



# Philosophy

## An Overview...

Philosophy is considered a branch of the language arts and involves the study of truths or principles underlying all knowledge. Philosophical study involves a continuous attempt to analyze, interpret and logically explain what humans believe, value and do.

## Skills:

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| Ability to formulate/defend positions             | Ability to listen critically                   |
| Ability to analyze cause/effects                  | Ability to understand ideas/values             |
| Ability to appreciate others' perspectives        | Proficiency in analytical reasoning            |
| Ability to concentrate for long periods of time   | Ability to organize/conduct/explain research   |
| Ability to make critical observations/evaluations | Ability to speak effectively/learn objectively |
| Ability to summarize/solve complicated material   | Comprehensive command of grammar/vocabulary    |

## Some Professional Careers:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Advertising Executive | Diplomat                | Lecturer            |
| Analyst               | Editorial Assistant     | Librarian           |
| Anthropologist        | Etymologist             | Lobbyist            |
| Arbitrator            | FBI Agent               | Market Research     |
| Archivist             | Film Editor             | Paralegal Assistant |
| Biographer            | Foreign Correspondent   | Personnel Manager   |
| Book Critic           | Freelance Writer        | Physician           |
| Clergy                | Historian               | Political Scientist |
| College Administrator | Hospital Case Worker    | Psychiatrist        |
| College Advisor       | Human Resource Trainee  | Psychologist        |
| College Instructor    | Institutional Research  | Publisher           |
| Columnist/Commentator | Insurance Agent         | Research Assistant  |
| Computer Programmer   | Interviewer             | Social Worker       |
| Copy Editor           | Journalist              | Systems Analyst     |
| Criminologist         | Judge                   | Technical Writer    |
| Critic                | Labor Relations Trainee |                     |
| Curator               | Lawyer                  |                     |

## Hiring Organizations:

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| Archives             | Professional periodicals |
| Bookstores           | Public Relations firms   |
| Churches             | Publishing companies     |
| Government agencies  | Radio/TV industry        |
| Insurance companies  | Religious organizations  |
| Libraries            | Research institutions    |
| Magazines/Newspapers | Social service agencies  |

Museums  
Non-profit foundations

Travel agencies

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