

Philosophy AA-T (CSU GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description: Philosophy is the activity of trying to make sense of our world through sustained and rigorous thinking about the most difficult questions rooted in the minds of human beings. Thus, the study of philosophy invites reflection upon and analysis of the nature of reality, value, and the self. Courses in philosophy offer students the opportunity for self-development and the building of a coherent view of world and culture. Majoring in philosophy is an excellent way to develop skills in argument analysis as well as critical reasoning, and thus is relevant to understanding problems and evaluating solutions in any area of study or employment. The study of philosophy is excellent preparation for careers in law, journalism, politics, and university teaching. Study in philosophy does not focus on what to think, but on how to think. The program in Philosophy is designed as preparation for transfer to a four-year university with a major in Philosophy, Humanities, or any liberal arts discipline. [The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act \(SB 1440\)](#).

Program SLO: Critically engage with the world of ideas, both historical and contemporary, enabling students to interpret and understand their place in the world as citizens and active participants in the expression of human culture and values.

Important Transfer Information: *The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.*

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Philosophy Department](#).

First Semester (3-16 units) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
PHILOS 101/101H or PHILOS 120	Introduction to Philosophy (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Introduction to Ethics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and Area C2
PHILOS 110 or PHILOS 111	History of Ancient Philosophy (FA) or History of Modern Philosophy (SP)	3	Major and Area C2
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area A2
College-level Math	Any 100-level math course (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-5	Area B4
Lifelong Learning	Choose one course from the CSU GE Area E category that is at least 3-units (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area E
Term Total:		16-18	

Check the [Honors website](#) for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

Second Semester (17-31 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
*PHILOS 230	Symbolic Logic (FA, SP)	3	Major and Area A3
PHILOS 225	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion (SP)	3	Major
COMS 105/105H or COMS 120	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Small Group Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area A1
Ethnic Studies	Choose one course from CSU GE Area F (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area F
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions and Area D
Term Total:		15	

**Some CSU's will require a second semester of English Composition.*

Third Semester (32-46 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
PHILOS 240	Contemporary Moral Problems (FA)	3	Major
Group 1 Course- Department Recommends PHILOS 130 or PHILOS 220	Choose one course from Group 1, see table below – <i>Department Recommends Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (FA) or Introduction to Comparative Religion (FA, WI, SP, SU)</i>	3	Major Elective
Life Science	Choose any course from CSU GE Area B2 (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>(if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course)</i>	3-4	Area B2 (and B3)
Arts Course	Choose one course from CSU GE Area C1 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area C1
CSU Elective – <i>Department Recommends PHILOS 112</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)- <i>Department Recommends History of Philosophy – 20th Century Philosophy (FA)</i>	3	CSU Elective
Term Total:		15-16	

Fourth Semester (47-60 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	American Institutions and Area D
Physical Science	Choose one course from CSU GE Area B1 (FA, WI, SP, SU) <i>(if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Life Science course)</i>	3-4	Area B1 (and B3)
CSU Elective- <i>Department Recommends PHILOS 102</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)- <i>Department Recommends Introduction to Eastern Religion & Philosophy (FA, SP)</i>	3	CSU Elective
CSU Elective – <i>Department Recommends PHILOS 250</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)- <i>Department Recommends Environmental Ethics (SP)</i>	3	CSU Elective
CSU Elective - <i>Department Recommends PHILOS Course</i>	Choose any course that is CSU transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2+	CSU Elective
Term Total:		14-15	

Students are encouraged to take additional Philosophy courses to fulfill elective units.

Total Units: 60+

Group 1 – Choose three units from the following that have not already been completed:

PHILOS 102	Introduction to Eastern Religion & Philosophy (FA, SP)	3
PHILOS 110	History of Ancient Philosophy (FA)	3
PHILOS 111	History of Modern Philosophy (SP)	3
PHILOS 112	History of Philosophy – 20 th Century Philosophy (FA)	3
PHILOS 130	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (FA)	3
PHILOS 220	Introduction to Comparative Religion (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PHILOS 250	Environmental Ethics (SP)	3

American Institutions Requirement – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

Option 1	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
Option 2	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

Counseling Resources

Philosophy Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/philosophy>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/>

CSU General Education Guide: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/transfer/index.php>

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: www.assist.org

Cal State University: www.calstate.edu

A Degree with a Guarantee: <https://adegreewithaguarantee.com/en-us/>

Philosophy Club: Email Marco.llaguno@canyons.edu for more information

COC Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Campus Alliances: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

Petition for Associate Degree: Check the [student calendar](#) for term-specific submission deadlines. Summer graduation associate degree petitions are due by April 1st for your name to appear in the spring commencement pamphlet. The petition form must be reviewed with a counselor and may be found here:

https://www.canyons.edu/resources/documents/student-services/admissions/Petition_for_Associate_Degree_and_Certificate_of_Achievement.pdf

Career Resources

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

American Philosophical Association: <https://www.apaonline.org/>