

# MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

## Philosophy College of Liberal Arts

### Mission of the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts offers a rich variety of courses, majors and interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and the social sciences. Being well educated involves developing an array of intellectual skills, having the ability to use a variety of methodologies to understand our changing world, and having a broad base of diverse knowledge. Our courses and degree programs are designed to provide such a foundation and to create life-long learners who can adapt to the inevitably changing environments they will encounter.

Visit this site for more information:  
<http://www.unlv.edu/liberalarts>

### About the Philosophy Major

**Philosophy investigates general topics of human interest, including morality and the good life, law and the political life, god and the sacred, good and bad reasoning, the nature of the mind, evidence, language, art and the beautiful.**

**The Department of Philosophy at UNLV offers a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Law and Justice Concentration. The course of study is designed to provide students with a critical background in logic and argumentation, as well as an extended introduction to some of the most important philosophical themes and traditions from ancient to contemporary times.**

**A degree in philosophy is widely recognized as an excellent preparation for careers in law, academia, medicine, and even business.**

### UNLV Academic Advising for Philosophy Majors

*Academic Advisors meet with students about their academic goals and assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.*

College of Liberal Arts Wilson Advising Center  
Phone: 702-895-1997  
Campus Location: WRI B131  
<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/WAC/>

### Philosophy Career Options

- Advertising Executive
- Arbitrator
- Archivist
- Biographer
- Book Critic
- College/University Administrator
- Columnist
- Curator
- Counselor
- Copy Editor
- Diplomat
- Editorial Assistant
- Educator
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Correspondent
- Foreign Service Representative
- Government Employee
- Human Resources Administrator
- Insurance Rep.
- International Relations Expert
- Journalist/Reporter
- Judge, Lawyer, Paralegal
- Lecturer
- Librarian
- Manuscript Reader
- Member of Clergy
- Public Administrator
- Public Relations Expert
- Publisher
- Research Assistant
- Writer

### Honor Society in Philosophy

Phi Sigma Tau is the National Honor Society in Philosophy.

Neon Stoa is the Philosophy Club at UNLV. The idea is to pick a topic, reading, or movie that club members are interested in, distribute relevant materials beforehand, and then meet to discuss.

Phi Sigma Tau & Neon Stoa: <http://phil.unlv.edu>

### Professional Association in Philosophy

American Philosophical Association: <http://apaonline.org>

### Organizations Hiring Philosophy Majors

- Corporations of all sizes and industries
- Higher Education (e.g., Colleges & Universities)
- Federal, state and local governmental agencies
- Legal Firms
- Non-Profit Agencies
- Publishing agencies (e.g., magazines & newspapers)

### Graduate Programs at UNLV

The Philosophy Department does not offer graduate programs in philosophy, but please visit the UNLV Graduate College website for programs that are offered at UNLV: <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu>

# Helpful Career Information

## Employers rate candidate soft skills/qualities in order of importance

- 1 Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- 2 Ability to work in a team structure
- 3 Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- 4 Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- 5 Ability to obtain and process information
- 6 Ability to analyze quantitative data
- 7 Technical knowledge related to the job
- 8 Proficiency with computer software programs
- 9 Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- 10 Ability to sell or influence others

Source: Job Outlook 2013

Courtesy of the National Association of Colleges and Employers

## MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2010-2012

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Advertising Executive	\$41,480 - \$166,400	\$83,890
Curator	\$27,640 - \$86,250	\$48,450
Editor	\$28,880 - \$96,800	\$51,460
Human Resources Administrator	\$61,560 - \$166,400	\$99,180
Librarian	\$33,590 - \$83,510	\$54,500
Reporter, Correspondent, & Broadcast News Analyst	\$27,560 - \$146,230	\$54,140

\*Salary range can depend on level of education\*

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OCH covers hundreds of occupations and describes: What They Do, Work Environment, How to Become One, Pay, and more. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2010-20 decade.

### Career Exploration/Planning

**FOCUS 2:** UNLV's computerized assessment that profiles your interests, abilities, and values and helps you find a career that's right for you.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessment.html>

**Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI):** Assessment designed to identify how you are energized, how you take in information, how you make decisions, and how you approach life.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentMBTI.html>

**Strong Interest Inventory:** Generates an in-depth assessment of your interests among a broad range of occupations, work and leisure activities, and educational subjects.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerAssessmentStrong.html>

### UNLV Career Services

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

<http://hire.unlv.edu/>

### Internship Opportunities

UNLV CareerLink is a free, online recruiting system that helps students, alumni, and employers connect in a variety of ways.

Students can use CareerLink to search for: job and internship listings, on-campus recruiting interviews, employers information sessions, resume book database, and dates for career fairs.

<http://hire.unlv.edu/careerlink.html>

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