

Why Major in Philosophy?

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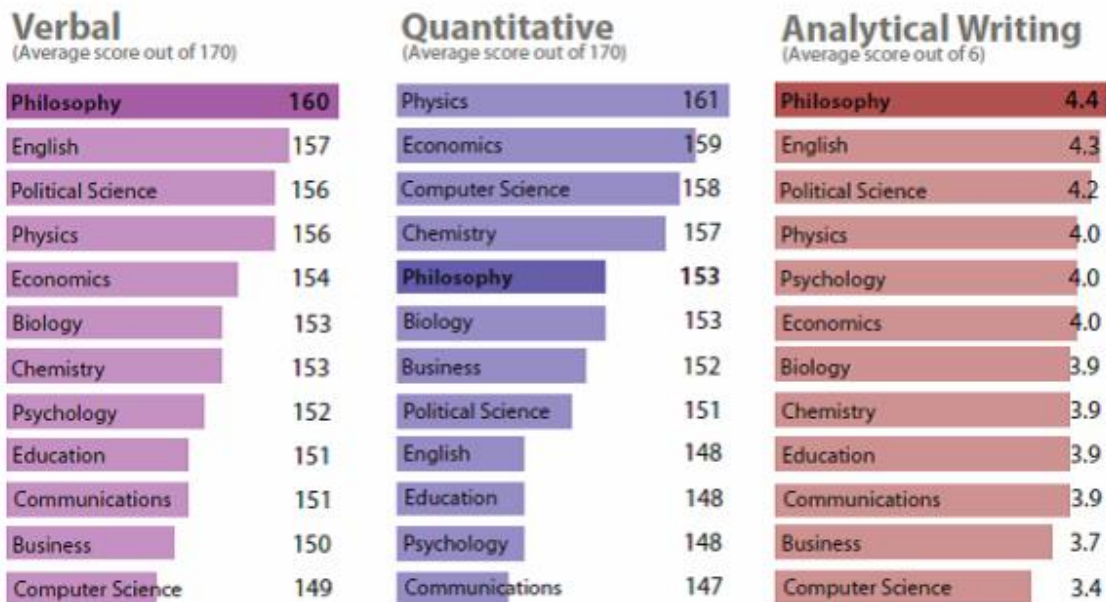
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GRE: Students who intend to study philosophy in graduate school score highly on the GRE.

[On the Benefits of a Philosophy Major](#)

THE POWER OF PHILOSOPHY

GRE SCORES BY INTENDED GRADUATE MAJOR, 2011-12



Source: Educational Testing Service; data available at <https://www.ets.org/gre/scores/guide/1112.pdf>

LSAT: Among majors with more than 1000 students taking the LSAT in 2013, philosophy students had the highest scores.

[LSAT Scores and GPAs of Law School Matriculants \(2013-2014\)](#)

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Philosophy provides students with the skills to think clearly, set goals and achieve them, and see problems objectively. For these reasons, students who major in philosophy see higher mid-career annual salaries than any other major in the humanities.

Philosophy majors are among the top salary earners of all humanities majors, with a potential to earn up to \$84,000 per year.

["A Philosophy Degree Earns more Money than an Accounting Degree"](#) (Yahoo News)
["Majors that Pay You Back"](#) (Payscale.com)

Of all college majors, Philosophy and Mathematics see the greatest percentage increase from starting to mid-career salary at 103.5%.

["Degrees that Pay You Back"](#) (Wall Street Journal)

Philosophy Majors also see the greatest return on investment of their college education, with a Lifetime Earnings Gain of over \$650,000.

Major	Early Career Salary	Mid Career Salary	Lifetime Earnings Gain
Art	\$36,100	\$57,100	\$315,500
Drama	\$35,600	\$56,300	\$302,400
English	\$38,700	\$65,200	\$444,700
French	\$40,900	\$66,700	\$470,900
History	\$39,700	\$71,000	\$537,800
Philosophy	\$41,700	\$78,300	\$658,900

From ["Surprise: Humanities Degrees Provide Great Return on Investment"](#) (Forbes)

Many of the world's top business, artistic, literary and spiritual leaders majored in Philosophy.

["9 Famous Execs who Majored in Philosophy"](#) (Business Insider)
[Some Famous Philosophy Majors](#)

Loyola's own Philosophy Major graduates have gone on to [successful careers in Medicine, Law, Business, Education, and Entertainment](#).

***Philosophy lays the groundwork for a rewarding life.**

Philosophy requires one to reflect on one's own core beliefs and values. Studies have shown that self-reflection is beneficial to one's personal well being and also makes one a better leader.

["How Philosophy Makes You a Better Leader"](#) (Harvard Business Review)

Philosophy is one of the most practical majors. Employers today are seeking people with the skills to come up with novel solutions to complex problems, and no area teaches these skills better than Philosophy. Therefore, when asked, "What can you do with a Philosophy?" the answer is, "Just about anything."

["Philosophy is Back in Business"](#) (Bloomberg Business)

["I think, therefore I Earn"](#) (The Guardian)

["Is Philosophy the Most Practical Major?"](#) (The Atlantic)

Philosophy students cultivate a sense of social responsibility. They care and are able to think critically about global and humanitarian issues.

["The Unexpected Ways Philosophy Majors are Changing the World of Business"](#) (Huffington Post)

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Whether you are studying political science, business, biology, or criminal justice, philosophy helps to round out your education and build the skills necessary to excel in your chosen career.

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Race

[Philosophers on race and Rachel Dolezal.](#)

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Victor Kumar on the puzzle of [moral luck.](#)

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