Philosophy majors consistently and significantly outrank other majors on the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) standardized test (required for application to most all graduate programs in humanities, social sciences, and many physical sciences and arts programs).

On the Verbal section, intended graduate philosophy majors score the highest—at 84% in the overall percentile rank on average (with an average score of 160 out of 170), whereas even English majors only, on average, score in the 70% rank, and journalism and communication majors only scoring in the 50% rank on average.

On the Analytical Writing section, philosophy majors again score the highest of all measured majors—at about a 4.45 out of 6 points score (which is just shy of the 80th percentile mean ranking), with the next two positions occupied by political science and English tied at about a 4.2 score (which is just above the 60th percentile mean ranking).

And, on the Quantitative section, philosophy still ranked the eighth highest of all measured majors, at about a 55% average (which is an average score of 153 out of 170).