of Colorado Non-Profits (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

Employment Outlook

Occupational Outlook Quarterly (CS, DM)

Job Rated Almanac (DM)

CAM report (CS)

Employment Outlook for Colorado (DM)

Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

Graduate School Information

Real Guide to Grad School (CS, DM)

Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

Gorman Report (CS)

Graduate School Admissions Advisor (CS)

Getting what you came for (CS)

Educational Rankings Annual (DM)

College Blue Book (DM)

Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions (DM)

Salary Information

Colorado Occupational Wages
(<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

Compensation & Working Conditions (DM)

NACE Salary Survey (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database:
<http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>