

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy is the foundation of higher education since Plato's Academy (the first college in Western civilization). The goal of the philosophy program is to introduce students to a broad range of philosophical topics and issues. The methods of careful reasoning, philosophical analysis and constructive dialogue are applied to questions that concern all who seek to understand themselves, the reality of the world, the meaning and purpose of life and the way to make wise and moral choices. The subject is taught primarily as a contribution to students' overall liberal arts education. Students majoring in Philosophy generally transfer to four-year institutions to pursue a bachelor degree and continue their education into Masters or Doctoral degrees. The Philosophy Department additionally provides an Introduction to Philosophy course which surveys most of the standard fields of philosophy –metaphysics, Epistemology and axiology (which includes ethics, aesthetics, and political philosophy). The other courses offered (Ethics, Logic, Survey of World Religions-East, Survey of World Religions-West, Introduction to Zen Buddhism, History of Western Philosophy I & II: Ancient-Medieval, Modern-Contemporary) are more specific and detailed accounts of these standard fields. These philosophy courses may be transferred to four-year institutions. (Check for specifics with your counselor).

PHIL V01 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

Advisories/Rec Prep: Eligibility to enroll in a transferable English composition course (ENGL V01A)

C-ID: PHIL 100

This course surveys the nature and uses of philosophy; considers possible sources, nature, and criteria of knowledge; examines humanity's place in the universe, including concepts of the self, the mind, and freedom; and reviews various schools of philosophical thought as philosophers have sought to understand knowledge, reality, and value.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V02 Introduction to Ethics 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: PHIL 120

This course provides an introduction to the nature of ethical theory, reviews ethical theory as it has developed in the West, and ponders the problems involved in the continuing quest for a more adequate ethical theory for contemporary society together with suggestions for progress toward this goal.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V03A Survey of World Religions: East 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

This course surveys the religions that have dominated the East, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Za Zen, and Shinto. It examines the origin and development of each religion, identifying it's major themes, values, and way of life.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V03B Survey of World Religions: West 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

This course surveys those living religions which have dominated the West, namely, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. It examines the origin and development of each religion, identifying it's major themes, beliefs, and values, touching upon both common and contrasting elements.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V04 Introduction to Logic 3 Units

In-Class Hours: 52.5 lecture

C-ID: PHIL 110

This course presents an introduction to the nature and problems of traditional logical methods. Students will ask questions, weigh evidence, and draw valid conclusions from various kinds of sources. Focus will be on sentential/deductive logic (syllogisms, truth tables, etc.) techniques. Some time will be spent on informal/inductive logic (generalizations, analogies, and common fallacious reasoning) techniques.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2, D2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: A3

IGETC: None

PHIL V05 Critical Thinking and Analytical Writing 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ENGL V01A

This course is a survey of and practice in reasoning, including analysis, critical reasoning, and synthesis, induction and deduction, and identification of assumptions and perspectives. Emphasis will be on both oral and written analysis and argumentation of issues involving fact, belief and value, and on common fallacies of thought, logic, and language. Students will develop the basics of critical reading, analytic writing and the relation of writing to critical thinking beyond the level achieved in English Composition: Level I.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** D2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** A3**IGETC:** 1B**PHIL V06A History of Western Philosophy I: Ancient through Medieval 3 Units**

This course presents an introduction to philosophy from a historical perspective. Focus is placed on the ideas which have had a dominant impact on Western civilization, including their logical development and their influence on contemporary society. The course surveys the period from the birth of science and philosophy through the Middle Ages, with special emphasis on Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** C2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** C2**IGETC:** 3B**PHIL V06B History of Western Philosophy II: Modern through Contemporary 3 Units**

This course presents an introduction to philosophy from a historical perspective. Focus is placed on the ideas which have had a dominant impact on Western civilization, including their logical development and their influence on contemporary society. This course covers sixteenth through eighteenth century philosophy with emphasis on broad epistemological and/or metaphysical developments in primary texts from Descartes to Kant and may include approximate precursors and successors.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** C2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** C2**IGETC:** 3B**PHIL V09 Zen Buddhism 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course will cover the history, principles, and practices of Zen Buddhism in China, where it originated and is called Ch'an, and in Japan, where its two major schools (Rinzai and Soto) have thrived and influenced many aspects of Japanese culture and whence Zen was exported to the West and the United States. In addition to a historical grounding, emphasis will be given to examining and engaging essential principles and practices of Zen as a philosophy and a way of life.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** C2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** C2**IGETC:** 3B**PHIL V10 World Mythology 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course explores myths, legends, and traditional stories from worldwide sources, including: African, Asian, European, Meso-American, Middle Eastern, Native American, and South American among others. Recurring symbols, themes, and concepts will be examined, both independently and cross-culturally, in terms of their appearance in folklore, ritual, religion, literature, and art.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** B2, C2**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** C2, D**IGETC:** 3B, 4**PHIL V12 Introduction to Religion 3 Units***In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This course is an introductory study of religion with emphasis on the origins and functions of religion, religious experience, and religious and theological modes of expression. Course content will be drawn from Eastern and Western traditions, ancient, medieval and modern times.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** C2**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** C2**IGETC:** 3B

PHIL V14 Confucianism and Taoism 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

An introduction to the history and cultural context of Confucianism, Taoism and Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism in China and Japan. Focus on Confucius and Mencius, neo-Confucianism of Chu Hsi (Zhu Xi), Taoist masters Lao Tzu and Chuang Tzu, and their influence on Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism. Emphasis will be given to original texts in translations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V15 Teachings of Jesus in Comparative Perspective 3 Units*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

This introductory course is a study of key images and interpretations of the life and teachings of Jesus, and analysis of the sources from which these are reconstructed, in biblical tradition, historical, cultural, theological, philosophical, artistic, comparative, and contemporary perspectives.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: C2

Transfer Credit: CSU, UC

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: C2

IGETC: 3B

PHIL V90 Directed Studies in Philosophy 1-6 Units*Prerequisites:* varies with topic

This course offers specialized study opportunities for students who wish to pursue projects not included in the regular curriculum. Students are accepted only by a written project proposal approved by the discipline prior to enrollment.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

- Philosophy, Associate in Arts for Transfer (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/philosophy/philosophy-aat/>)