

## Philosophy Major Marketing Notes

Philosophy is the ultimate "transferable work skill." With its emphasis on reason and argumentation, philosophy is an excellent preparation for a career in law, religion, business, international diplomacy, social work, medical management or writing as well as post-graduate education.

### What skills does studying philosophy develop?

- generate ideas on a variety of problems
- formulate and solve problems
- uncover assumptions and suggest alternatives
- ability to distinguish subtle differences without overlooking similarities
- analyze, develop and formulate logical arguments
- capability to make knowledgeable decisions, examining thoroughly the consequences of various actions
- aptitude to examine various angles of topics
- ability to write and speak clearly and effectively
- interpret and assess various thoughts and theories

Training in the practice of philosophy means training in:

Stating your own views as clearly and precisely as possible  
Seeking out the best possible arguments *against* your own views  
Seeking out the full range of alternatives to your own views that a reasonable person might take seriously  
Understanding the arguments for alternative views as charitably as you can  
Critically evaluating the cases for and against a range of possible views

and these are skills that will serve you well in any intellectual problem you might encounter.