## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PHILOSOPHY MAJOR OR MINOR?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
LAW	Law firms Corporations Federal, state, and local government Special interest groups Universities	Develop excellent research and writing skills  Maintain a high GPA  Gain related experience through internships in legal settings or part time jobs  Participate in Ethics Bowl, Debate, or Mock Trial  Apply to law school and obtain a law degree
ETHICS Medical Environmental Research	Hospitals Medical and professional schools Colleges and universities Consulting services Research organizations Health science funding agencies Environmental agencies	Develop excellent research and writing skills  Participate in Ethics Bowl, Debate, or Mock Trial  Participate in related professional organizations  For most positions apply to graduate school and obtain a doctoral degree
BUSINESS  Management Finance Insurance Market Research Sales Human Resources	Business firms Banks Insurance companies Marketing research departments Real estate companies Retail stores	Develop computer skills Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations Gain related experience through internships or part time jobs Minor in business

## **GOVERNMENT**

Public Policy
Research
Regional Planning
City Management
Intelligence
Foreign Service
Legislative, Executive, or Judicial
Services
Law Enforcement
Program Administration
Elected or Appointed Leadership
Staff Administration
Special Interest Advocacy
Campaign Management

Federal, state, and local government Legislative, executive, or judicial officials

Foreign Service

Federal Municipal Archives

National and State Endowments for the Humanities political action

committees

Other government agencies (e.g.
Commission on Civil Rights,
Consumer Product Safety
Commission, Department of
Energy, Federal Communications
Commission)

Special interest groups
Political parties
Campaigns (national, state, or local)

Take courses in political science, public administration, or business

Become familiar with federal, state, and local government

Complete an internship in government or related area

Participate in Ethics Bowl, Debate, or Mock Trial

Participate in student government
Participate in cultural organizations
Write for campus publications focused
on national and international affairs

Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis

Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions

Volunteer with the staff of a government official

Participate in political campaigns
For advancement earn a graduate
degree in political science or public
administration

## NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Public Advocacy Research Lobbying Non-government entities (e.g. Amnesty International, Oxfam, various religious and social groups)
Public interest research groups
Advocacy groups

Take courses in political science,
public administration, or business
Become familiar with grant writing
Participate in Ethics Bowl, Debate, or
Mock Trial
Volunteer in relevant organizations
Gain related work experience
For policy positions obtain a master's
degree in public policy or go to law

school and obtain a law degree
For opportunities in research obtain a
doctoral degree

EDUCATION Teaching Research Administration Student Affairs	Colleges and universities Professional or graduate schools including medical Adult education programs	Seek campus leadership positions like peer mentor or resident advisor Gain experience through internships, volunteering, or employment Earn a master's degree in a specialized area (e.g. Library and Information Sciences, College Student Personnel, or Counseling) For opportunities in teaching or research obtain a doctoral degree
WRITING Technical Writing Editing Journalism Public Relations Advertising	Publishing companies Magazine and newspaper companies Professional and trade associations Advertising agencies and departments Electronic media organizations	Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills  Take courses in journalism, advertising, or public relations  Serve on college newspaper staff  Gain related job experience  Become a student member of a related professional group
RELIGION/MINISTRY Clergy Administration Missions	Local churches, mosques, synagogues, or other houses of worship District, regional, national, and world denominational headquarters Religiously affiliated schools, colleges, and universities Local, national, and international mission fields Religious organizations	Gain related experience through volunteering with local religious organizations Develop applicable foreign language skills for international mission work Seek leadership positions in campus religious organizations Complete an internship or summer position with a religious camp or missionary organization Become certified through a denomination for specialized staff positions For clergy positions obtain appropriate seminary training

## **SOCIAL / COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Research
Grant Writing
Fundraising
Volunteer Coordination
Administration
Counseling

Public interest research groups Museums Mental health agencies Social service organizations Nonprofit organizations Become familiar with grant writing
Volunteer in relevant organizations
Gain related work experience
For therapy positions obtain a master's
degree in social work or counseling
and obtain state licensure

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