

AA Philosophy

Philosophy is a disciplined reflection on the human condition. It can be an analysis and criticism of ideas and statements, or an attempt to synthesize all experience and knowledge, or an exploration of the meaning of life and how best to live it. Critical thinking is developed while examining peoples' responses to fundamental questions.

Career Opportunities

Philosophy cultivates general purpose "transferable" work skills. Its emphasis on reasoning and argumentation fosters critical thinking and communication skills applicable to a wide range of professional contexts. Professions that are of particular relevance to philosophy include law, business, government, social work, and health management. Philosophy is also valuable preparation for law school as well as post-graduate studies in the humanities, social sciences, and/or natural sciences.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be able to:

1. Analyze social science concepts and theories.
2. Evaluate diverse viewpoints related to the human experience.
3. Produce evidence-based arguments.

AA Degree Requirements

Major: Core and Selective Requirements

Complete Core Courses, 6 units		Units
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3 units
OR		
PHIL 240	Introduction to Ethics	3 units
PHIL 200	Introduction to Logic	3 units

Selective Courses, choose a minimum of 12 units from the following:

List A, choose 3 units from the following:		Units
Any Core course not already used		3 units
PHIL 160	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval	3 units
PHIL 175	Modern Philosophy	3 units
PHIL 190	Contemporary Philosophy	3 units

List B, choose 6 units from the following:		Units
Any List A course not already used		3 units
HIST 100	History of Western Civilization I	3 units

HIST 101	History of Western Civilization II	3 units
PHIL 312	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion	3 units

List C, chose 3 units from the following:		Units
Select any List A course not already used		3 units
Select any List B course not already used		3 units
PHIL 103	Critical Thinking	3 units
PHIL 300	Introduction to World Religions	3 units

And required General Education coursework and electives as needed to meet the minimum 60 units required for the Associate degree.

