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# What Do Philosophy Majors Do? LinkedIn's Answer

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[LinkedIn](#), a service I am familiar with largely through doing battle with its hydra-like emailing, has a feature called "Field of Study Explorer." Its aim is to provide information to would be college students about the kinds of jobs and employers different majors end up with. Of course, what the service really tells you is what

kinds of jobs and employers that different majors *who are members of LinkedIn and have filled out enough information about themselves* end up with. According to the “Explorer,” 391,527 members of LinkedIn studied philosophy in college. Below, I’ve listed the top ten categories of employment and the top ten largest employers of philosophy-majors-turned-LinkedIn-members.

The top ten categories of employment for philosophy majors with LinkedIn accounts are:

- 1 · education (47,597)
- 2 · media and communication (40,154)
- 3 · entrepreneurship (31,844)
- 4 · operations (24,271)
- 5 · legal (24,601)
- 6 · sales (24,448)
- 7 · research (23,217)
- 8 · consulting (22,823)
- 9 · information technology (18,864)
- 10 · arts and design (18,320)

(The list goes on, and it becomes apparent from the numbers that some members have listed more than one category of employment.)

The top ten employers of philosophy majors with LinkedIn accounts are:

- 1 · IBM (603)
- 2 · US Army (477)
- 3 · Microsoft (466)

- 4 · Google (466)
- 5 · PwC (460)
- 6 · Deloitte (453)
- 7 · Accenture (427)
- 8 · EY (391)
- 9 · Hewlett-Packard (332)
- 10 · Apple (330)

A brief news item about the service is [here](#).

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And, somewhat randomly, the top ten Alma Maters of philosophy majors with LinkedIn accounts:

Oxford, 8567  
Toronto, 3301  
NYU, 3297  
Berkeley, 3272  
Boston College, 2949  
LSE, 2932  
Harvard, 2598  
UCLA, 2534  
Penn, 2526  
Columbia, 2429

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