

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer

In ancient Greek, the word "Philosophy" literally means, "love of wisdom." Philosophy is concerned with our most fundamental assumptions about the human experience. The study of philosophy involves such questions as: What can we know and how do we know it? What criteria should we use to decide whether an action is right or wrong? What makes human life worthwhile? As a modern discipline, philosophers are actively engaged in asking questions which include issues regarding the rights of animals, the possibility of artificial consciousness, intellectual property rights, just and equitable treatment of resources, and the nature of our obligations as citizens of nations and of the world. Philosophy is also concerned with the way in which we answer these questions, i.e. with the construction and evaluation of arguments. Philosophy encourages a methodological approach to enquiry, a rigorous examination of evidence, and thoughtful self-reflection regarding one's presuppositions, beliefs, and actions.

The Associate Degrees in Philosophy are designed to prepare students for upper division work in the major. A student with an interest in philosophy would ordinarily transfer to a four-year college or university in order to obtain a Bachelor's Degree. Students who subsequently finish a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy will have pursued a course of study enabling the development of critical, analytical, and creative skills applicable to graduate work in many professional schools where a basic liberal education is assumed. A person who is interested in teaching philosophy must obtain a Master's Degree to be employed by a community college, or a Ph.D. in order to teach at the university level. While some philosophy majors may want to continue a further study in the discipline, others will have developed capacities for written and oral communication, evaluation of assumptions and argument structure, and decision making that enable them to succeed in such professions as law, medicine, business, and public service. As such, training in philosophy is designed to help develop some of the most transferable of all job skills.

Cabrillo offers options for degrees in Philosophy. The first option listed below is the Associate in Arts in Philosophy Studies for Transfer (A.A.-T in Philosophy), which is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Philosophy or a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing the Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. This A.A.-T in Philosophy may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. See Associate Degree for Transfer information in the Cabrillo College Catalog.

The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

Learning Outcomes

The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Philosophy):

1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and/or Conversing
2. Critical Thinking and Information Competency: Analysis, Computation, Research, Problem Solving
3. Global Awareness: An appreciation of Scientific Processes, Global Systems and Civics, and Artistic Variety.
4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

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Completion of CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements

GE Units

37 - 39

Core (6 units)

		Units
PHILO 12	Symbolic Logic	3
	and	
PHILO 4	Introduction to Philosophy	3
	or	

PHILO 10	Ethics	3
	or	
PHILO 10H	Honors Ethics	3
List A-Select 3 units from:		Units
Any course not used in Core above		3
	or	
PHILO 6	History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval	3
PHILO 7	History of Philosophy: Modern	3
PHILO 9	Philosophy of Mind	3
List B-Select 6 units from:		
Any course(s) not used from List A above		3
	or	
HIST 4A	Survey of Western Civilization to 1648	3
	or	
HIST 4AH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization to 1648	3
HIST 4B	Survey of Western Civilization--1648 to Late 20th Century	3
	or	
HIST 4BH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization--1648 to Late 20th Century	3
PHILO 8	Philosophy of Religion	3
PHILO 14	Non-Western Philosophical Traditions	3
PHILO 16	Clones, Drones, the 99% and Other Moral Conundrums for the 21st Century	3
List C-Select one course from:		
Any course not used from Lists A or B above:		3
	or	
ECON 1B	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
PHILO 49	Introduction to Critical Thinking	3
	or	
Any CSU Area C2 or IGETC Area 3B course		3 - 5
	or	
Any lower-division major preparation course articulated to the Similar Major at a CSU		

Note: All courses are also general education courses.

Total Units

60

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