



# PHILOSOPHY



- \*WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY?
- \*WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MYSELF MORE MARKETABLE?
- \*WHERE DO I FIND CAREER INFORMATION?

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## **WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY?**

1. Clarify the nature of interaction between individuals and society.
2. Explore the problems of existence and ultimate values.
3. Apply critical thinking to questions of values and beliefs, and their rational defense.
4. Persuade audiences.

## **EXAMPLES OF FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PHILOSOPHY MAJORS:**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Academia             | 8. Communications        |
| 2. Government           | 9. Marketing Companies   |
| 3. Publishing Companies | 10. Advertising Agencies |
| 4. Business             | 11. Social Services      |
| 5. Real Estate          | 12. Art Industry         |
| 6. Police               | 13. Ministry             |
| 7. Law                  | 14. Publishing           |

## **SAMPLE JOB TITLES OF SUNY POTSDAM PHILOSOPHY ALUMNI:**

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| * Engineer                  | * Manufacture Representative    |
| * Senior Budget Analyst     | * Road Patrol Sergeant          |
| * Product Marketing Manager | * Director of Distance Learning |
| * Professor                 | * Certified Social Worker       |
| * Freelance Writer          | * Paralegal                     |
| * Lawyer                    | * Psychotherapist               |
| * Staff Reporter            | * Real Property Analyst         |

## **SAMPLE JOB DESCRIPTIONS:**

1. Writer: communicates ideas, images, emotions, information, or opinions through the printed word.
2. Lawyer: interprets laws and government regulations for individuals and organizations.
3. Philosopher: helps people make sense of the world in scientific, evaluative and practical terms.
4. Clergy: serves as a director of worship, spiritual and moral leader, counselor and teacher for the members of his/her denomination and the community at large.

## **ENHANCING EMPLOYABILITY:**

1. Get involved in the career development process early, *freshman year*.
2. Select minors/elective courses that will demonstrate interest/applicability to your career objective.
3. Get career related experience: NTERNSHIPS, summer and/or part-time employment, volunteer. Join a career related association or organization.
4. Develop the following job search and self-marketing skills: resume and cover letter writing, portfolio development, researching employers, interviewing, networking, and employment searching.
5. Skills to develop: formulating and defending positions, critical observing, evaluating, decision-making, communicating effectively, summarizing complicated materials, solving problems, critical listening and summarizing complex processes.

***SAMPLE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES:***

- \* East Coast Education and Research Services
  - Interns research educational topics and issues to serve clients of the coastal Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and eastern Florida regions.
- \* Piedmont Publishing Company, Inc.
  - Interns vary. Positions are available in reporting and advertising.

***PREPARING FOR THE JOB SEARCH MARKET***

- \* Write an employer targeted resume and cover letter
- \* Learn job search strategies
- \* Borrow resources from SUNY Potsdam's Career Planning Library
- \* Develop networking cards
- \* Network w/employers at Career/Job Fairs
- \* Prepare for an interview
- \* Design a portfolio and self-marketing brochure
- \* Visit SUNY Potsdam's Career Planning Web Site at: [www.potsdam.edu/offices/career](http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/career)
- \* Seek advice from faculty

***SOME EMPLOYERS OF SUNY POTSDAM PHILOSOPHY ALUMNI:***

- \* Senate Finance Committee
- \* Ohio State University
- \* Edwards & Meyers
- \* Hewlett-Packard Co.
- \* Gaylord Brothers, Inc.
- \* CNA Insurance
- \* Lowville Academy
- \* US Forest Service
- \* Nazareth College
- \* Rochester City School District
- \* NYS Supreme Court
- \* NYS Division of Housing
- \* CIA
- \* Ecology & Environment, Inc.

***WHERE TO GET INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE:***

1. **PHILOSOPHY DEPT., SUNY Potsdam, 204 Morey Hall**
  - \* Talk with Alumni
  - \*Talk with Faculty
  - \* Talk with Students
2. **CAREER PLANNING OFFICE, SUNY Potsdam, 206 Sisson Hall**
  - \* Individual Career Assistance
  - \* Workshops/Seminars
  - \* Employer Literature
  - \* Career Assessment Programs
  - \* Career and Job Fairs
  - \* Networking Assistance
  - \* Alumni Mentor
  - \* Job Vacancies
  - \* Summer Jobs
  - \* Reference file
  - \* Career Planning Web Site
  - \* Career Library
  - \* A Major Affair
  - \* Free Handouts Available

***WHAT IF I WANT TO GO TO GRADUATE SCHOOL?***

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE CAREER PLANNING OFFICE:**

- \* On-Campus Graduate School Fair
- \* Graduate School handout
- \* GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT and MAT forms and bulletins (GRE computerized tests and graduate study books)
- \* Graduate books - listings of schools and programs
- \* Financial aid information about graduate school
- \* Peterson's Graduate Programs (G7F, G7G, G7H, G7I, G7J, G7K)
- \* Web Site: [www.potsdam.edu/offices/career/graduate](http://www.potsdam.edu/offices/career/graduate)

***RESOURCES FOR FINDING EMPLOYERS & CAREER INFORMATION:  
RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE CAREER PLANNING OFFICE:***

- \* Career Guide Opportunity Directory (R8GG)
- \* Dun's Regional Directories (R8I, R8J, R8K)
- \* Job Hunter's Sourcebook (R26D)
- \* Summer Jobs Worldwide (S2A)
- \* Federal Jobs for College Graduates (R16A)
- \* Standard Directory of Advertising Agencies (R1A)
- \* The Adweek Directory (R1A)
- \* Career Planning Internet Web Site
- \* Additional material found by using Career Planning Library Bibliography



***OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION:***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* American Philosophical Association<br/>104 South 5th Street<br/>Philadelphia, PA 19106-3387<br/>(215) 440-3400<br/><a href="http://www.amphilsoc.org">www.amphilsoc.org</a></li><br/><li>* American Association of Philosophy Teachers<br/>Department of Philosophy<br/>Knoxville, TN 17996-0480<br/>(615) 974-3255<br/><a href="http://www.philosophyteachers.org">www.philosophyteachers.org</a></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* American Political Science Association<br/>1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.<br/>Washington, DC 29936<br/>(202) 462-7849<br/><a href="http://www.apsanet.org">www.apsanet.org</a></li><br/><li>* Association of Philosophy Journal Editors<br/>c/o Michael Kelly, Columbia University<br/>709 Philosophy Hall<br/>New York, NY 10027<br/>(212) 666-4419<br/><a href="http://www.philsci.org">www.philsci.org</a></li></ul> |
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