UST Career Development Center

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN...

Philosophy

Philosophy Programs Available at the University of St. Thomas:
Major: B.A. Philosophy
Minor: Philosophy

Department Website: http://www.stthomas.edu/philosophy/

Major Overview:

Philosophy engages questions such as:

- Is the human mind just a very complicated machine?
- Can we have free will if the mind is a machine?
- Must we have free will in order for life to be meaningful?
- What makes an act moral or immoral?
- When, if ever, can a government mandate moral acts or outlaw immoral acts?
- Is it ever permissible to start a war with a preemptive strike?
- Is the design in the world evidence that there is a God?
- Do the world's evils show that a good God cannot exist?
- What is the role of philosophy in dealing with questions about God?
- What is knowledge?
- Can we know anything with certainty?
- Are warrants for knowledge relative to particular cultures?

Philosophy considers these questions, and countless others, from the standpoint of human reason and experience. It emphasizes precise and careful argument, and sharpens your thinking skills. The philosophy program at St. Thomas will introduce you to distinguished philosophical work over the centuries and into our own time. While attending carefully to philosophers whose works are foundational to the Catholic intellectual tradition, particularly Aristotle and Aquinas, the program is committed to broad integration of our understanding of reality. As you work to construct a philosophical worldview you will engage a variety of traditions, including non-Western, and confront questions prompted by the study of such subjects as the natural and social sciences, mathematics, medicine, business, law, theology, the fi ne arts, and literature.

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What do UST Philosophy alumni do?

A sample of **entry level** job titles and employers of alumni six to nine months after graduation:

Sample Job Titles: Seminarian, Base Camp Guide, Religious Brother, Faith Formation Coordinator, Youth Minister, Manager, High School Math Teacher, Overnight Counselor, Director of Religious Education, Missionary, Hall Chaplain

Sample Employers: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Boy Scouts of America, Diocese of St. Cloud, Institute of the Incarnate Word, St. John's Church of Little Canada, Owakahi Incorporated, Diocese of Lansing, St. Paul Seminary

Sample Graduate Schools: University of Nebraska-Omaha, William Mitchell College of Law, Sacred Heart Seminary, Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mount St. Mary's University, University of St. Thomas, University of Chicago Law School, University of Missouri – St. Louis

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Additional Opportunities in Philosophy:

Education
Teaching
Research
Administration
Student Affairs
Academic Affairs
Library Sciences

Ethics
Teaching
Research
Medical/Clinical
Bioethics
Environmental
Law-Related

Law
Prosecution
Defense
Contractual
Corporate
Nonprofit or Public Interest
Government
Mediation
Other Specialties
Law Assistance

Business
Sales
Management
Office Administration
Human Resources
Training and Development
Writing/Editing
Underwriting and Claims Management

Social / Community Services
Administration/Management
Fund Raising/Development
Public Relations
Policy Analysis
Research
Grant Writing
Direct Service

Religiously Affiliated Areas
Clergy and Other Religious Leaders Including:
- Buddhist, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Islamic, Hindu, Greek Orthodox

Vocation as Monk or Nun
Chaplaincy
Mission Work:
- Church Development
- Community or Agricultural Development
- Educational
- Medical
- Metropolitan Evangelism

Local Ministries Including:
- Youth Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Leisure Ministries
- Counseling/Recovery
- Religious Education
- Day Care, Children and Adult
- Food Bank/Emergency Ministries
- Family Life Center Management

Music-Oriented Ministries
Religious Camp Administration

Government / Politics
Public Policy
Research
Regional Planning
City Management
Intelligence
Foreign Service
Law Enforcement
Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services
Program Administration
Elected or Appointed Leadership
Campaign Management
Staff Administration
Special Interest Advocacy

Communications
Writing
Editing
Technical
Writing
Journalism

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