

Philosophy

PHIL

Degree:

AA-T – Philosophy for Transfer

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Associate Degree
for Transfer
A Degree with a Guarantee.

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Associate in Arts for Transfer

Program Information

This program is intended to prepare students for transfer into baccalaureate philosophy programs at the California State University. It provides essential lower division work and offers a broad selection of elective courses. It also offers the opportunity to develop general skills, such as critical thinking, comprehending challenging reading materials, and producing clear and precise argumentative writing, which are useful in a broad range of endeavors.

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) student completion requirements (as stated in SB1440 law):

- (1) Completion of a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - (A) The California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).
 - (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- comprehend texts on both literal and inferential levels.
- articulate ideas and arguments in a clear and precise manner.
- defend her own views with careful and compelling reasoning.
- express the perspectives and arguments of others in an accurate and nuanced manner.

Required Program

Units

PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy (3).....	3
or PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics (3)	
PHIL 325 Symbolic Logic (3).....	3
PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy (3)	3
or PHIL 480 History of Classical Philosophy – Honors (3)	
PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy (3).....	3
or PHIL 481 History of Modern Philosophy – Honors (3)	
A minimum of 6 units from the following:.....	6
Select two courses not used above.	
PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy (3)	
PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics (3)	
PHIL 333 J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams and Romantic Idealism and the Meaning of Life (3)	
PHIL 338 Contemporary Philosophy (3)	
PHIL 352 Introduction to World Religions (3)	
PHIL 353 Religions of the Far East (3)	
PHIL 368 Law, Justice, and Punishment (3)	

Total Units Required

18

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

The Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer (AA-T) degree may be obtained by completion of 60 transferable, semester units with a minimum 2.0 GPA, including (a) the major or area of emphasis described in the Required Program, and (b) either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a grade of “C” or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); AA/AS Area I; CSU Area A3; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course uses critical thinking techniques to analyze and evaluate the positions, arguments, and methods of different thinkers as expressed in primary texts. Typical topics include human freedom, the belief in God, the nature and limits of scientific knowledge, the basis of moral judgments, natural rights, and the nature of the State. (C-ID PHIL 100)

PHIL 306 Environmental Philosophy 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course explores historical and contemporary philosophical positions regarding our place in nature and how these positions apply to specific environmental issues. It examines what makes the natural environment valuable and the responsibilities that arise from that value. In addition, it presents theories regarding how the environment affects our ability to know and shapes our beliefs.

PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a “C” or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces the student to classical and contemporary ethical theories and their application to a variety of contemporary moral issues such as capital punishment, animal rights, affirmative action, and our relationship to the environment. (C-ID PHIL 120)

PHIL 320 Logic and Critical Reasoning 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: CSU Area A3

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Logic and Critical Reasoning provides instruction and practice in effective, purposeful, and rational thinking. The student will learn to identify premises and conclusions in arguments and to identify cogent inductive arguments and valid deductive arguments. Special emphasis is placed on recognizing and overcoming perceptual and cognitive errors and biases that hinder the ability to think critically. The standards of critical thinking and logic will be discussed in terms of their historical development and their cultural impact on society.

PHIL 325 Symbolic Logic 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the nature of deductive systems of logic and their application. Students will learn to evaluate argument forms for validity and soundness. This course is recommended for students of the sciences, computer programming, mathematics, and philosophy. (C-ID PHIL 210)

PHIL 328 Critical Reasoning and Composition 3 Units

Prerequisite: ENGWR 300 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3; IGETC Area 1B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to logic and critical reasoning with an emphasis on writing. Issues for writing will be drawn from areas of philosophy such as ethics, social and political philosophy, and philosophy of religion. Students will develop skills in evaluating unsupported claims, identifying arguments, evaluating deductive and inductive reasoning, and identifying informal fallacies. These skills will then be applied to readings in philosophy and used to inform the student's own written compositions.

PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the origin and development of Western philosophy from the period of the ancient Greeks and Romans. The course is recommended for all philosophy, history, and humanities majors. (C-ID PHIL 130)

PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the development of Western philosophy from Descartes to Kant. It is recommended for all philosophy, history, and humanities majors. Credit may be earned for PHIL 331 or PHIL 481, but not both. (C-ID PHIL 140)

PHIL 333 J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams and Romantic Idealism and the Meaning of Life 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course focuses on the philosophy of literature. J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and the medieval grail myths will provide the literary basis for philosophic issues and discussion. Plato, neoplatonism, and Romantic Idealism will provide the basis for concepts in metaphysics and aesthetics. This will include concepts of myth, art, Tibetan metaphysics and magic, and fairy tales, as well as concepts of beauty and eros.

PHIL 338 Contemporary Philosophy 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This class addresses contributions to Western Philosophy in the 20th and 21st century. The topics of study might include Existentialism, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Feminism, Philosophy of Science, and Environmental Ethics.

PHIL 352 Introduction to World Religions 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introductory survey of selected world religions. Emphasis is on the origins, beliefs, and interpretations of philosophical concepts underlying Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

PHIL 353 Religions of the Far East 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a grade "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to the major religions of the Far East: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism, and Sufism. The origins, myths, basic teachings, development, and modern forms of each religion will be surveyed through comparison and contrast with each other in order to clarify religious concepts and practices.

PHIL 368 Law, Justice, and Punishment 3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Advisory: ENGWR 101 with a "C" or better

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D8; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces the student to the historical, cultural, legal, and philosophical development in American culture of (1) abstract principles such as rights, justice, the nature of law, freedom of speech, equal protection of the law, and following precedent; and (2) theoretical issues such as statutory and constitutional interpretation, utilitarian and retributive theories of punishment, and justice as fairness; and (3) practices such as the exclusionary rule, plea bargaining, and the insanity defense.

PHIL 480 History of Classical Philosophy – 3 Units Honors

Prerequisite: ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for the Honors Program

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the origin and development of Western philosophy from the period of the ancient Greeks and Romans. The course is recommended for all philosophy, history, and humanities majors. This honors section uses an intensive instructional methodology designed to challenge motivated students. (C-ID PHIL 130)

PHIL 481 History of Modern Philosophy – 3 Units Honors

Prerequisite: ENGWR 101 with a grade of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Enrollment Limitation: Eligibility for the Honors program.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is a study of the development of Western philosophy from Descartes to Kant. It is conducted in a seminar format and uses an intensive instructional methodology that is designed to challenge motivated students. Credit may be earned for PHIL 331 or PHIL 481, but not both. (C-ID PHIL 140)

PHIL 495 Independent Studies in Philosophy 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: None.

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 162 hours LAB

An independent studies project involves an individual student or a small group of students who wish to study, research, and/or pursue philosophical topics beyond those covered in regularly offered courses. This course will allow students to study specific topics and gain new perspectives in the discipline. U.C. transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted toward the minimum 60 units required for admission.

PHIL 499 Experimental Offering in Philosophy .5-4 Units

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGWR 300; one or more courses in philosophy with a grade of "C" or better.

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

Experimental offerings in Philosophy 499 will encompass topics from the following areas: (a) knowledge and existence, (b) self and mind, (c) philosophy and the arts, (d) norms and politics, (e) philosophy of the East and West, (f) philosophical literature and myths, (g) science and human nature, and (h) specific ideas of individual philosophies. The course may be repeated for credit providing there is no duplication of topics. UC transfer credit will be awarded only after the course has been evaluated by the enrolling UC campus. The units completed for this course cannot be counted towards the minimum 60 units required for admissions.