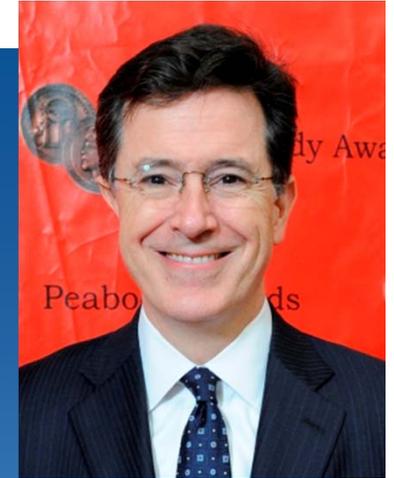




Stephen Breyer
Supreme Court Judge
Philosophy Major



Stephen Colbert
Comedian
Philosophy Major

What is Philosophy Good For? or: What to tell your Parents if You Want to Major or Minor in Philosophy!

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Mary Higgins Clark
Novelist
Philosophy Major



George Soros
Investor
Philosophy Major

Philosophy is “Marketable”

Skills Desired by Many Employers and Careers

- * Learning new knowledge and skills
- * Analyzing Ideas and Arguments
- * Writing clearly and effectively
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Careers for Philosophy Majors

Juan Williams
Journalist
Philosophy Major

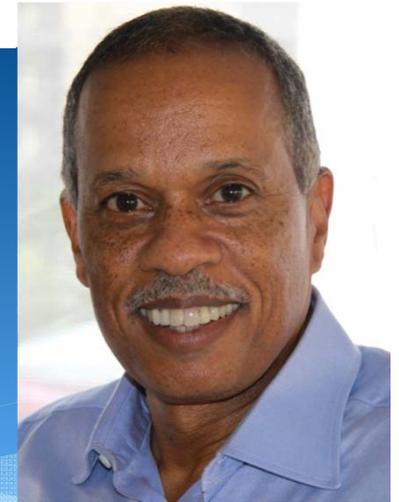


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- * Most employers care about degree, not major...
- * Law (law schools love phil majors)
- * Business (sales, management, advertising, etc.)
- * Non-profits and community service
- * Government and education
- * Communication (writing, editing, journalism, computer programming, etc.)
- * Sciences (with double major)
- * Prep for Graduate School (for any of the above)

Midcareer salaries of people with BA degree :
Philosophy is above average (\$75,000), and
\$10,000 higher than those with business admin
or psychology major

Carly Fiorina
Former CEO of GE
Philosophy Major



Philosophy Majors: Best Test Scores!

- * LSAT (for law)
 - * Better scores than all other humanities majors (and all others except math and physics)
 - * Take symbolic logic
- * GRE (for graduate school in sciences or humanities)
 - * Better *verbal* scores than any major
 - * Better *writing* scores than any major
 - * Better *quantitative* scores than any humanities major
- * GMAT (for business schools)
 - * Better than any other humanities major



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And don't forget...



- * College is not just about helping you get a better job
- * It's also about helping you lead a better life, making you a well-rounded and educated person
- * Philosophical questions are interesting, often fun, and always important:
 - * How should I lead my life?
 - * What is a just society?
 - * What (and whom) should I believe?
 - * When are we morally responsible?



Do Steve Martin (Comedian/actor), Susan Sontag (Writer/activist), Arian Foster (NFL player), and Wes Anderson (Filmmaker) live better lives because they were philosophy majors?

Philosophy at Georgia State has a lot to offer you



- * All upper-level courses taught by the Department's 20 Professors and Lecturers, experts in their areas of research
 - * One of top Masters programs in the world
- * Small classes (typically 15-35) geared towards discussion and learning to think and write well
- * Philosophy Major & Phil Major with Pre-law (10 courses);
Philosophy Minor & Ethics Minor (5 courses)
- * Interdisciplinary—an ideal combination with other majors or minors
- * An active undergraduate club, *The Philosophers' Guild*

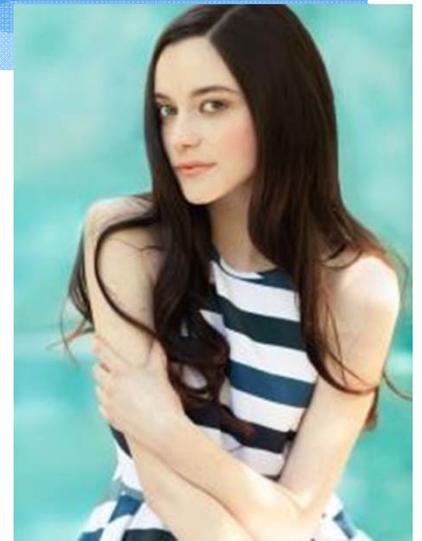
What to do next?

- * Take Philosophy 3000: Introductory Seminar in Philosophy next semester!
- * Or take another 3000-level philosophy course (e.g., Origins of Western Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Existentialism, Marriage & Family, Moral Problems, Business Ethics)
- * Talk with your philosophy teacher, meet with a philosophy advisor
- * Check out www.gsu.edu/philosophy
 - * Including the “Why Philosophy?” page and ...

... Philosophy Majors in their Own Words

- * “Philosophy taught me how to think and react in the real world. It taught me to analyze situations and arguments logically and creatively, and how to take a position on a situation and support it.”

-Madison Olson (BA in Philosophy 2013)



- * “My finance major helped get my resume on people's desks, but in interviews people wanted to talk more about my philosophy degree. I have yet to meet an employer who doesn't value logic, creativity, and critical thinking, so I would strongly urge anyone studying Philosophy to enter the job market ready to display these assets to potential employers.”

- Jeremy Dollar (BA in Philosophy 2011, now at McKesson Consulting Firm)





Major in a Minute video:

- * <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsvyBJtFOdg>
- * <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwphi/12991.html>
- * <https://sites.google.com/site/whystudyphilosophy/>