

What Philosophy majors have that employers want

Reading Skills. Philosophy majors can make sense of complicated documents and recognize the difference between solid arguments and rhetorical flourishes.

Writing Skills. Philosophy majors get experience explaining concepts clearly and framing persuasive arguments in writing.

Analysis/Research. Philosophy majors know how to distinguish and evaluate arguments, pinpoint implicit premises, diagnose logical leaps, weigh relevant evidence, and raise substantive objections.

Problem-Solving. Philosophy majors learn how to think abstractly and how to apply their knowledge to new problems and new contexts.

Philosophy majors are problem-solvers who get to the heart of the matter and draw crucial connections. Their exposure to core areas of philosophy like logic and ethics makes them clear and careful thinkers who appreciate the importance of principled and humane individual interactions and policies.

Proof? Philosophy majors collectively score highest in verbal reasoning and analytic writing on the GRE.¹ Philosophy majors have the highest average LSAT scores.² Philosophy majors have the fourth highest mean scores on the GMAT, trailing only physics, mathematics, and engineering.³ Philosophy majors who apply to medical school have a higher acceptance rate than any other major.⁴

See how we can help! For more information: www.sjsu.edu/philosophy

¹ Data from Educational Testing Service, based on college graduates who tested August 1, 2011-April 30, 2014.

² 2014 data from Law School Admissions Council, Inc., based on >1000 test takers.

³ Profile of GMAT Candidates, 2007-2012.

⁴ American Medical Student Association, "Major Anxiety: If You Think Biochemistry is Your Ticket to Medical School, Think Again," Sept. 2000.