

| Possible Occupations | | | Potential Employers | Skills To Develop & How To Gain Experience | |
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| Business | Consulting Venture capitalists Marketing specialists Managers | Editors Stockbrokers Publishing industry executives Real-estate brokers Human resources | Consulting firms Financial institutions Real-estate agencies Manufacturers and wholesalers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider obtaining a business management minor Uncover assumptions and assess alternatives Train yourself to generate ideas, solve complicated problems, integrate diverse data, elicit hidden assumptions, and summarize complicated material in order to persuade people. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop computer skills, learning to use software applications such as spreadsheets, databases, and word processing. Seek leadership roles in campus organizations Take business classes (accounting, statistics, or finance). Join student professional associations |
| Education | Community education Corporate training Higher education administration / teaching Research Student affairs / advisement Administration | Colleges Universities Secondary public schools Private schools Libraries | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the capacity to be a team player. Aptitude to examine various angles of topics. Formulate sentences so as to speak and write clearly and precisely. Build strong relationships with professors, supervisors, or other educational leaders for strong personal recommendations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain dual certification and licensure to teach grades K-12 to increase job opportunities. Participate in school activities such as campus publications, student government, alumni relations, and admissions. Learn how to develop curriculums and workshops. |
| Government | Local government officer in your city/town Marketing executive State legislature Court system Advocacy Program coordination Program evaluation | Local government Civil service Health and wellness government agencies Military child care programs Public protection agencies Library of Congress Historic sites Museums | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in a government sponsored internship. Consider a Civic Engagement, Political Science, or Economics minor Develop foreign language skills and foreign travel experiences Taking some philosophy courses that have a natural tie-in with law (philosophy of law, ethics, political philosophy) may be helpful but are not necessary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn the federal application process Take additional courses in statistics and social research Be an active voice in your community |
| Human Services | Administration Advocacy Counseling Mental health services | Adoption and child care agencies Advocacy groups Community service agencies Hospitals and wellness centers Private foundations Vocational services | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a minor in psychology, counseling, or social work to increase employment opportunities and strengthen your resume Learn to work well with all different types of people Obtain essential and practical experience through beneficial part-time or summer jobs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a master's degree and appropriate licensure in mental health counseling, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, rehabilitation counseling, or social work to provide specialized services to those you work with. Take classes that will gear you towards public service |
| Journalism | Online information site Editor Broadcast Public relations Research | National, state, and regional radio networks News departments of local, public, and commercial radio and TV stations Newspapers Book publishers Magazines | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a research project Consider a minor or double major in communication Volunteer/intern with local newspapers, public TV, or radio | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist a professor in planning lessons and discussing topics Submit articles or books for publication, then work off of that feedback Work for campus publications, television, or radio stations |
| Law | Attorney Judge Lawyer Law Management Paralegal | Corporate legal departments Government agencies Law firms Public service agencies | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze, develop and formulate logical arguments Aptitude to examine various angles of topics Ability to think and write clearly Seek out courses that will give them extensive opportunities for analytical, critical writing, and oral analysis and presentation of complex arguments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop basic writing, reasoning, or analytic skills and basic understanding of American society, political institutions, and principles of economics and finance. Maintain a high GPA and develop strong personal recommendations. |
| Medical | Practitioner Administrator Psychiatry Ophthalmology | Orthopedics Dentistry Neurology Cancer research | Assisted living facilities/programs Hospitals Day care centers Health and wellness agencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a minor in biological science to help with preparing for medical school. Consider a minor in gerontology. Acquire licensing or certification for specialized fields. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist professors on research and build relationships with them to strengthen your references. Interview a local medical practitioner about their life in school and the route that they took in getting their licensure. |
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STRATEGIES FOR PLACEMENT IN THE FIELD OF PHILOSOPHY

- Create a field of focus as you study that could perhaps become your “specialty area”
- Volunteer or find a job assisting a professor with their research and projects
- Get involved in student government.
- If using philosophy to pursue higher education in psychology, law, business, etc., research the prerequisites of your field of choice and select classes that will tailor your skill set and curriculum so that you are well-prepared.
- Talk to everyone! Some of the most important information that you can receive will come from the first-hand experiences of others.
- Since most jobs are based on experience, look for any opportunity to continue your education outside of school by working in jobs or internships that increase your experience.
- Develop basic skills valued by all employers such as computer knowledge, leadership, patience, teamwork, and efficiency.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alumni Career Website
<http://alumnicareers.byu.edu>

Philosophy Department
4086 JFSB, 801.422.2721,
philosophy.byu.edu

Pre-Professional Advisement
3328 WSC (801) 422-3044
<https://ppa.byu.edu>

University Career Services
2410 WSC (801) 422-6535
<http://ucs.byu.edu>



A guide to career options inside the field of:

PHILOSOPHY

INTERNET RESOURCES

- **Philosophy Department**
philosophy.byu.edu
- **Philosophy Lecture Series**
<http://philosophy.byu.edu/philosophy-lecture-series/>
- **Philosophy and Graduate Studies**
<http://philosophy.byu.edu/why-study-philosophy/philosophy-graduate-studies/>
- **The American Philosophical Association**
<http://www.apaonline.org/>

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