**How to Figure Out Your Future as a Philosophy Major**

**Words to Know for Finding that First Job out of College:**

* Product management, project management (*for those with strong teamwork skills*)
* Technical writing/documentation (*requires methodical and detail-oriented mindset*)
* Analysis/analyst ​*(read the fine print: quantitative or qualitative information? Using what tools?*)
* Strategy/strategic (*read the fine print: what skills are they looking for?*)
* Business development rep, account executive, recruiter (*for those with strong people skills*)
* Content, communications (*for those who like to write*)
* Conversation designer, prompt engineer (*embrace the world of AI*)
* Coordinator, specialist (*common titles in entry-level nonprofit roles*)
* ***ALWAYS read the requirements before you rule yourself out.***

**Grad School options (there are many!)**

* **Law School**  <https://prelaw.illinois.edu/>
* **MA/PhD**  Talk to faculty members and grad students in your major
* **MSLIS, MSW, M.Ed, MHRIR, etc.** *or post graduate teaching credential***:** make you eligible for certain jobs
* **MBA, MSM, other master’s degrees:** do your research on ROI

**~~“I’m a Philosophy major!”~~**  Instead:

* “I extract and communicate important insights from dense qualitative information.”​
* “I explain complicated ideas so that non-experts can understand them.”​
* "I can find a way forward in conditions of uncertainty and ambiguity."​
* “I recognize patterns and flaws in reasoning, as well as the opportunities that arise from them.”​
* “I can make a cogent argument based on independent research under deadline.”
* “I listen to stakeholders/clients so that they feel heard and can contribute to effective solutions.”
* “I frame questions in ways that lead to useful answers, even when they entail difficult conversations.”

**ATLAS Internships:** [atlas.illinois.edu/internships](https://atlas.illinois.edu/internships); **Parker Dewey:** [parkerdewey.com/career-launchers](https://www.parkerdewey.com/career-launchers)

**Next steps:** Do stuff, talk to people, think about what YOU want,

* **Get help from peer mentors at the Lisnek Hub, first floor Lincoln Hall: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10am – 3pm**
* **Drop-in, 105 Greg Hall -- Wednesdays**: 1:30 – 3:30pm, **Thursdays:** 1:30 – 4:30pm **Fridays:** resume reviews 11 - noon
* Make an appointment with us on Handshake.

**Recommended resume format:**

**Additional resources at** **LAS Career Services:**

