

“What can I do with PHILOSOPHY?”

LAW

For Fall 2002, the average LSAT score for **philosophy** majors was **157.1**. The average score for all test takers was 151.9.

source: Robert Carr, Senior Statistician, Law School Admission Council

Average LSAT scores by the most popular pre-law majors (1996-97)

Philosophy	157.0	Political Science	151.5
Religion	156.6	Accounting	151.5
Economics	156.2	Sociology	149.4
History	154.5	Communic.	149.4
English	153.5	Business Adm.	148.2
Psychology	151.7	Criminal Just.	145.4

source: Clemson University pre-law website.

MEDICINE

In 1998 only 0.5% of medical school applicants were **philosophy** majors. Of these **50.2%** of these were accepted, second only to history majors. The rate for biology majors was 39.9%. In 1997 **53%** of **philosophy** majors were accepted, second to none.

source: Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR) book for 2000-2001 as reported on Clemson University pre-med website.

BUSINESS

“The marriage of computers with biology is the next frontier, and business needs more bright leaders with backgrounds in history, **philosophy**, and the like to sort out ethical questions about such issues as genetic patents and the cloning of a human being.”

--Frank Moss, Chairman of the e-business company Bowstreet
quoted in USA Today, July 24, 2001

“**Philosophy** teaches you to ask deeper questions, how to think through a tough problem.”

--Bruce Bodaken, CEO of Blue Shield of California
quoted in USA Today, July 24, 2001

COMPUTER OCCUPATIONS

“In **philosophy** we study logic. We have a very mathematical way of going about it. Computers are a lot like that as well.”

--Briggs Myrick, programmer for Texas A&M University
quoted in The New York Times, December 26, 1997

GRADUATE SCHOOL

From 2001 to 2004, **philosophy** majors had the **highest** average among all majors on both the Verbal and Analytical Writing parts of the GRE (Graduate Record Examination). Excluding the physical sciences and engineering, **philosophy** majors had the **second highest** average on the Quantitative part of the exam, after economics majors.

source: GRE 2005-2006 *Guide to the Use of Scores*

ADDITIONAL CAREERS

Education, Management, Technical Writing, Clergy, Library work, Social Service, Counseling, Government, Finance, Journalism, Advertising, Administration, Sales, Marketing, Corporate Communications, Human Resources, Hospitality industry, Medical Ethics, Counseling, Lobbying, Management Consulting, Diplomacy, etc., etc.

MARKETABLE SKILLS OF PHILOSOPHY MAJORS

- Communication skills
- Flexibility
- Creativity
- Problem solving
- Reading difficult material
- Clear and focused writing
- Reasoning
- Clear thinking
- Precision
- Evaluating opposing views
- Quick learning
- Persuasiveness
- Standing ones ground
- Efficient expression
- Analytic skills
- Research skills
- Organization
- Summarizing complex information
- Critiquing
- Questioning assumptions
- Tolerating uncertainty
- Learning from criticism
- Concentration