

PHILOSOPHY

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Program Description:

Philosophy is concerned with our most fundamental assumptions about human experience. The study of philosophy involves such questions as: What can we know and how do we know it? What criteria should we use to decide whether an action is right or wrong? What makes human life worthwhile? Philosophy is also concerned with the way in which we answer these questions, i.e. with the construction and evaluation of arguments. Career opportunities: A student with an interest in philosophy would ordinarily transfer to a four-year college or university in order to obtain a Bachelor's Degree. Such an education would prepare him or her for graduate work in the subject or for certain business and professional schools where a liberal education is required. One of the most noteworthy of these is law, since the philosopher's training in general argument analysis facilitates consideration of the special kinds of legal argumentation. A person who is interested in teaching philosophy must obtain a Master's Degree to be employed by a community college, or a Ph.D. in order to teach at the university level.

Model Program for Philosophy

The following Model Program fulfills requirements for the A.A. Degree in Philosophy at Cabrillo College. Specific lower division major preparation at four-year public institutions in California can be found at www.assist.org. Please see a counselor for advisement for transfer to any four-year institution.

A.A. Degree

A.A. General Education 30 Units

Core Courses (15 units)

PHILO 4	*Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHILO 10	Ethics	3
or		
PHILO 10H	Honors Ethics.	3
PHILO 12	Introduction to Logic	3
or		
PHILO 6	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval.	3
PHILO 7	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
PHILO 12	Introduction to Logic	3

Approved Electives (9 Units)

PHILO 4	Introduction to Philosophy.	3
PHILO 6	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval.	3
PHILO 7	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
PHILO 8	Philosophy of Religion.	3
PHILO 9	Philosophy of Mind	3
PHILO 14	Non-Western Philosophical Traditions.	3
PHILO 15	Patterns in Comparative Religions.	3
PHILO 16	Contemporary Moral Issues.	3
PHILO 39AZ	Philosophy Studies.	1 - 3
PHILO 49	Introduction to Critical Thinking.	3

Electives:

(Any Course Numbered 1-99) 6

Total Units 60

*instead of 6 & 7

Philosophy Courses

PHILO 4

Introduction to Philosophy

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Introduces major philosophical problems including questions regarding the nature of reality, the possibility of knowledge, and the nature of self, with emphasis on politics and ethics.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 6

History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

A survey of ancient and medieval European philosophical thought from the pre-Socratics through such medieval philosophers as Anselm, Abelard, and St. Thomas.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 7

History of Philosophy: Modern

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

A survey of philosophical thought, including the Renaissance and modern periods.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 8

Philosophy of Religion

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Examines and analyzes the meanings and beliefs involved in religion and religious experience.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 9

Philosophy of Mind

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Analyzes philosophical issues of mind/body and personal identity, including treatments of artificial intelligence, intentionality, and free will vs. determinism.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 10

Ethics

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Examines problems of good, evil, and various systems of ethics including human conduct in social, economic, and political activities.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 10H

Honors Ethics

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Prerequisite: Honors Standing.

Recommended Preparation: ENGL 1A/1AH/1AMC/1AMCH.

Examines problems of good, evil, and various systems of ethics including human conduct in social, economic, and political activities. Highlights student research, writing, and reporting, both individually and as part of a learning community, and will often meet in a seminar format.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 12

Introduction to Logic

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Introduces symbolic logic including the formalization of ordinary language arguments and tests of deductive validity.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 14

Non-Western Philosophical Traditions

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Introduces non-western philosophical systems including those from India, China, Japan—and their relevance to contemporary western experience.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 15

Patterns in Comparative Religions

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Reviews and compares treatments of philosophical issues arising in contemporary religions including both eastern traditions such as Buddhism, Hinduism and Taoism and western traditions such as Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Optional field trips may be offered.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 16

Contemporary Moral Issues

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Analyzes philosophical issues in the areas of social, environmental, technological, biomedical and/or business ethics. May include topics such as cloning and genetic manipulation, intellectual property rights, famine and affluence, deep ecology, war and violence, gender roles and animal rights.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.

PHILO 39A-Z

Philosophy Studies

1 - 3 units; 1 hour Lecture

Recommended Preparation: Eligibility for ENGL 100 and READ 100.

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 4 times.

An intensive study of a particular philosophical concept, issue, movement, or philosopher. Course content will vary with each offering. Critical, analytical written work is the primary means of evaluating student performance in this course.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC, with conditions: Students must retain a copy of the course outline, the course syllabus and work completed for this course. Credit for this course is contingent upon a review of the course outline and other materials by the UC transfer campus.

PHILO 49

Introduction to Critical Thinking

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Prerequisite: ENGL 1A/1AH/1AMC/1AMCH.

Presents techniques for analyzing arguments used in political rhetoric, advertisements, editorials, scientific claims and social commentary. Develops the ability to create and refine written arguments. Topics include inductive and deductive arguments, the validity and consistency of arguments, the relationship between evidence and conclusions, persuasive writing strategies, the concerns of style and audience, and impediments to good reasoning. Satisfies the IGETC Critical Thinking requirement.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU, UC.