

WHY STUDY PHILOSOPHY?

T E N R E A S O N S :

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Philosophy majors average near the **top of all majors** on the GMAT exam required by US Business Graduate Schools – third only to physics and math (2010-11).

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Out of all majors, Philosophy has the highest percentage of applicants admitted to **law school** (2012-13 data) and **medical school** (1999 study).

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Philosophy is an excellent and extremely flexible double major. **It combines well with any career interests.** Majors must take 30 credit hours, and the only required courses are logic, one 400-level, and one course each in: history of philosophy, value theory, and epistemology/metaphysics. The minor *is even more flexible!*

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Philosophy majors regularly score the **highest (by far) on the GRE**, taken by all applicants for graduate school in the US (2011-14 data).

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Philosophy majors **ACE** the Law School Admissions Test. (2007-08 data)

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Philosophy majors have the **highest mid-career salaries** of all non-STEM majors, higher even than business economics and marketing (2015 data). They have the **highest percentage of salary growth** from starting to midcareer salary (2008 data).

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Philosophers work everywhere. Famous philosophy students include: Comedian Stephen Colbert, Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer and David Souter, Canadian Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, filmmaker Ethan Coen, composer Phillip Glass, writers Mary Higgins Clark, Ken Follett, and David Foster Wallace, journalist Juan Williams, essayist Susan Sontag, billionaire financier Carl Icahn, Bishop Carolyn Tanner Irish, LA Lakers coach Phil Jackson. **More?** How about George Soros, former FDIC Chair Sheila Bair, former Time Warner CEO Gerald Levin, Flickr co-founder Stewart Butterfield, and PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel.

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Philosophy trains you to think. Philosophy majors know how to reason clearly, carefully, and creatively and how to see issues from multiple viewpoints.

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Recent IU Philosophy graduates have gone on to law school at the University of Michigan and Yale, IU Medical School, NYU School of Journalism, and graduate school in education and social work. Employers include McKinsey and Company, Human Rights Watch, Amazon.com, City of Chicago Mayor's Office, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, General Motors, Indiana Attorney General's Office, Los Angeles District Attorney, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, New York Public Media, Peace Corps, Toyota Group, US Departments of Education, Housing and Urban Development, and Interior, and Vestas Wind Systems.

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Philosophy majors get to grapple firsthand with questions and problems that have preoccupied some of the **world's greatest minds!**

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