What Can I Do With A Major In: Philosophy

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DESCRIPTION
Philosophy is the love, study or pursuit of wisdom. The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is designed to encourage students to be intellectually courageous, to work both cooperatively and independently, to form new connections and to master analysis, interpretation, effective communication and imagination skills that are becoming increasingly crucial for success in any endeavor.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

| Accountant | Lawyer | Public Relations Director |
| Banker | Librarian | Publisher |
| Consultant | Marketing | Retail Management |
| Counselor | Minister | Research |
| Foreign Service Officer | Non-Profit Work | Self-Employed |
| Journalist | Professor | Social Worker |
| Labor Relations | Public Policy | Teacher |

WHO EMPLOY STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?
Law Firms | Schools and Universities | Government Businesses | Newspaper and Television Companies | Magazines and Blogs | Churches and Religious Buildings | Non-Profit Organizations

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION
At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

WCU holds conferences and special opportunities for Philosophy & Religion students. Through these conferences, students can travel or study abroad while learning more in their subject as well as find internships.

For more information on these special opportunities:-
WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?
Independent Worker | Comprehensive Grammar and Vocabulary | Curiosity and Creativity | Formulated Ideas and Concepts | Oral & Written Communication | Viewing From Other Perspectives | Analytical Reasoning | Concentration | Problem Solving | Analyze Cause and Effect | Teamwork

KNOWLEDGE
- Identify and clearly articulate philosophical arguments, uncover and challenge hidden assumptions, and evaluate adequate and inadequate solutions to a wide range of complex problems.
- Analyze the strengths, weaknesses, and implications of a wide array of moral theories, and apply these theories to contemporary moral problems.
- Recognize the origins and historical development, continuity/discontinuity, and cultural conditions characterizing important texts, theories, individuals, movements and institutions in the history of philosophy.
- Identify and clearly articulate the major texts, figures, movements, and institutions in the history of some religious traditions.
- Distinguish and use interpretive, explanatory, and evaluative approaches to religious beliefs and practices.
- Analyze connections between religion and other cultural practices and institutions (e.g., politics, gender, economics, race).

Interested in the classes you’ll be taking? Check your eight semester program here: http://www.wcu.edu/WebFiles/PDFs/PAR-8semesterPlan-PHL2013.pdf

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES
- American Philosophical Association - http://www.apaonline.org
- American Association of Philosophy Teachers - http://philosophyteachers.org
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the “Groups You May Like” link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

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