



## WHY MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY?

With a versatile degree in philosophy, you will be prepared to work in any field that values critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Oakland University's philosophy program also provides solid training for advanced study in fields such as law, government, public administration, ministry and teaching. The benefits of studying philosophy can enhance a student's quality of life in numerous ways:

- Critical reasoning as a shared practice helps to improve the human condition.
- A contemplative life rich in philosophical reflection is intrinsically valuable.
- The intellectual skills that philosophy majors acquire — analytic reasoning and writing — enable them to achieve among the highest levels of success in graduate education and career advancement. For example, philosophy majors outperform all other social science, humanities and vocational majors on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Philosophy majors rank second among all majors (with math majors ranking first) in their performance on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), according to the *Journal of Economic Education*. ([phil.ufl.edu/ugrad/whatis/LSATtable.html](http://phil.ufl.edu/ugrad/whatis/LSATtable.html))
- Philosophy majors leave college with intellectual skills that result in greater financial success at mid-career than most college graduates outside of the technical sciences like math and engineering.
- In terms of net earnings, subtracted from educational costs, philosophy majors get a return on investment equivalent to engineering or health majors.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

#### Nine Famous Execs Who Majored In Philosophy

By Max Nisen, *Business Insider*, January 19, 2014

#### For philosophy majors, the question after graduation is: What next?

By T. Rees Shapiro, *The Washington Post*, June 20, 2017

#### Philosophy major is valuable for virtually any career

By David Copp, *The Davis Enterprise*, May 28, 2017

#### The Earning Power of Philosophy Majors

By Bourree Lam, *The Atlantic*, September 3, 2015

#### A Case For Majoring In Philosophy

By Travis Chamberlain, *Forbes*, March 1, 2017

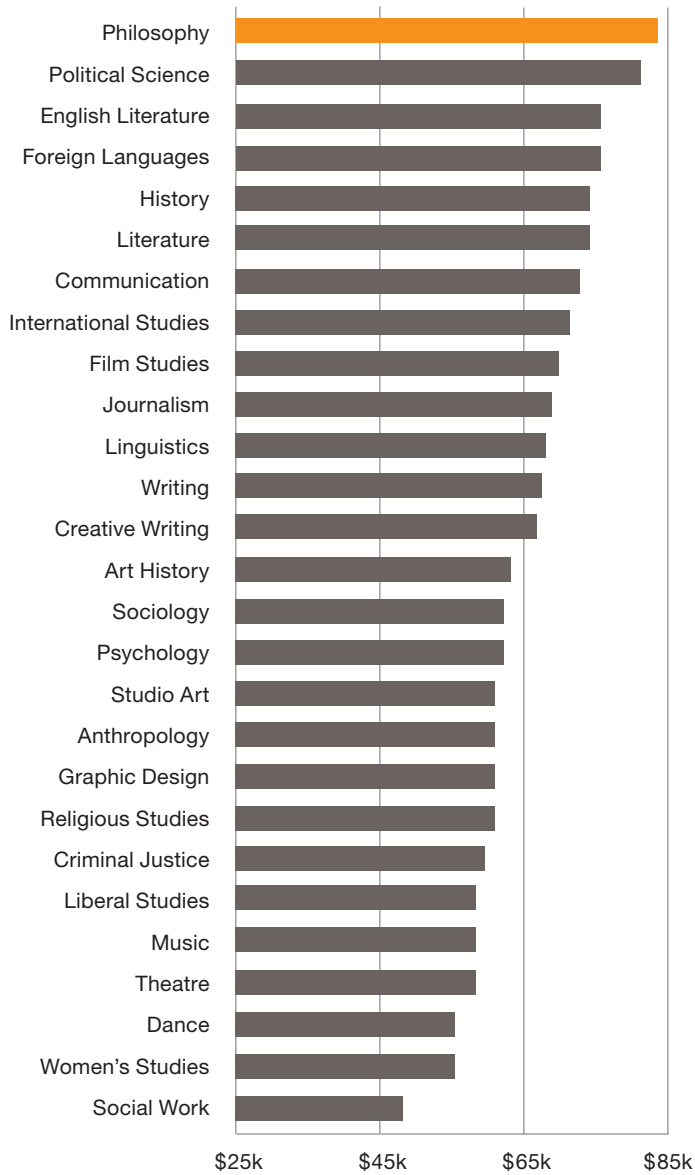
#### Be employable, study philosophy

By Shannon Rupp, *The Tyee*, June 27, 2013

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## AVERAGE SALARIES OF HUMANITIES MAJORS

(After 10+ Years)



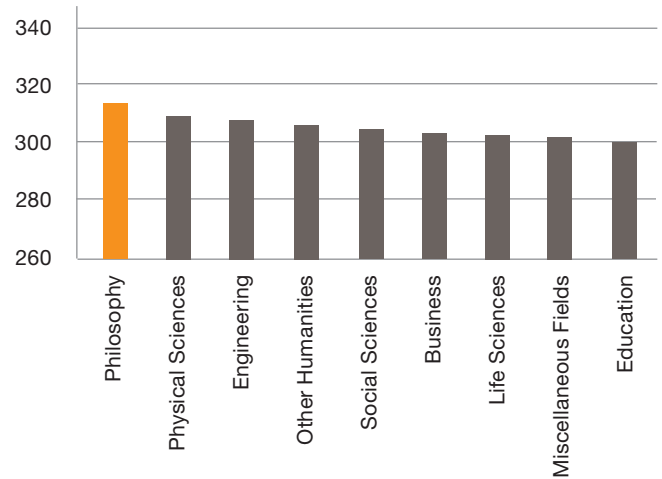
Data from PayScale's College Salary Report (2016-17)

*"I graduated with a B.A. in philosophy and it was by far the best major I could have taken in college. It allowed me to do anything I wanted to do. I wasn't pigeonholed to a certain subject."*

— Katy Tur, Journalist

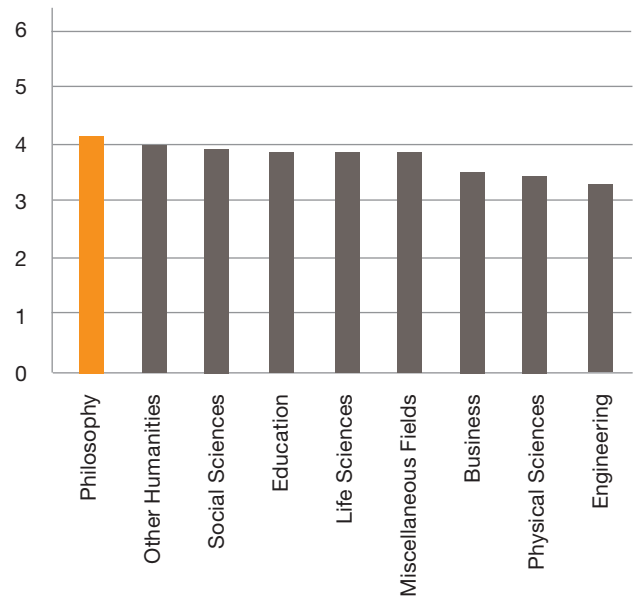
## AVERAGE GRE SCORES OF ALL MAJORS

(Verbal and Quantitative)



## AVERAGE GRE SCORES OF ALL MAJORS

(Analytical Writing)



*"Philosophy lies at the heart of our approach to recruiting and developing our leadership and our leaders. We need people who have the ability to look for different approaches and take an open mind to issues. These skills are promoted by philosophical approaches."*

— Lucy Adams, human resources director at Serco consulting

