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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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

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<th>SKILLS</th>
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<td>Problem Solving</td>
<td>82.9 %</td>
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<td>Detail Oriented</td>
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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

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

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PayScale, 2019

Median Income for Major

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American Philosophical Association/PayScale, 2017