

Internship and Career Services Industry Guide: Careers in Philosophy, Religion, and Classics

OVERVIEW

Students who major in philosophy, religion, or classics are often faced with the question “so, what are you going to do that?” when telling others about their field of study. Though some might envision futures in religious leadership, philosophic education, or archeology, students with a degree in philosophy, religion, and classics learn valuable skills that prepare them for careers in any number of industries.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, OR CLASSICS?

Students with degrees in philosophy, religion, or classics share many skills, interests, and aspirations – which is why Butler has combined the three areas of study into one department. Many career and industry opportunities are applicable to graduates of all three majors, while others are better suited to specific areas of undergraduate study. Of course, students are not limited to these post-graduate opportunities and can put their skills to use in any industry and career they choose. These types of majors also equips students for careers that require additional graduate or professional education. It provides an excellent foundation for many professions.

	Specific Careers	General Industries
Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local, State, and Federal Government Information Technology Science Hiring and Recruitment Human Resources Marketing and Sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Law Business International Relations Social Work Journalism, Writing, and Publishing Medicine and Healthcare Administration Public Relations Event Planning Human Services Hospitality/Tourism Science and Technology
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry or Clergy Faith-based or Religious Organizations Religious Counseling Religious Education Mission Religious Music 	
Classics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Societies or Clubs Museums Archeology Government and Foreign Service Library Science 	



SKILLS DEVELOPED BY A STUDENT IN PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, OR CLASSICS:

The study of classics, religion, and philosophy gives students insight into many skill sets. Students in these majors know how to think critically about a topic or problem, analyze its elements, and write clear and effective evaluations. These are skills required by most professions:

Argumentative Skills | Critical Reasoning | Communication – Speaking & Writing | Decision-making | Empathy | Ethics | Language | Research | Spirituality

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Find an Internship: Test drive one of the many careers that are available to you by applying for an internship! Butler's Center for Faith and Vocation offers semester-long internships at various non-profit or faith-based organizations, or you can contact your major's internship coordinator:

- Center for Faith and Vocation: Marguerite Stanciu, mstanciu@butler.edu
- Philosophy & Religion: Harry Van Der Linden, hvanderl@butler.edu
- Classics: Chris Bungard, cbungard@butler.edu

Research agencies, societies, and associations for intern/job openings: A professional society or association or agency (local and nationwide) can put you in touch with many more resources, including professional connections and job opportunities. (i.e. Indiana Historical Society, Society for Classical Studies, Indiana State Museum, etc.)

Consider freelance or volunteer work: Students and recent graduates generally supplement their training, generate opportunities, and enhance their knowledge through freelance experience and by participating in voluntary work.

Network and maintain relationships: Remember to network during your undergraduate studies, internship, and volunteering experience. Create relationships with your supervisor and other contacts, like alumni and employers. These relationships can lead to job opportunities in the future.

Online Resources:

[Butler University - Philosophy, Religion, & Classics Department](#)

[Butler University Center for Faith and Vocation \(CFV\)](#)

[Society for Classical Studies](#)

[What Are You Going To Do With That? \(Religious Studies News\)](#)

[Classics Career Options \(wright.edu\)](#)

[Religion Career Options \(wright.edu\)](#)

[Philosophy is a Great Major \(philosophyisagreatmajor.com\)](#)

[Philosophy Career Options \(datausa.io\)](#)

[What Can One Do with a Classics Degree? \(classics.Indiana.edu\)](#)

[Indiana Historical Society](#)

[Indiana State Museum](#)

[Eiteljorg Museum](#)

[Conner Prairie](#)