

Philosophy

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Degree(s)

Transfer:

 A.A.-T in Philosophy for Transfer ^{32418 AA.PHIL.OPTBAAT or 32418 AA.PHIL.OPTCAAT}

(using General Education Requirements Option B or C)

See Also

A.A. in Liberal Arts - Arts, Humanities & Communications
Emphasis

Non-Transfer:

None

See:

A.A. in Humanities

Certificate(s)

None

Employment Concentration Certificate(s)

None

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Philosophy courses provide lower division preparation for those who plan to major in Philosophy at a university. Comprehensive survey course content along with substantive courses in logic, ethics and comparative religion are designed to acquaint students with the distinctive nature of philosophical ideas and to help increase skills in critical thinking about matters of fundamental philosophical concerns, the nature of correct reasoning, the scope and limits of human knowledge, the generic and pervasive characteristics of reality and the sources of value and obligation. Philosophy courses meet general education requirements and also provide a foundation of lifelong learning.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Transfer Degree

For BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify and assess the central figures, questions and themes of philosophy.
- Analyze and assess arguments and approaches to philosophical problems.
- Articulate and defend complex arguments using written and oral communication.

DEGREE

An Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to the CSU System as a Philosophy major. Logic and critical thinking courses provide students with an ability to analyze arguments, assess philosophical questions, and to read and think critically. History of philosophy and ethics classes guide students to an understanding of the central figures, questions, and themes throughout the history of philosophy. All courses seek to develop and enhance students' abilities to think critically about texts and philosophical ideas and to articulate and defend arguments through both written and oral academic discourse.

The major requirement for an A.A.-T in Philosophy for Transfer to CSU may be met by:

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

A.A.-T in Philosophy for Transfer (18-21 units)

Required Core (6 units)

PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy I	3 units
or		
PHIL-101H	Honors Introduction to Philosophy I	3 units
PHIL-103	Logic	3 units
or		
PHIL-103H	Honors Logic	3 units

List A: Select one (3-4 units)

Any course from Required Core not used above or one of the following:

PHIL-109	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3 units
PHIL-110	Renaissance and Modern Philosophy	3 units
PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Composition	4 units
or		
PHIL-112H	Honors Critical Thinking and Composition	4 units

Instructional Programs

List B: Select two (6-7 units)

Any course from List A not used above or one of the following:

HIST-101	Western Civilization I: to 1500	3 units
HIST-102	Western Civilization II: from 1500 to the Present Era	3 units
PHIL104	World Religions	3 units

List C: Select one (3-4 units)

Any course from List A or List B not used above or one of the following:

ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	4 units
or		
ENGL-103H	Honors Critical Thinking and Writing	4 units

Units for Major 18-21

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39

Possible double counting 12

Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.