

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.

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.

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: 29-35

Associate Degree Requirements

Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units to include:

- CSU General Education Breadth Requirements **or** the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)¹ (49-58 units) (full certification is required)
- Core and support courses (29-35 units, of which 21-22 units may satisfy the GE requirement)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

¹ **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.

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 or PHIL 8	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY ETHICS	4-5
Support Courses		
<i>List A</i>		
Complete two courses from List A:		8-10
Any course not used from the Core Courses, or any of the following:		
PHIL 1	CRITICAL THINKING & WRITING	
PHIL 2	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	
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:		8-12
Any course not used in List A		
HIST 4A	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO 800 CE	
HIST 4B & HIST 4C	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: 700-1800 and HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION 1789- PRESENT ²	
HIST 4B & HIST 4CH	HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: 700-1800 and HONORS HISTORY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION 1789-PRESENT ²	
PHIL 24 or PHIL 25	COMPARATIVE WORLD RELIGIONS: EAST COMPARATIVE WORLD RELIGIONS: WEST	
<i>List C</i>		
And complete one course from List C:		4-5
Any course not used in List A or List B, or any of the following:		
ENGL 16	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	
ENGL 22	WOMEN WRITERS	
HUMN 1 or HUMN 1H	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD HONORS CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: THE ANCIENT WORLD	
HUMN 2	CULTURES, CIVILIZATIONS & IDEAS: OF EMPIRES & CONFLICT	
HUMN 3 or HUMN 3H	WORLD MYTHS IN LITERATURE ARTS & FILM HONORS WORLD MYTHS IN LITERATURE ARTS & FILM	
PHIL 12	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE	
Total Units		29-35

¹ If not used to fulfill the core requirement.

² Both courses must be completed to fulfill the requirement.