

PHILOSOPHY, AA-T

Program Description

Philosophy is one of the oldest academic subjects in the world and its concerns have given rise to nearly all other specialized academic disciplines. The primary motivation of philosophy is the desire for knowledge and understanding. Philosophy is an attempt to understand the nature of our reality, our attempts at knowledge, our quest for good and meaningful lives, and, most ambitiously, our construction of a society that might make these lives possible. Logic and critical thinking courses will explore the methodology of philosophic discourse and academic discourse in general. The student will explore the epistemological, metaphysical, ethical, and political dimensions of philosophy, the history of philosophy from its beginnings in the ancient world through contemporary philosophy, and the philosophic concerns manifested in the world's religions. Throughout these studies, attention will be given to diverse cultural perspectives.

Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to CSUs for Philosophy majors and/or majors in related disciplines. The Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific local CSUs and to validate which CSUs are considered local.

Learn more about the program on the [Philosophy website](#).

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of metaphysics and epistemology.
- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of ethics and political philosophy.

Units Required

- Major: 29-36

Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units, including:

- Core and support courses for the major (29-36 units)¹
- Summer Session 2025 only**—CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE Breadth) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)² (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- Beginning Fall Quarter 2025**—California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)³ (45 units) (full certification is required)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

¹ Some units from the core and support courses may be used to satisfy the GE requirement. Please see a counselor for more information.

² Summer Session 2025 is the final term during which CSU GE Breadth and IGETC may be used. Please see a counselor for more information. Important Note: Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan

to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

³ Cal-GETC begins in Fall Quarter 2025. Please see a counselor for more information.

Note: All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
Core Courses		
PHIL 7	INTRODUCTION TO SYMBOLIC LOGIC	5
PHIL 4	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	4-5
or PHIL 8	ETHICS	
Support Courses		
<i>List A</i>		
Complete two courses from List A:		8-9
Any course not used from the Core Courses, or any of the following:		
PHIL 4	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY ¹	
PHIL 8	ETHICS ¹	
PHIL 20A	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY FROM SOCRATES THROUGH ST. THOMAS	
PHIL 20B	HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY FROM THE RENAISSANCE THROUGH KANT	
<i>List B</i>		
And complete two items from List B:		8-13
Any course not used in List A		
ETHN 1	INTRODUCTION TO ETHNIC STUDIES	
HIST 4A & HIST 4B	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 800 CE and HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: 700-1800 ²	
HIST 4B & HIST 4C	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: 700-1800 and HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION 1789-PRESENT ²	
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING	
PHIL 2	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
POLI 1	POLITICAL SCIENCE: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	
<i>List C</i>		
And complete one course from List C:		4-5
Any course not used in List A or List B		
ENGL 16	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	
ENGL 22	WOMEN WRITERS	
HUMN 1	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
or HUMN 1H	HONORS CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
HUMN 2	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: OF EMPIRES & CONFLICT	
HUMN 3	WORLD MYTHS IN LITERATURE ARTS & FILM	
or HUMN 3H	HONORS WORLD MYTHS IN LITERATURE ARTS & FILM	

PHIL 24 COMPARATIVE WORLD RELIGIONS: EAST

PHIL 25 COMPARATIVE WORLD RELIGIONS: WEST

Total Units **29-36**

¹ If not used to fulfill the core requirement.

² Both courses must be completed to fulfill the requirement.