PHILOSOPHY

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Overview

Philosophy concerns the study of fundamental questions that arise in different areas of human experience, thought, or practice. Philosophy is the basis of a sound humanistic or liberal arts education. The Philosophy program aims to make this natural activity of thought both richer and more systematic. Courses are offered which provide opportunities for self development and the building of a coherent outlook and critical reason. In addition, the lower division prerequisites for a four-year philosophy major are offered.

TRANSFER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS in Philosophy are available in the Counseling Center. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for specific transfer requirements.

Faculty

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Degrees/Certificates

Associate Degree for Transfer

• Philosophy for Transfer (p. 1)

Associate Degree

• Philosophy (p. 2)

Philosophy for Transfer

AA-T Degree

Philosophy is a broadly based discipline that examines the fundamental questions that arise in disparate areas of human experience. Courses are both historically and topically organized and emphasize the analysis of primary sources, the importance of critical thinking, the relationship between conclusions, justifications and logic. By developing reasoning skills, students will strengthen clarity of language usage, fortify argumentation skills and master the language and topics of the discipline of philosophy.

The Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree (AA-T) prepares students to transfer into the CSU system to complete a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Students earning an associate degree for transfer and meeting the CSU minimum transfer admission requirements are guaranteed admission with junior standing to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Upon transfer, students will be required to complete no more than 60 additional prescribed units to earn a bachelor’s degree.

To earn the Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree, students must complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, including both of the following:

• completion of all courses required for the major with grades of “C” or better; and
• completion of the California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE) (http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/california-state-university-general-education-breath-requirements) pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (http://catalog.sierracollege.edu/student-resources/general-education/intersegmental-general-education-transfer-curriculum-igetc) pattern. (Students transferring to a CSU campus using IGETC must complete Area 1C Oral Communication to be eligible for admission.)

It is highly recommended that, prior to transferring, students complete courses that satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

RESTRICTION: International coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be applied to associate degrees for transfer.

Required Courses

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Required Courses

PHIL 0010. Philosophy of Religion
Units: 3
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A
Hours: 54 lecture
Analysis of the major philosophical issues raised by, but not limited to traditional Western religion. Includes an examination of the arguments for God's existence, immortality, the problem of evil, miracles, the rationality of religious belief, theories about the nature and function of the language of religion, and religious pluralism. (CSU, UC)

PHIL 0012. Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Units: 3
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A
Hours: 54 lecture
Introduction to the principles of deductive reasoning including formal techniques of sentential and predicate logic. (C-ID PHIL 210) (CSU, UC)

PHIL 0013. Introduction to Asian Philosophy
Units: 3
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A
Hours: 54 lecture
Major philosophies of Asia including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shinto. Focuses on issues such as immortality, the nature of reality, god, the self, society, transcendence and morality. Also looks at the influences of Eastern Philosophy on Western Culture. (CSU, UC)
PHIL 0015. Introduction to Philosophies of Self and Personhood  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
An examination of rival theories of personhood from various philosophical, religious and scientific perspectives. Includes Confucian, Hindu, Buddhist and Judeo-Christian conceptions of personhood, the philosophical views represented by Plato, Kant, Marx, and Sartre, as well as the psychological views represented by Freud, Skinner, and Lorentz. (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0020. Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
A study of the rise of philosophy in ancient Greece: Milesian philosopher-scientists, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Stoics, Skeptics, and Epicureans. (C-ID PHIL 130) (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0021. History of Modern Philosophy  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
Sixteenth through Eighteenth century philosophy with emphasis on broad epistemological or metaphysical theories, developments of empiricism and rationalism from Descartes to Kant. (C-ID PHIL 140) (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0027. Introduction to Philosophy of Women in Western Cultures  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
Introduction to the concepts of womanhood and feminism in mythic, classic, medieval and major philosophical traditions. Emphasis on the images, roles and beliefs about women found in the humanities and philosophy with respect to their impact and contemporary relevance. (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0028. Independent Study  
Units: 1-3  
Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge at an independent study level in an area where no specific curriculum offering is currently available. Independent study might include, but is not limited to, research papers, special subject area projects, and research projects. See Independent Study page in catalog. (CSU, UC-with unit limitation)  

PHIL 0030. Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy  
Units: 3  
Hours: 54 lecture  
Major philosophical issues surrounding the nature of society and justifications for the authority of the state. Focuses on how the concepts of the common good, individual rights, liberty, equality, and democracy relate to notions of justice, private property and the legitimate use of state power. (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0050. Introduction to Philosophy through Literature and Film  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
Introductory exploration of philosophical themes through various genres of literature and film. Topics include: knowledge, truth, personal identity, ethics, justice, religious belief and free will. (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0060. Introduction to Environmental Ethics  
Units: 3  
Hours: 54 lecture  
Philosophical survey of the ethical questions and issues raised when considering the relationship between human beings and the environment. Topics include the moral standing of animals, land use and preservation policy, growth and sustainability, and environmental justice. Theoretical approaches include deep ecology, social ecology, ecofeminism, multicultural perspectives, and environmental pragmatism. (CSU, UC)  

PHIL 0065. Introduction to the Philosophy of Science  
Units: 3  
Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A  
Hours: 54 lecture  
The philosophical foundations of science such as criteria for distinguishing between science and pseudo-science, questions concerning scientific progress, justification of scientific hypotheses, the theory-dependence of observation, the nature of scientific revolutions, the possibility of objectivity and the challenges of relativism, feminism and marginalization. (CSU, UC)  

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)  
• Read and critique philosophical texts.  
• Apply the disciplinary language of philosophy to philosophical issues.  
• Describe and analyze core philosophical problems, their metaphysical presuppositions and practical consequences.  
• Craft a clear, coherent, and cogent philosophical essay.