



College to Career Connection Philosophy

What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is the activity of trying to make sense of our world through sustained and rigorous thinking about the most difficult questions rooted in the minds of human beings. Thus, the study of philosophy invites reflection upon and analysis of the nature of reality, value, and the self. Courses in philosophy offer students the opportunity for self-development and the building of a coherent view of world and culture. Majoring in philosophy is an excellent way to develop skills in argument analysis as well as critical reasoning, and thus is relevant to understanding problems and evaluating solutions in any area of study or employment. The study of philosophy is excellent preparation for careers in law, journalism, politics, and university teaching. Study in philosophy does not focus on what to think, but on how to think. The program in Philosophy is designed as preparation for transfer to a four-year university with a major in Philosophy, Humanities, or any liberal arts discipline.

[COC - Philosophy Associate in Arts](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year university

[COC - Philosophy Associate in Arts for Transfer \(AA-T\)](#)

Potential Industries/Employers

- Social service organizations
- Public interest research groups
- Publishing companies
- Mental health agencies
- Colleges and universities
- Adult education programs
- Federal, state, and local government
- Commission on Civil Rights
- Religious organizations
- Consulting services
- Research organizations

Possible Job Titles

- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Judge
- Law Clerk
- Lawyers
- Researcher
- Administrator
- City Manager
- Editor

- Public Relations Director
- Marketing
- Minister
- Publisher
- Labor relations
- Journalist
- Social Media Manager
- Foreign Service Officer
- Non-profit work

How this Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships](#) and [COC Career Center](#)
- [College of the Canyons Philosophy Club](#)
- [Society for Applied Philosophy Events](#)
- [University of Philosophical Research Events- Los Angeles](#)
- [Philosophy Meetups in Los Angeles](#)

CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS)

- [CSUN: Philosophy B.A.](#)
- [CSULA: Philosophy B.A.](#)
- [CSUDH: Philosophy B.A.](#)
- [UCLA: Philosophy B.A.](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Philosophy Department](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [ONET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [American Philosophical Association](#)
- [American Philosophical Society](#)
- [Society of Philosophers in America](#)
- [Society of Philosophy in the Contemporary World](#)
- [Society of Applied Philosophy](#)

This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/26/21