



## Philosophy 2013-2014

Philosophy is the oldest academic subject in the world and its concerns have given rise to nearly all other specialized academic disciplines. The primary motivation of philosophy is the same as the underlying motivation of all academic thought; the desire for knowledge and understanding.

Philosophy is an attempt to understand our reality, our attempts at knowledge, our quest for a good and meaningful lives and most ambitiously, our construction of a society that might make these good lives possible.

Course work in philosophy will explore the major areas of the discipline. Logic and critical thinking courses will explore the methodology of philosophic discourse and academic discourse in general. The other core courses will explore the epistemological, metaphysical, ethical and political dimensions of philosophy. The philosophy program also offers courses exploring the history of philosophy from its beginnings in the ancient world through contemporary philosophy. The program also offers a collection of courses which explore the philosophic concerns manifested in the world's religions. If you have a curious mind and seek understanding, then philosophy may be the major for you.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of metaphysics and epistemology.
- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of ethics and political philosophy.

### Career Opportunities:

Philosophy graduates find careers in law, business, government, counseling, teaching, writing, computer systems analysis and other areas involving analytic skills.

### Units required for Major: 33

#### Associate Degree Requirements:

- English proficiency: ENGL 1A, 1AH, 1S & 1T, ESLL 26 or equivalent.
- Mathematics proficiency: MATH 57, 105, 108 or equivalent.

A minimum of 90 units is required\* to include:

- All Foothill General Education requirements (30 Units)
- Core courses (13 Units)
- Support courses (20 Units)

\*Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

NOTE: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required in all core and support courses for the degree.

#### Program Type:

**AA = Associate in Arts Degree.**

#### Additional Information:

NOTE: Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

#### Core Courses: 13 Unit(s)

- PHIL 2 Introduction to Social & Political Philosophy (4 units)
- PHIL 4 Introduction to Philosophy (4 units)
- PHIL 8 Ethics (5 units)

#### Support Courses: 20 Unit(s)

Select one course from the following:

- PHIL 1 Critical Thinking & Writing (5 units)
- PHIL 7 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (5 units)
- PHIL 30 Introduction to Critical Thinking (4 units)

And 8 units from the following:

- PHIL 20A History of Western Philosophy from Socrates through St. Thomas (4 units)
- PHIL 20B History of Western Philosophy from the Renaissance through Kant (4 units)
- PHIL 20C Contemporary Philosophy: 19th & 20th Century Thought (4 units)
- PHIL 24 Comparative World Religions: East (4 units)
- PHIL 25 Comparative World Religions: West (4 units)

And 8 units\* from the following:

- ANTH 2A Cultural Anthropology (4 Units)
- ART 2A History of Art: History of Western Art from Prehistory through Early Christianity (4.5 units)
- or ART 2AH Honors History of Art: History of Western Art from Prehistory through Early Christianity (4.5 units))
- ART 2B History of Western Art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance (4.5 units)
- or ART 2BH Honors History of Western Art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance (4.5 units))
- ART 2C History of Western Art from the Baroque to Post-Impressionism (4.5 units)
- or ART 2CH Honors History of Western Art from the Baroque to Post-Impressionism (4.5 units)
- ART 2F Introduction to Asian Art (4.5 units)
- BUSI 70 Business & Professional Ethics (4 units)
- HIST 4A History of Western Civilization to 800 AD (4 Units)
- HIST 4B History of Western Civilization: 700-1800 (4 Units)
- HIST 4C History of Western Civilization 1789-Present (4 Units)
- or HIST 4CH Honors History of Western Civilization (4 Units)
- HIST 9 History of Contemporary Europe (4 Units)
- or HIST 9H Honors History of Contemporary Europe (4 Units)
- HIST 18 Introduction to Middle Eastern Civilization (4 Units)
- HUMN 1A Humanities & the Modern Experience I (4 Units)
- HUMN 1B Humanities & the Modern Experience II (4 Units)
- POLI 3 Introduction to Political Philosophy/Political Theory (5 Units)
- or POLI 3H Honors Introduction to Political Philosophy/Political Theory (5 Units)



POLI 9 Political Economy (4 Units)  
or POLI 9H Honors Political Economy (4 Units)  
PSYC 1 General Psychology (5 Units)  
PSYC 4 Introduction to Biopsychology (4 Units)  
SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology (5 units)

\* Students may also use courses listed in the second section of support courses to fulfill the requirement for the third section of support courses.