



# RANDOLPH COLLEGE

*Founded as Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1891*

## Philosophy

Philosophy examines alternative ways of viewing reality, mind, and experience: the nature, methods, and limits of knowledge and language; the principles and methods of reasoning in ethics; and the methods and content of aesthetic theory. The study of philosophy provides a systematic introduction to the basic questions which have arisen in the human mind, along with some of the proposed answers.

### Career Options for the Philosophy Undergraduate

#### **Government and Law**

Speechwriter  
Foreign Service Officer  
State Legislator  
Legislative Assistant  
Social Worker  
Local/State Government Elected Official  
\*Policy Analyst  
\*Public Defender  
\*Consumer Protection Advocate  
\*Public Health Officer  
\*Mediation Attorney  
\*City Solicitor  
\*Lawyer

#### **Non-Profit Organizations**

Community Organizer  
Fundraiser  
Grants Administrator  
Association Public Relations Director  
Missionary  
\*Biomedical Ethics Researcher  
\*Clergy

#### **Education**

Experiential Educator  
Editor  
Community Development Liaison  
Affirmative Action Officer  
Adult Education Director  
\*Human Services Coordinator  
\*College Administrator  
\*Court Liaison  
\*Professor  
\*Teacher  
\*Librarian  
\*Psychologist

#### **Business and Industry**

Technical Writer  
Marketing Researcher  
Human Resources Manager  
Underwriter/Claims Adjuster  
Journalist  
Designer  
\*Information Broker  
\*Computer Programmer  
\*Computer Systems Analyst  
\*Economist  
\*Artificial Intelligence/Expert Systems

*\*Denotes Careers that may require a Graduate Degree.*

### Job Outlook for these Careers:

**National:** U.S. Department of Labor  
[www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm)

**Virginia:**  
[www.vaview.vt.edu](http://www.vaview.vt.edu)

## Randolph Internship Opportunities

Central VA Training Center  
Campbell County Community Services  
Lynchburg Parks & Recreation

Philip Morris  
VA Conference of United Methodist Church  
Jester & Jester Law Office

## Employers of Alumnae

North Central-Texas Council of Governments  
Thelen, Reid & Priest Law Firm  
UNC Chapel Hill  
Citizens for Adult Learning and Literacy  
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

MBM Marketing  
Sinclair Community College  
UC Berkeley  
Family Service Partners

## Liberal Arts Skills

### **Analysis**

Reading critically  
Logical reasoning  
Interpreting data, relationships  
Identifying and clarifying values  
Synthesizing ideas

### **Communication**

Advising, counseling  
Articulating abstract concepts  
Presenting alternative viewpoints  
Interviewing  
Writing effectively  
Negotiating  
Resolving conflicts  
Debating

### **Problem Solving**

Linking specific issues to broad concepts  
Defining Problems  
Weighing Alternatives  
Identifying solutions  
Evaluating results  
Investigating alternatives  
Applying logic to problems

### **Research and Project Development**

Writing proposals  
Evaluation information  
Integrating opposing viewpoints  
Comparing perspectives  
Organizing ideas & information

## Graduate Schools Alumnae have Attended

University of Baltimore  
Georgia State  
Michigan State

New York University  
Rice University  
University of Virginia

## Associations related to the Philosophy Major

The American Philosophical Association [www.apa.udel.edu/apa](http://www.apa.udel.edu/apa)

### **Additional Sources of Information:**

Career Development Center  
West Hall 434-947-8116  
[www.randolphcollege.edu/cdc/](http://www.randolphcollege.edu/cdc/)