

PHILOSOPHY (AA-T DEGREE A0424)

Humanities and Social Science Division

Degree A0424

Philosophy studies basic issues in ethics, social philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology, and contemporary philosophies of life. Special consideration is given to an understanding of sound thinking and constructing well thought out arguments.

The degree program requires students to develop a foundational knowledge necessary to pursue post-secondary degrees in philosophy and a variety of specializations in the field. Moreover, the program fosters critical thinking and critically analysis of philosophical arguments.

The degree provides students with a core curriculum that instills the knowledge, skills, and practices of philosophical content, theory and methodology. The Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree is designed to assist students in seamlessly transferring to a CSU major in Philosophy.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree, a student must complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU system that consist of the IGETC pattern or CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 18 units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirement.

Required Courses

| Course Prefix | Course Name | Units |
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| CORE COURSES | | 6 |
| PHIL 3 | Introduction to Logic | |
| or PHIL 3H | Introduction to Logic - Honors | |
| Plus one course from: | | |
| PHIL 5 | Introduction to Philosophy | |
| or PHIL 5H | Introduction to Philosophy - Honors | |
| PHIL 12 | Introduction to Ethics | |
| or PHIL 12H | Introduction to Ethics - Honors | |
| LIST A | | 3 |
| Choose three units from the following list or any course not selected from core courses | | |
| ENGL 1C | Critical Thinking and Writing | |
| or ENGL 1CH | Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors | |
| PHIL 8 | Critical Thinking | |
| PHIL 9 | Critical Thinking and Writing | |
| or PHIL 9H | Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors | |
| PHIL 15 | Major World Religions | |
| or PHIL 15H | Major World Religions - Honors | |
| PHIL 20A | Introduction to Ancient Philosophy | |
| or PHIL 20AH | Introduction to Ancient Philosophy - Honors | |
| PHIL 20B | Introduction to Modern Philosophy | |
| or PHIL 20BH | Introduction to Modern Philosophy - Honors | |
| LIST B: Select any two courses from LIST A not already used. | | 6-7 |
| LIST C: Select any one course from LIST A not already used | | 3-4 |
| Total Units for the Major | | 18-19 |
| CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern ¹ | | |
| Total Units | | 60 |

¹ Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

Program Learning Outcomes

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.