

Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy is the art of rational thought. Every branch of knowledge depends upon rational thinking, but philosophy is unique in that the application of reason and logic becomes the very source of knowledge — whether employed critically, in the examination of the assumptions underlying a field of inquiry or belief system, or constructively in the search for necessary truths about the nature of reality itself.

A philosophy degree focuses on the "nature of being," knowledge, and contemplating right and wrong in moral issues. It trains you to become disciplined and imaginative, and you'll learn how to reason through both profound and mundane questions. You'll practice forming an argument for debate. The principles of philosophy affect many other fields of study, such as physics and religion. Every religious belief and field of science is subject matter for philosophical inquiry.

What you can be with your Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts Degree:

Management Consultant #1122	Benefits Officer #1432	Marketing Specialist/Representative #0124	Library and Archive Technician #5211
Public Relations Consultant #5124	Market Researcher #4163	Insurance Agent #6231	Job Analyst #1121
Public Policy Analyst #4162	Educator/Trainer #1121	Alumni Relations Officer #5124	Research Assistant/Researcher #4164/#4165
Writer/Author/Columnist #5121	Editor #5122	Reporter/Correspondent #5123	Journalist #5123
Broadcaster #5231	Publisher #0016	Technical Writer #5121	Social Worker #4152
Political Aide #4168	Police Officer #4311	Academic Advisor #4033	Research and Development Officer
Human Rights Advocate #4112	Paralegal #4211	Community Activist #4164	Program Coordinator #1121
Volunteer Coordinator #4212	Professor #4121	Chaplain #4154	Human Resources Specialist/ Recruiter #1121/1223
Lawyer #4112	Intelligence Officer #4168	Foreign Correspondent #5123	Diplomat #4168

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four-digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC>)

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

RDC Information: Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts<https://rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts/bachelor-arts-philosophy>**Potential employers:**

Social Services	Research Organizations	Consulting Services	Environmental Agencies
Colleges and Universities	Government	Newspaper & Magazine	Libraries
Foreign Service	Mental Health Organizations	Health Service Institutions	Non Profit Organizations
Media Museums	Political Organizations	Publishing Companies	Religious Associations
Museums	Business Organizations	Teaching Establishments	Advertising Agencies

Major Skills Obtained from Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts Degree Program:

- Ability to think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detailed description
- Ability to evaluate lines of reasoning for validity and soundness
- Proficiency in using techniques for addressing complex ethical and practical dilemmas
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Ability to evolve new perspectives on a problem
- Skills in examining the grounds for the beliefs that makes up people's fundamental views of the world
- Debating Skills
- Theory Development
- Deductive Reasoning
- Ability to quickly understand complex problems and identify solutions
- Computer skills - word processing
- Interdisciplinary perspective
- Ability to speak articulately and listen objectively
- Exposure to different cultural environments

Professional associations and sites of interest

Canadian Philosophical Association -

www.acpcpa.caCanadian Society of Questers - www.questers.ca

American Philosophy Association -

www.udel.edu/apa/Red Deer College – www.rdc.ab.ca/employmentCity of Red Deer – www.reddeer.caCity of Calgary – www.calgary.caCity of Edmonton – www.edmonton.caCorus Entertainment - www.corusent.comGovernment of Alberta – www.jobs.alberta.caCTV Globe Media - www.ctvglobemedia.com

Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal

Government) - <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/>RBC - www.rbc.com/careers/index.html

Royal Alberta Museum

<https://royalalbertamuseum.ca/>

Alberta Health Services

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>

Red Deer Hospice

<https://www.reddeerhospice.com/>

Canada Border Services Agency -

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