

WHY MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY?

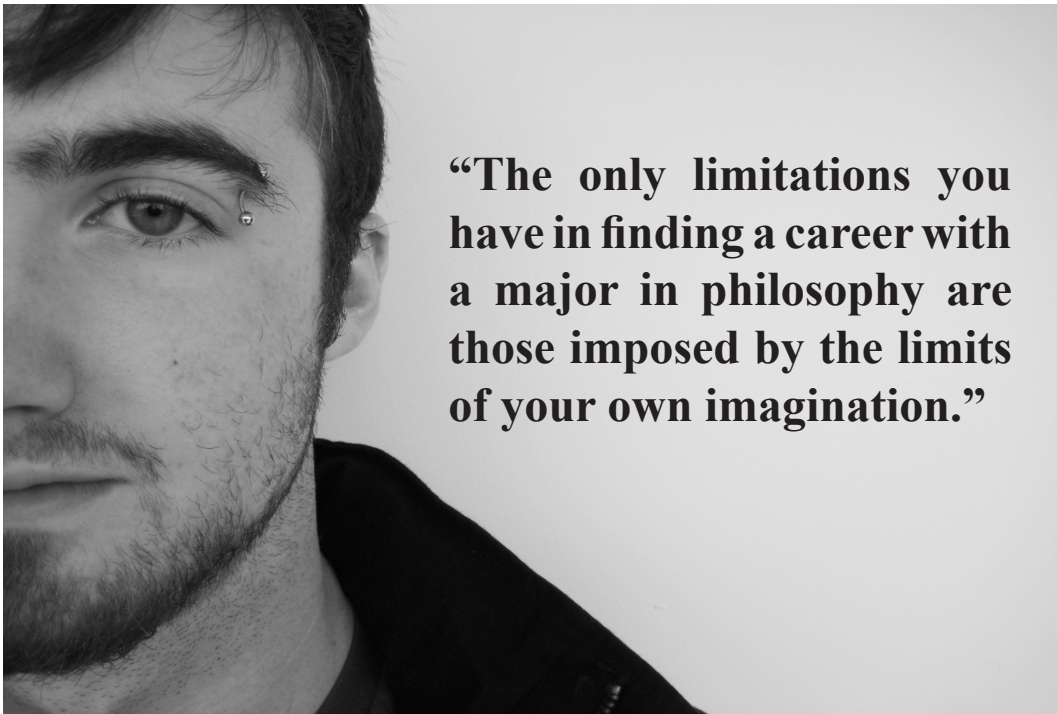
There are many good reasons for majoring in Philosophy. Philosophy is the study of the most fundamental questions that arise from our reflections on the meaning of human life and our place in the universe. It involves the critical examination of such issues as what is true, how should we live our lives, and what is the nature of ultimate reality. The kinds of questions asked in philosophy classes are the deepest and most meaningful in any discipline and get to the heart of what it means to be a human being.

Philosophy majors are also trained to think critically, a skill valued by nearly every profession. Unlike more specialized disciplines—business, nursing, or education, for example—your philosophy degree doesn't lock you into just one profession. This sort of flexibility is more important than ever, as the average person will change careers (not just jobs) more than SIX TIMES in his or her life.

The simple fact is that philosophy provides the kind of rigorous training that goes hand-in-hand with academic and career success. Here are just a few important facts that you may want to know if you are considering a major in philosophy:

- Philosophy majors are among the best-prepared students entering graduate and professional schools (National Institute of Education study).
- Philosophy majors consistently score higher than any other majors in the verbal, math, and analytic sections of standardized tests (Graduate Record Examination data).
- Philosophy majors in business typically advance more rapidly than coworkers who possess a business degree only ("To Beat the Market, Hire a Philosopher," New York Times, Jan. 10, 1999).
- Philosophy majors earn more than either Business Administration or Nursing majors ten years after graduating from college (Bureau of Labor Statistic; see also "College Annual Salary Report," PayScale.com Quantitative Analysis, 2009).

So whether you want to delve into the most important questions of life during college, get into a nationally-recognized graduate school, or develop the skills you need to succeed in the career of your choice, philosophy is most definitely the major for you!



“The only limitations you have in finding a career with a major in philosophy are those imposed by the limits of your own imagination.”