

CAREERS FOR

Philosophy

MAJORS

Human curiosity is the rich soil where the roots of philosophy are planted and cultivated. Philosophy allows us to see the world beyond dichotomies. No longer are issues black and white, right or wrong, but complex matrixes with infinite shades of gray interwoven throughout. At its core, philosophy makes us ponder the questions of life, the universe, and everything in-between. Philosophy doesn't tell people what to think, it shapes and builds new ways of thinking and constructing arguments. [Strong verbal and written communication along with excellent critical thinking](#) are transferable skills philosophy majors carry.

[UNM's Department of Philosophy](#) has an outstanding student-to-professor ratio. The department offers a [Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy](#) with four major concentrations: [Major in Philosophy](#), [Pre-Law Concentration](#), [English Philosophy Concentration](#), and [Interdisciplinary Majors](#). To learn more about the requirements of this degree, students are encouraged to speak with an [undergraduate advisor](#).

Industries & Target Employers

There are many different career opportunities available to philosophy majors. While the majority of careers require a bachelors, other careers will need additional education (lawyer, researcher, professor, etc.) or licensure (K-12 educator).

Employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult Career Services' [Handshake](#) for a list of organizations, recruiters, and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator for help with identifying employers or additional resources for philosophy.

K-12 and Higher Education

- Elementary or secondary educator, principal, Greek affairs, advising, multicultural affairs, residence life, student activities, admissions, financial aid, academic advising, alumni affairs, international education and study abroad, orientation, leadership, multicultural student programming

Government

- City or town management, translation/interpretation, regional planning, public policy, intelligence, community affairs, campaigning, legislative assistance, public information, research, lobbying, conflict negotiation, program administration, general services, social services, foreign service, legislative, executive, or judicial services

Communications

- Public relations representative, technical writer, researcher, columnist/journalist, editor, creative writing, freelance writing, copy writing, editing, research and

analysis, advertising, newspapers, magazines, broadcast media companies including television and movie industry, trade, professional, or consumer publications, Internet sites, advertising agencies, publishing house, self-employment/freelance

Museums and Galleries

- Administration, curatorial, preservation and conservation, restoration, collections management, exhibit design/preparation, archive management, art authentication, education, publications, development, docent coordination, public relations, reproductions and retailing, museums: university, public, private, archives, historical homes, special collections, historical societies, natural history museums, living history museums, art galleries, state and local government, federal government, particularly the National Archives and Records Administration, non-profit organizations, research institutions, corporations

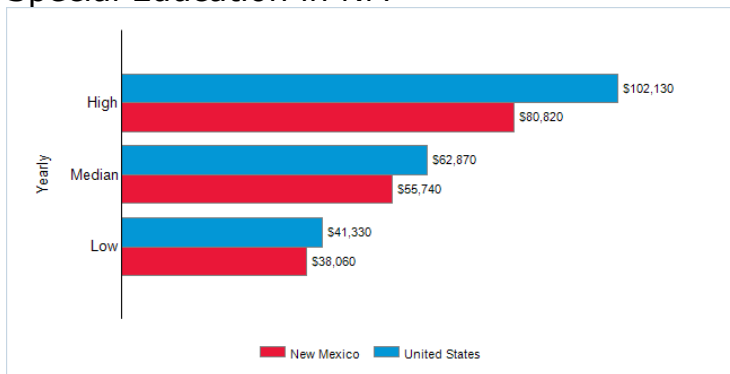
Research/preservation

- Exhibit preparation coordinator, historical background analyst, librarian, biography creationist, preservationist, museum specialist, curator, conservator, restorer, research association

Human Services

- Youth counselor, social work specialist, case worker, volunteer services coordinator, community planning specialist, community organization worker, employment counselor, parole/probation officer, development officer, welfare, investigator, clergy, missions, religious organizations Business/Nonprofit Market research analyst, personnel officer, sales/marketing representative, investment researcher, underwriter, insurance agent, loan administrator, manpower planner, organizational planner, management trainee, campaign planner, corporation, historian/archivist, consultant/research, consultant/cultural resource management, banker, stockbroker, account coordinator, customer supply analyst, arts council director, fundraising director, grants specialist, tour guide, foundation administrator, policy analyst, hospitals and other healthcare organizations, print and electronic media, retail stores, restaurants, hotels, manufactures

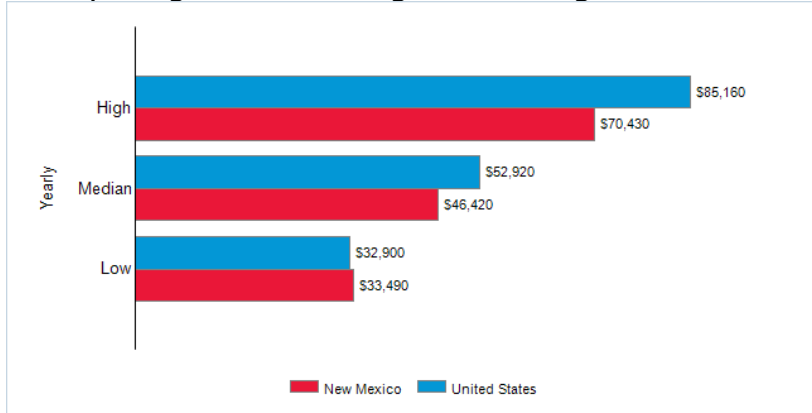
Salary Information - Yearly Wages for Secondary School Teachers, Except Special Education in NM**



*Needs teaching licensure

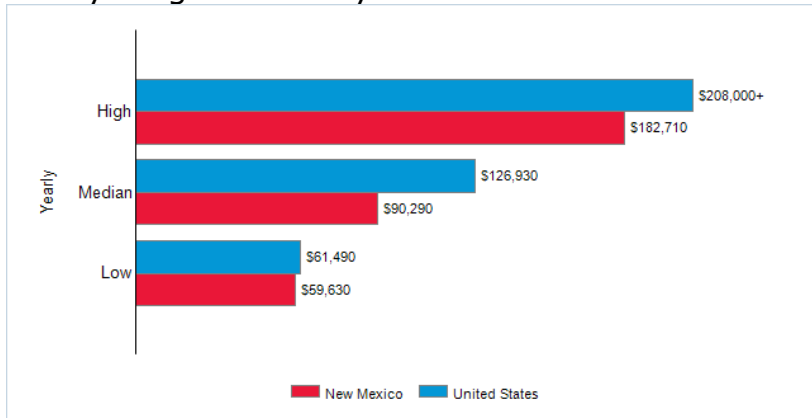
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Yearly Wages for Paralegals and Legal Assistants in NM*



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Yearly Wages for Lawyers in NM**



*Needs advanced degree (Juris Doctorate)

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Tips

Thinking about graduate school? [UNM's Department of Philosophy](#) offers excellent funding and placement for their master and doctorate students.

Learn More

[UNM Department of Philosophy Handshake](#)
[O*NET – Secondary School Teachers](#)
[O*NET – Paralegals](#)
[O*NET - Lawyers](#)
[Occupational Outlook Handbook – Post Secondary Teachers](#)
[Student Activities Center](#)
[Buzzfile - Employers by Major in New Mexico](#)
[New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society](#)

[American Association of Philosophy Teachers](#)
[American Catholic Philosophical Association](#)
[American Philosophical Association](#)
[Hegel Society of America](#)
[The Philosophical Gourmet Report](#)
[Idealist](#)
[Center for Nonprofit Excellence](#)
[Wikipedia – List of Philosophical Organizations](#)