

Alfred University

Career Development Center

CAREERS IN...PHILOSOPHY

The Field

The Philosophy degree acquaints the student with diverse thought systems, develops critical thinking skills and examines the application of these skills to other disciplines. A student who graduates with a major in Philosophy should be knowledgeable about the history of Western thought, capable of logical analysis of contemporary issues, and skilled in discovering the presuppositions and arguments of diverse thought systems. Philosophy is excellent preparation for government, business and service professions, and graduate and professional schools.

Sample Job Titles

- Lobbyist
- Consultant
- Editor/Publisher
- Archivist
- Ethics advisor
- Professor
- Diplomat
- Critic (art, books, film)
- Anthropologist
- Survey interviewer
- Historian
- Social worker
- Journalist
- Human resources specialist
- Public administrator
- Judge
- Public service official
- Forensic scientist
- Librarian
- Foreign service worker
- Research assistant
- Paralegal
- Market research analyst
- Clergy person
- Personnel manager
- Business administrator
- Lawyer

Our Graduates...Where Are They Now?

Within the past few years, graduates have obtained employment as:

Language Teacher – Yancheng Institute of Technology

Volunteer – Peace Corps

Computer Systems Specialist – Harvard University Graduate School of Design

Banker – HSBC Bank

Copywriter – Metaltek Instruments

...and have attended graduate school at:

University of Virginia Law School (Law)

University of Richmond (Law)

Seton Hall Law School (Law/Public Policy)

Alfred University (Community Service Administration)

University of San Diego (Philosophy)

Alumni who graduated several years ago are currently employed as...

Chief Executive Officer – Nuzzo & Campion Stone Enterprises, Inc.

Partner/Lawyer – New England Legal Search

Professor of Education – Florida International University

President – Icon Imaging

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Get Experience on Campus

Try to get involved on campus in activities or organizations related to your area of interest. Some campus organizations, clubs, or offices through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- Student Government
- Students for Social Change
- Student Volunteers for Community Action
- Political Science Society

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs and internships, post a resume and more
- InternTrak, on CDC's website, for assistance in finding internships and co-ops
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – speak to alumni in your career field
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools
- Web resources: we recommend www.idealists.org