

# PHILOSOPHY (AA-T DEGREE A0424)

## Humanities and Social Science Division

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
<b>CORE COURSES</b>		<b>6</b>
PHIL 3	Introduction to Logic	
or PHIL 3H	Introduction to Logic - Honors	
<b>Plus one course from:</b>		
PHIL 5	Introduction to Philosophy	
or PHIL 5H	Introduction to Philosophy - Honors	
PHIL 12	Introduction to Ethics	
or PHIL 12H	Introduction to Ethics - Honors	
<b>LIST A</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Choose three units from the following list or any course not selected from core courses</b>		
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	
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	
ENGL 1C	Critical Thinking and Writing	
or ENGL 1CH	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
<b>LIST B: Select any two courses from LIST A not already used.</b>		<b>6-7</b>
<b>LIST C: Select any one course from LIST A not already used</b>		<b>3-4</b>
<b>Total Units for the Major</b>		<b>18-19</b>
<b>CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern <sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

Guided Pathways of Study Suggested Course Sequence (<https://www.mtsac.edu/guided-pathways/pathway-results.html?pthwyvar=A0424&desc=Philosophy%2C+AA-T+%28CSU%29+A0424&status=online>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

Review [Student Learning Outcomes \(SLOs\)](#) for this program.