



PHILOSOPHY

Program Objectives

The Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science offers a program that leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. The study of philosophy is the reasoned pursuit of fundamental truths. It is a systematic investigation of the key assumptions that underlie our thinking and which often are taken for granted. Much of what is learned in philosophy can be applied in virtually any endeavor. This is both because philosophy touches upon so many subjects, and especially because many of its methods and forms of analysis are applicable in any field.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: Philosophy

Minor Offered: Philosophy

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Career Possibilities*

Administrator
Advertiser
Advocate
Clergy Member
Counselor
Editor
Environmentalist
Financier
Diplomat
Fund Raising
Position in Human Resources
Insurance Agent
Federal Government Agent
Journalist
Lawyer
Manager
Positions in the Medical Field
Policy Developer
Researcher
Positions in Student Affairs
Teacher

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active
Active Listening
Complex Problem
Critical Thinking
Instructing
Judgment and Decision Making
Learning Strategies
Reading Comprehension
Speaking
Writing

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Social/Community Services	Nonprofit organizations Social service organizations Public interest research groups Museums Mental health agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop excellent verbal and written communication skills. • Gain related work experience. • Volunteer in relevant organizations. • Obtain master's degree in social work or counseling • Become familiar with grant writing techniques.
Education	Colleges and universities Adult education programs Vocational-technical educational programs Professional or graduate schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a doctorate degree for opportunities in teaching or research. • Develop one or more concentrations • Related experience through internships, volunteering, or employment. • Earn a master's degree in a specialized area • Seek campus leadership positions
Government	Federal, state, local government Commission on Civil Rights Federal Communications Foreign Service Legislative, executive, judicial Special interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplement curriculum with courses in area. • Serve in model United Nations. • Become involved in student government. • Acquire foreign language competency and travel • Earn a graduate degree in political science or public administration • Volunteer with the staff of a government official.
Writing Technical Writing Journalism Advertising	Publishing companies Magazine, newspaper companies Professional associations Advertising agencies Electronic media organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve on college newspaper staff. • Develop excellent writing and desktop publishing skills. • Take courses in journalism, advertising, public relations, or English. • Gain related experience. • Become a student member of a related professional group.

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Enrichment Opportunities

- Internships** For more information contact Dept. of Philosophy.
usm.maine.edu/cecd
- Study Abroad** For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad
- Clubs & Organizations** Philosophy Symposium
For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list
- USM Corporate Partners** The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

- USMCareerConnections:**
USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections
- O*NET OnLine:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooH
- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...**
[American Philosophical Association](#)
[American Society for Bioethics and Humanities](#)
[Association for Practical and Professional Ethics](#)
[Society for Business Ethics](#)
[American Philosophical Practitioners Association](#)
[Association for Feminist Ethics and Social Theory](#)



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