

What can I do with a Major in **Philosophy**?



For more information on the Philosophy Major at the U of L:

<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/philosophy>

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The Philosophy Program at the University of Lethbridge

One of humanity's oldest intellectual pursuits, Philosophy explores the basic assumptions behind Western political, moral, and legal arrangements, as well as the assumptions that have guided modern science and technology. This gives philosophy immediacy and a practicality that might surprise those who have not studied it. Applied to human values, fundamental philosophical questions explore the nature social justice, the nature of moral values, and the nature of values themselves. Applied to science and technology, fundamental philosophical questions investigate the conditions under which scientific methods might be expected to produce true and accurate representations of the material world.

The capacities for understanding, analyzing, synthesizing, evaluating and writing students develop through the study of philosophy are useful for virtually any professional occupation or academic role. Students can complete a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts & Science majoring in Philosophy.

Skills Developed

- Abstract Thinking
- Advanced Information Acquisition & Management
- Analytical & Deductive Reasoning
- Attention to Detail
- Capable of Reading at Length
- Critical, Analytical & 'Big Picture' Thinking
- Formulate & Defend Ideas
- Identifying & Clarifying Values
- Information Gathering
- Logical Reasoning
- Meet Deadlines
- Negotiation
- Organizational
- Problem Solving
- Research
- Statistical
- Work Independently
- Written & Oral Communication

Work Environments

Philosophy provides an excellent foundation for further studies in law (corporate, mediation, or prosecution). Graduates from the Department of Philosophy at the U of L have gone on to distinguished careers as professors, senior academic administrators, lawyers, business managers, scientists and a wide range of other professional fields. New graduates may find employment with art companies, consulting firms, educational institutions, governmental organizations, health agencies, media companies, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, religious organizations, or research institutes.

Key Areas of Specialization:

Justice & Goodness, Truth & Reality, Social Philosophical Concerns, Scientific Philosophical Concerns, Human Creativity & Artistic Expression

Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Activity Aide
- Community & Program Facilitator
- Disability Trainer
- Fundraising & Development Assistant
- Human Resources Administrator
- Philosophy Teaching Assistant
- Policy Intern
- Product Specialist
- Program Support Specialist
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Research Coordinator
- Think Tank – Research/Program Interns
- Youth Engagement Coordinator

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](#) or join the [Management](#) or [Arts & Science](#) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Administrative/Management Staff
- Advertiser
- Advertising Account Executive
- Alumni Relations Officer
- Archival Scientist
- Artificial Intelligence Design & Ethics Consultant
- Bioethics Officer
- Biographer
- Biomedical Ethics Researcher
- Business Administrator
- Business Analyst
- Business Ethics Consultant
- Community Organizer
- Consultant
- Corporate Proposal Writer
- Corporate Sales Executive
- Corporate Training/Development Officer
- Correctional Services Agent
- Critical Analyst
- Cultural Studies Specialist
- Development Manager
- Editor
- Environmental Ethics Consultant
- Ethics Consultant
- Film Researcher/Copywriter
- Foreign Service Officer
- Fundraiser
- Government Policy Analyst
- Health Administrator
- Historian
- Historical Museum Administrative Assistant
- Hospice Worker
- Human Resource Specialist
- Human Rights Advocate
- Humanities Bibliographer
- Immigration Services Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- International Development Officer
- Journalist
- Legislative Policy Advisor
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Logistics Coordinator
- Mediator
- Medical Ethics Consultant
- Political Aide
- Political Critic
- Politician
- Press Agent
- Public Administrator
- Public Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Officer
- Public Servant
- Publisher
- Research Assistant

- Social Activist
- Social Services Agent
- Special Program Administrator
- Speech and Content Analyst
- Speech Writer
- Teacher
- Technical Writer
- TV/Web Documentary Producer
- Underwriter
- University Professor
- Web Content Writer
- Writer

Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Accountant
- Anthropologist
- Art Critic
- Broadcaster
- Communications Director
- Counsellor
- Customer Satisfaction Specialist
- Financial Advisor
- Insurance Agent/Broker
- Investment Banker
- Lawyer
- Legal Researcher
- Manager Analyst
- Marketing Specialist
- Minister
- Naturopath Practitioner
- Paralegal
- Patent Lawyer
- Police Officer
- Product Manager
- Psychologist
- Real Estate Agent
- Recruiter
- Sales Consultant
- Social Worker
- Sociologist
- Theologist
- Urban and Regional Planner

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of Philosophy and its career opportunities.

The Canadian Philosophical Association
<http://www.acpcpa.ca>

Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies
<http://www.cashra.ca/>

Canadian Society of Continental Philosophy
<http://www.c-scp.org/>

International Society of Human Rights
<http://www.ishr.org>

Canadian Society for the History & Philosophy of Science
<http://www.yorku.ca/cshps1/>

Human Rights Education Associates
<http://www.hrea.org>

Canadian Philosophy of Education Society
<http://www.philosophyofeducation.ca>

EpistemeLinks – Philosophy Resources
<http://www.epistemelinks.com>

Canadian Society of Philosophical Practice
<http://www.philosophicalpractice.ca>

American Philosophical Association
<http://www.apaonline.org>

Alberta Human Rights Commission
<http://www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca>

International Federation of Philosophical Societies
<http://www.fisp.org/>

Canadian Business Ethics
<http://www.businessethics.ca/>

International Society of Philosophers
<http://www.isfp.co.uk>

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/>

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)
<http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/>

Academic Advising
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising>

Native Student Advising
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising>

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning
Strategies & Tutoring
<http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/>

Accommodated Learning Centre
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/>

International Centre for Students
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/>

Registrar Office & Student Services
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/>

Scholarship & Students Finance
<http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/>

U of L Students' Union & Student Clubs
<http://www.ulsu.ca/>

Campus Job Resources

Career & Employment Services Job Board
[CES Job board](#)

Arts & Science Applied Studies
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/applied-studies/students>

Arts & Science Co-op Education & Internship
<http://www.uleth.ca/artsci/coop>

Management Co-op Education
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/co-op>

Study Abroad & Exchanges
<http://www.uleth.ca/international/content/study-abroad-exchanges>

Management Study Abroad & Exchanges
<http://www.uleth.ca/management/study-abroad>

Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.