Philosophy

The interests of philosophy students vary considerably, but often sectors and issues such as Ethics, Law, the Public Sector, Politics, Charities, Media and Internet and Education can be a draw. The majority of these links shows how the sectors break down, the main graduate recruiters, characteristics of working in the sector and key current issues as well as lists of job roles available in the sector. Philosophy graduates can enter any sector, so if you are still very open minded then feel free to browse all the sectors on the Prospects website.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further pre-assessed useful information.

• Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) Management
• Think Tank Researcher
• Barrister
• Solicitor
• Civil Service Administrator
• Community Development Worker
• Newspaper Journalist
• Commissioning Editor
• Editorial Assistant
• Higher Education Lecturer

Finding Opportunities

Much of the information you need about getting work experience, placements and graduate jobs can be found in the links above. For legal careers and Higher Education Lecturer roles and research roles in Think Tanks further study is essential. Roles in the journalism, and publishing may benefit from a further qualification in order to gain the expertise to beat the competition but aren’t essential. Read our coaching topic on Postgraduate Study to find out more. On the whole, the other roles mentioned above do not require further study beyond your first degree, but some may require you to gain experience before you move into them e.g. CSR. Some routes in are well structured such as for the public sector roles listed. Others are more complicated such as CSR roles and a creative jobs search may be required to unearth vacancies.

• Working in CSR: University of Nottingham Working in CSR e-book.
• Working in Think Tanks: University of Oxford occupational information guide.
• For legal careers look at the Training Contracts and Pupillages handbook and LawCareers.net
• Finding ethical jobs.
• Look for Civil Service Administrative roles at Civil Service jobs
• Look for Intelligence analyst careers
• Community development roles are often available in Local Government so head to Local Government Jobs and Jobs Go Public.
• For journalism you may well need to take a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists
• For publishing try The Bookseller jobsite
• For further study head to the Postgraduate pages, and FindaPhD for PhD opportunities.

Further Reading

• Try The Newspaper Society for lists of local newspapers.
• The Law Society gives a great overview of legal careers.
• The Publishers Association