Philosophers ask the big questions in life: “Is there a meaning to life?” “Are there objective moral standards?” “Do we have free-will?” “How can we be justified in our beliefs about the world?” and “Is there a God?” These are questions that almost everyone ponders at some time or other. Philosophers, though, set about to examine these questions rigorously and provide reasoned defenses for their answers. Toward that goal, philosophers are trained to read carefully, think clearly, and write cogently. As a result, those who major in philosophy are well prepared for graduate work in law, the sciences, or the humanities, and they are relatively immune to many of the rhetorical tricks and fallacious arguments of everyday life.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Librarian
- Media Specialist
- School Administrator
- College Student Affairs
- Educator
- Researcher
- Grant-Writer
- Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Teach for America
- Peace Corps
- Clergy or Religious Leader (any discipline)
- Outdoor Recreation Guide
- Think Tank Contributor
- Human Rights Officer
- Government/Politics
- Political Speechwriter
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Legislation Drafter
- Legal/Policy Researcher
- Historian
- Policy Analyst
- Social Researcher
- Foreign Service Diplomat

**Communication and Media**
- Film/Screenwriter
- Author
- Editor
- Daily Show Correspondent

**Education**
- K-12 Teacher

**Transferable Skills:**
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Data Analysis
- Teamwork
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Judgment and Decision-Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Oral/Written Communication
- Creativity
- Cultural Understanding
- Research skills
- Persuasion
- Flexibility/Adaptability
- Facilitating Group Discussion
- Idea Generation

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Professional Links:**
- American Bar Association: [http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html](http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html)

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:* [http://careerconnection.osu.edu/posts/documents/transferable-and-grad-skills.doc](http://careerconnection.osu.edu/posts/documents/transferable-and-grad-skills.doc)