When you join the Pre-Law and Applied Ethics Concentration, you become a Philosophy major, like:

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Simone de Beauvoir, philosopher and novelist
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Arian Foster, NFL player
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*Warning: extensive study of ethics, justice, and law may cause a never-ending desire to search for the truth. Side-effects may include analytical brain, a compulsive need to explore every side of an issue, and argumentis extremis. Enlightenment, passion, and attraction to the big picture are definite risks.

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Getting into a good graduate school requires taking an entrance exam. Take a look at how intended graduate Philosophy majors rank compared to other majors on the GRE, the general entrance exam for many graduate programs:

- **Verbal section:** 1st
- **Quantitative section:** 8th
- **Analytical Writing section:** 1st

Thinking about law, business, or medicine? Here, too, philosophy majors do well:

- On the LSAT, the law school entrance exam, Philosophy majors come in second with Economics majors, just after Physics/Math majors.
- On the business school entrance exam, the GMAT, Philosophy majors come in fifth (after math, physics, engineering, and “other” engineering).
- Philosophy majors have stood the best chance of getting into medical school.

So philosophy majors are in position to succeed across a wide range of careers.

*Think critically, though! Correlation is not causation: it’s unclear whether philosophy majors do so well because of the subject matter, excellent teachers, talented students selecting themselves into the major, or some other factor. While we’re on the subject, want to be a strong critical thinker? Study philosophy—that’s our area of expertise!*

Studies repeatedly find that employers value college graduates with strengths in analytical, synthetic, and critical thinking, and written and verbal communication. These are Philosophy’s strengths. Here are some helpful things to consider:

- According to the Wall Street Journal, Philosophy is in the top 20 majors for mid-career median salary, at $81,200. (Chemical engineering is tops at $107,000. Philosophy is the top major that is not in the sciences, engineering and construction, math, or economics.)
- According to researchers at Oxford University, Philosophy and other humanities majors have a strong representation in such job sectors as law, finance, media, and management.
- A recent survey found that employers strongly prefer majors in the Liberal Arts, like Philosophy, over finance and accounting majors.

*Studies repeatedly find that many employers want college graduates not because of what they know, but because of how they think, and philosophy trains you to think sharply.*