

# What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

## Philosophy

College of the Arts and Sciences

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.<sup>i</sup>

### Career Areas/Job Titles:

#### Management and Industry

Human Resources Manager  
Business Ethics Officer  
Lobbyist  
Fundraising / Development Officer

#### Communication and Media

Film/Screenwriter  
Author  
Editor  
Daily Show Correspondent

#### Education

K-12 Teacher

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

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

### 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

*\*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>*

### Professional Links:

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

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities: <http://www.asbh.org/>

American Bar Association: <http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html>