

## Testimonials

*"The philosophical training I received not only greatly enriched my life, but the critical reasoning and analytical skills that are essential in philosophy proved to be enormously useful to me in my investment career."*

—Bill Miller, Hedge fund investor and billionaire

*"Teaching you to think critically about the world you are in and what you know and what you don't know is useful for absolutely everything that you could possibly do in the future."*

—Katy Tur, NBC journalist

*"The philosophy curriculum at Brooklyn College expanded and enriched my ability to critically evaluate material from a multitude of perspectives."*

—Todd Fitch, alumnus/Cardozo Law School

*"The way I approach all aspects of my life, from research to writing to investigative reporting to parenting, has been shaped by my philosophical education."*

—Jesi Cruz, alumna/journalist

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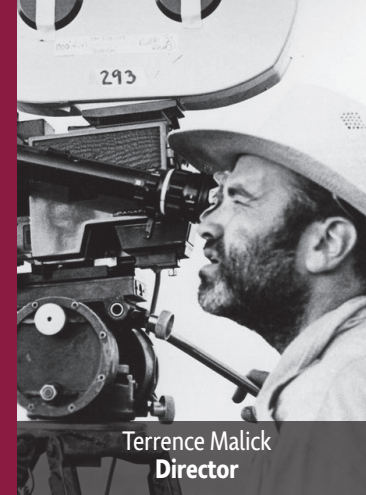
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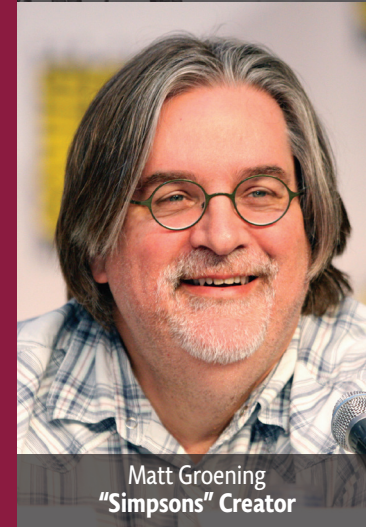
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Terrence Malick  
Director



Angela Davis  
Civil Rights Activist



Matt Groening  
"Simpsons" Creator



Susan Sontag  
Essayist

# Career Opportunities for Philosophy Majors

Department of Philosophy

## What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is the study of what there is, what we can know, and the nature of the good, the right, and the beautiful. Majoring in Philosophy will prepare you for a wide range of careers by developing your skills to think and write critically about complex problems with clarity, precision, and confidence. These are skills that are highly sought after by employers.

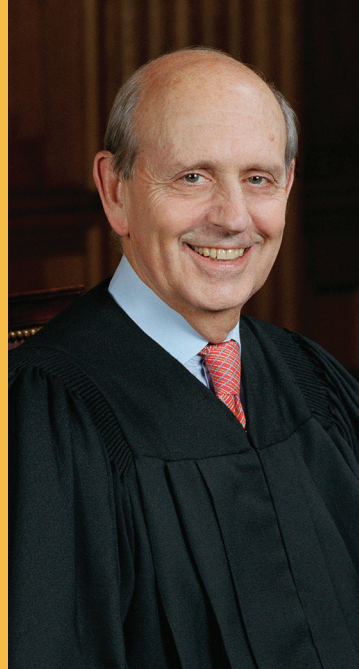
## Top Attributes Employers Seek

SKILLS	% OF RESPONDENTS
Problem Solving	82.9 %
Communication (Written)	80.3 %
Analytical/Quantitative	67.5 %
Communication (Verbal)	67.5 %
Detail Oriented	64.1 %

NACE Job Outlook Report, 2018

## Practical Skills Obtained by Majoring in Philosophy

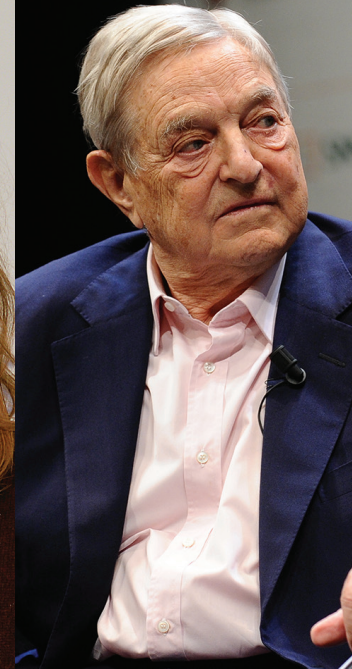
- Critical reasoning
- Analytical skills
- Creative and flexible thinking
- Ability to synthesize complex information
- Ability to articulate complex concepts
- Strong writing/communication skills
- Diplomacy



Stephen Breyer  
Supreme Court Justice



Susan Sarandon  
Actress



George Soros  
Investor and Philanthropist



Juan Williams  
Journalist

## Career Paths

The following are some career paths that a Philosophy B.A. will prepare you for:

- Law / Paralegal
- Financial / Business Analyst
- College Professor
- K-12 Teacher
- Entrepreneur
- Medicine / Public Health
- Library Science
- Project Management
- Biomedical Researcher
- Social Worker

## Average Earnings for Career Paths in Philosophy

JOB	AVERAGE SALARY
Attorney / Lawyer	\$85K
Associate Attorney	\$73K
Software Engineer	\$85K
Operations Manager	\$61K
Paralegal	\$46K
Marketing Manager	\$67K
Project Manager	\$67K

PayScale, 2019

## Median Income for Major

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	0-5	5-10	10-20	>20
Philosophy	\$44.7K	\$60.7K	\$81.6K	\$95K

American Philosophical Association/PayScale, 2017