PHILOSOPHY AND CAREERS
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY MAJOR?

Some careers require specific or technical skills and knowledge. You can’t be an Engineer without specific training in engineering! But many careers, including engineering, and others – for example, medicine, law, business -- require the skills of thinking outside the box, critical thinking, open-mindedness, ethical reasoning, problem solving, writing and analysis.

http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/philosophy/payoff.dot

FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO STUDIED PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy majors have gone on to become many different things: composers, film makers, film critics, actors, political leaders, business leaders, writers, professors, comedians, presidents, judges, doctors. For a sample of famous students of philosophy, check out:

• http://teach.valdosta.edu/chjames/famousphilosophy.htm
• http://www.philosophymajor.org/famous-philosophers

MEDICINE

Philosophy majors who are interested in a career in medicine and who take the necessary science courses have one of the highest acceptance rates to medical school.


Humanities majors outperform Biological Sciences majors on the MCATs. (In this data set, Philosophy is defined as a humanities major.)

Source: AAMC: Data Warehouse: Applicant Matriculant File as of 10/19/2010
https://www.aamc.org/data/facts/applicantmatriculant/

• Inquire about Hofstra’s Pre-med/Pre-health Major with a concentration in Philosophy. •

LAW

Philosophy majors were the second highest performers on the LSATs, topped only by Physics/math majors.


ADVANCED DEGREES

Philosophy majors outperform all other majors on the GRE Verbal and the GRE Analytic
Philosophy majors outperform all other humanities majors and biological sciences majors on the GRE Quantitative.

GRE Data From: Graduate Record Examination’s Guide to the Use of Scores 2010-11
Produced by: Educational Testing Service Based on the performance of all examinees who tested between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2009

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BUSINESS

Among the *U.S. News & World Report* top 20 MBA programs, 34% of admitted MBA students for the class of 2011 were undergraduate business majors; the rest were from other fields. For the class of 2011, Humanities and Social Science majors composed 40% of the class at Harvard, 47% at Stanford and 42% at Wharton. [http://www.beatthegmat.com/mba/2009/11/20/which-undergrad-major-is-most-preferred-by-the-top-mba-programs](http://www.beatthegmat.com/mba/2009/11/20/which-undergrad-major-is-most-preferred-by-the-top-mba-programs)

“On average nationally, business students enter the work force with higher starting salaries than those of humanities and social-science majors. By midcareer, however, some of those liberal-arts majors, including in political science and philosophy, have closed the gap.”


“Philosophy offers a deeper, broader way of thinking to help guide companies through times made tougher by overspecialized experts.”


Philosophy graduates -- what can they possibly have to offer? “We need people who have the ability to look for different approaches and take an open mind to issues. These skills are promoted by philosophical approaches.”


• “If You Know You'll Get An MBA...It could make sense to get a degree in the sciences or humanities first,” *Bloomberg Business Week*, May 8, 2006 [http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/06_19/b3983414.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/06_19/b3983414.htm)

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