Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts

Philosophy is the art of rational thought. Every branch of knowledge depends upon rational thinking, but philosophy is unique in that the application of reason and logic becomes the very source of knowledge — whether employed critically, in the examination of the assumptions underlying a field of inquiry or belief system, or constructively in the search for necessary truths about the nature of reality itself.

A philosophy degree focuses on the "nature of being," knowledge, and contemplating right and wrong in moral issues. It trains you to become disciplined and imaginative, and you'll learn how to reason through both profound and mundane questions. You'll practice forming an argument for debate. The principles of philosophy affect many other fields of study, such as physics and religion. Every religious belief and field of science is subject matter for philosophical inquiry.

What you can be with your Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts Degree:

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This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education. For career information, enter the four-digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website (www.alis.alberta.ca) or the National Occupational Classification Website (http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC)

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.
RDC Information: Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts
https://rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts/bachelor-arts-philosophy

Potential employers:

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Major Skills Obtained from Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts Degree Program:

- Ability to think thoroughly and systematically, using methods of conceptual analysis, reasoning, and detailed description
- Ability to evaluate lines of reasoning for validity and soundness
- Proficiency in using techniques for addressing complex ethical and practical dilemmas
- Capacity to anticipate and understand the views and concerns of others
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Ability to evolve new perspectives on a problem
- Skills in examining the grounds for the beliefs that makes up people’s fundamental views of the world
- Debating Skills
- Theory Development
- Deductive Reasoning
- Ability to quickly understand complex problems and identify solutions
- Computer skills - word processing
- Interdisciplinary perspective
- Ability to speak articulately and listen objectively
- Exposure to different cultural environments

Professional associations and sites of interest

Canadian Philosophical Association - www.acpcpa.ca
Canadian Society of Questers - www.questers.ca
American Philosophy Association - www.udel.edu/apa/
Red Deer College – www.rdc.ab.ca/employment
City of Red Deer – www.reddeer.ca
City of Calgary – www.calgary.ca
City of Edmonton – www.edmonton.ca
Corus Entertainment - www.corusent.com
CTV Globe Media - www.ctvglobemedia.com
Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/
RBC - www.rbc.com/careers/index.html
Royal Alberta Museum https://royalalbertamuseum.ca/
Alberta Health Services https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/
Red Deer Hospice https://www.reddeerhospice.com/

http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors/english.htm
http://www.uwec.edu/career/students/major/english.htm http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/arts-humanities/english-major.htm
http://www2.yk.psu.edu/common/degrees/undergrad/bacc/english/engmajor.shtml