



CAREER PATHFINDERS

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN

PHILOSOPHY

Overview

A Philosophy major is designed to give you a broad and general understanding of the world, our place in it, and our values, giving you a strong educational base that is useful in many careers. Any career which demands training in critical and abstract thinking could be enhanced by a background in philosophy. Some of the skills developed in the study of philosophy that appeal to employers are the ability to summarize complicated materials and solve problems, the ability to formulate and defend ideas and concepts, and the ability to analyze cause and effect.

“Happiness for me is growing in as many ways as I can, and the time I’ve spent at this University has allowed me to flourish academically and personally. I have the faculty to thank for that—they have been caring and professional. The close relationships I have formed are crucial to who and where I am now.”

- Ariel Zylberman (BA Hons. Philosophy), who was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for graduate studies at Oxford University

Job Titles

- Advertising Executive (NOC 0124)
- Archivist Assistant (NOC 5113)
- Communications Officer (NOC 1123)
- Critic (NOC 5123)
- Data Analyst (NOC 2172)
- Employment Equity Officer (NOC 1121)
- Fundraiser (NOC 1123)
- Insurance Claim Adjuster (NOC 1312)
- Journalist (NOC 5123)
- Lobbyist (NOC 4161, 4163, 4164)

- Promotion Coordinator (NOC 1123)
- Market Research Analyst (NOC 4163)
- Mediator (NOC 1121)
- Non-Profit Director (NOC 0114)
- Planning Consultant (NOC 4164)
- Political Campaign Worker (NOC 0423)
- Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations (NOC 1123)
- Social and Community Service Worker (NOC4152) ^{1,2}

¹ The numbers following each job title refer to [Canada’s National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) code](#). Jobs may require additional education or training.

² Government of Canada. “Philosophy (38.0101), Bachelor’s degree.” Job Bank, 26 March 2020, <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/studentdashboard/38.0101/LOS05>

Work Settings

- Advertising Agencies
- Consulting Firms
- Cultural Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Human Resource Departments
- Insurance Industry
- International Organizations
- Marketing/Public Relations Agencies
- Media/Publishing/Telecommunications Industries
- Museums/Galleries
- Political Parties
- Public Interest Groups
- Research Institutes
- Social Service Organizations
- Trade/Professional Associations

Skills and Characteristics

- Ability to analyze and construct sound arguments
- Distinguish fine differences between views and find common ground
- Self-motivation
- Flexibility and creativity
- Teamwork
- Openness to new ideas and ways of thinking

Professional Associations and Other Links

- Canadian Philosophical Association <https://www.acpcpa.ca/cpages/home-page>
- The Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy <http://www.cswip.ca/>
- Canadian Society for Philosophical Practice <http://www.philosophicalpractice.ca/>
- Western Canada Philosophical Association <http://wcpaonline.ca>
- Jobs in Philosophy <http://www.jobsinphilosophy.org/lists/Americas>
- Phil Jobs <http://philjobs.org/>

This document is intended to provide a starting point for your career research. For more information about UWinnipeg's Philosophy program, visit the [Department of Philosophy website](#) and the [Philosophy Fact Sheet](#).

Students are encouraged to [schedule an appointment with an Academic and Career Advisor](#) for assistance with career planning.
