What Can I Do With a Major in Philosophy?

Philosophy is quite unlike any other field. It is unique both in its methods and in the nature and breadth of its subject matter (American Philosophical Association). The “relevance of philosophy teaching to all areas of academic study is one of the most distinctive characteristics of the subject” (UNESCO, 2011). In its rigorous development and use of logic it “enhances, in a way no other activity does, one’s problem-solving capacities” (American Philosophical Association). Moreover, philosophy develops skills necessary for dealing with an increasingly global and interconnected world. “Philosophy develops the capacity to see the world from the perspective of other individuals and other cultures; it enhances one’s ability to perceive the relationships among the various fields of study; and it deepens one’s sense of the meaning and variety of human experience” (American Philosophical Association).

Philosophy Majors

- Score higher on graduate exams such as GRE, GMAT, LSAT
- Earn more than other humanities fields.
- Become leaders in Business, Computers & Technology, Journalism, Law, Politics, Arts & Entertainment

The American Philosophical Association promotes the discipline and profession of philosophy, both within the academy and in the public arena. The APA supports the professional development of philosophers at all levels and works to foster greater understanding and appreciation of the value of philosophical inquiry.