

Philosophy

Average starting salary
for Philosophy majors
\$48,000
per year



On the GRE, Philosophy
majors outperform
almost all other majors

“A philosophy degree...does
provide you with a skill set that
makes you a valuable asset for
any organization.”

Paid interns/ Co-ops see greater
offer rates and salary offers than
their unpaid classmates

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Careers

Apologist & Evangelist
Administrators
Artist
Campus Minister
Consulting
Counselor*
Editor
Human Rights Advocate
International Diplomat*
Journalist
Judicial Services Worker
Pastor
Lawyer*
Librarian
Missionary
Museum Curator
Nonprofit Worker
Professor*
Publisher
Researcher & Developer
Sociologist*
Teacher Overseas
Theologian
Writer
Youth Minister

*will require graduate studies

Strategies for Success

- Gauge interest in this major by signing up for a 100 or 200 level Philosophy course.
- Cultivate strong oral and written communication, analytical and reasoning skills.
- Understand that Philosophy is the ultimate transferable skill; with, its emphasis on reason and argumentation, philosophy is an excellent preparation for a career in religion, law, business, international diplomacy, medical management, social work, writing, as well as postgraduate education.
- Pursue relevant certifications that can augment a degree in Philosophy and prepare one for a specific field of work.
- Seek leadership positions in related campus clubs and groups.
- Complete a summer internship or volunteer with organizations, nonprofits, or ministries of interest.
- Become more marketable by selecting a minor that will compliment one's chosen career direction.
- Meet with philosophy professors to find out how they have seen this degree utilized, the strengths and challenges of this field, and what the developing trends are.
- Work as a teacher's assistant or office assistant for the Philosophy or Divinity department to gain related experience.
- Consistently manage a personal blog where philosophical, theological, political, and legal issues are discussed; this can later serve as a writing sample for a potential employer.

Statistics: 1) [NACE](#) 2) [Educational Testing Services](#)
3) [Academic Invest](#) 4) [NACE](#)

Associations

American Philosophical Association
www.APAonline.org

L'Abri
www.Labri.org

C. S. Lewis Institute
www.CSLewisInstitute.org

Evangelical Philosophy Society
www.EPSociety.org

C.S. Lewis Society
www.Apologetics.org

The Society of Christian Philosophers
www.SocietyofChristianPhilosophers.com

Holland Codes

The Holland Code system is designed to connect individuals with the career field that best fits their personality. The system scores the test taker on six separate scales: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C). The two or three highest scores represent an individual's strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Philosopher (SAI)
- Newspaper Editor (SEA)
- Professor (SEI)
- Sociologist (IAE)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. Customized with Liberty's majors, assessment results are matched to career options and majors offered at Liberty. To access this free resource visit www.Liberty.edu/Focus2.

Resources

On-Campus and Local Resources

- Access the [Christian Service page](#) to see where other students have served. Some areas include:
 - Youth ministries and community outreach
 - Education, tutoring, and mentoring
 - Families in need and the homeless
 - Civic organizations and groups that work with social issues
 - Missions and camps
- Locate other local opportunities by talking with Liberty's philosophy professors to find out about the current relevant events.

Online Resources

Visit the website of the following organizations:

[LUNetwork](#)

[Hofstra University: Philosophy Tips](#)

[Christian Research Institute](#)

[The Veritas Forum](#)

[The Gospel Coalition](#)

[Christianity Today: Books & Culture](#)

[The Two Cities](#)

The Washington Fellowship

Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Potential philosophy locations include the Center for Christian Statesmanship, World Vision, International Christian Concern, International Justice Mission, Citygate Films, Wycliffe, and the Smithsonian. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

Sample Resumes

For a variety of sample resumes visit the [Liberty University Career Center](#).