

TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY PHILOSOPHY

1. Philosophy stimulates one's abilities to think critically, creatively, and enhance analytical and interpretive capacities.
2. Students with an emphasis in Philosophy generally develop an interest in self-expression and reflection and enjoy debating ideas, skills which provide the ability to deal with the complex problems for which there are no easy answers.
3. Instead of one particular skill, philosophy prepares students for careers in a wide field of professions, such as law, medicine, government, business, journalism, publishing, teaching and the ministry.
4. In a global environment, people who are able to use critical thought and imagination are especially sought for by employers.
5. Are you interested in actively participating in the future of this society and country? Studying Philosophy helps one become a better citizen by promoting the ability to listen carefully, critically evaluate and respond thoughtfully to the claims that others make. These are the fundamental skills we need as citizens to engage in the sort of public discourse that is essential to a healthy democratic process.
6. Students follow in the footsteps of famous Philosophy majors as Phil Jackson (Chicago Bulls), Umberto Eco (Novelist), Carly Fiorina (CEO of Hewlett-Packert), Aung San Suu Kyi (Burmanese Human Rights Activist and Nobel Peace Prize Winner), David Souter (Supreme Court Justice), Bruce Lee (Movie Star), Harrison Ford (Sexiest Man Alive, *People Magazine* 1998), Tom Morris (Corporate Consultant), and Robert MacNamamara (Former Secretary of Defense and Head of the World Bank).
7. Philosophy students are more likely than computer scientists to land jobs immediately after graduation. In a study released by Higher Education Statistics Agency, 63% had jobs, 15% pursued further full time education, and only 7% were unemployed. *Source: Times Higher Education Supplement, August, 2004. p9 (1).*
8. Thinking about and discussing the most urgent question: the meaning of Being (Martin Heidegger).
9. Studying in an environment where the "art of disagreeing" is practiced.
10. Philosophy students acquire eligibility to become part of the famous Philosophy Club at College of DuPage.

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