

# Careers in Philosophy

Three major assets of a major in philosophy are:

- 1) It develops the individual's intellectual awareness
- 2) It sensitizes the individual to diversity of interpretations
- 3) It develops the individual's ability to analyze complex materials quickly and accurately.

This is sustained by the high performances of philosophy majors on the GRE and the LSAT

## *Career Options in Philosophy*

As pointed out by the American Philosophical Association, "...employers want, and reward, many of the capacities which the study of philosophy develops: for instance, the ability to solve problems, to communicate, to organize ideas and issues, to assess pros and cons, and to boil down complex data." Philosophy majors can be found in most professions, including:

- Law
- Education
- Computer Science
- Management
- Publishing
- Ministry

***Philosophy Majors in Their Careers*** - Many students and parents ask what can be done with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. The following list of some well known people with philosophy degrees should help answer that question.

Mary Higgins Clark - writer

William Clinton - U.S. president

Mario Cuomo - politician & former governor of New York

Angela Davis - activist & political philosopher

John Elway - quarterback, NFL

Ken Follett - writer

Harrison Ford - actor

Matt Groening - Creator of "The Simpsons"

Phil Jackson - coach, L.A. Lakers

Thomas Jefferson - U.S. president

Martin Luther King Jr. - minister & civil rights leader

Bruce Lee - martial arts & actor

Jay Leno - comedian & Tonight Show host

Amy Madigan - actress

Steve Martin - comedian & actor

James Michener - writer

Dennis Miller - comedian

Iris Murdoch - writer

Stone Phillips - News

Susan Sarandon - actress  
Mike Schmidt - former Philadelphia Philly  
Alexander Solzhenitsin - writer  
Gene Siskel - movie critic  
Herbert Simon - economist & Nobel laureate  
David Souter - Supreme Court Justice  
Elie Wiesel - writer & Nobel Peace Prize winner



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