Philosophy

PROGRAMS (UNIVERSITY OR STATE COLLEGES)

A major in philosophy has always been and continues to be one of the strongest traditional liberal arts majors in higher education. Some students major in Philosophy as a precursor to graduate work and academic careers, teaching and doing research in Philosophy and Education. Philosophy's emphasis on critical thinking, theories of knowledge, value and reality, truth, rational argument and proof make it an excellent pre-professional undergraduate major (e.g., for law, theology, medicine, business, computer science) or minor (e.g., for the natural, physical and social science and humanities majors).

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Required Courses: 18 units

Course Number	Title	Units
PHIL B6a	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PHIL B7	Introduction to Logic	3.0
PHIL B10	Introduction to Ethics	3.0
PHIL B12	Ethics of Living and Dying	3.0
PHIL B14	Business and Social Responsibility	3.0
PHIL B37	Introduction to World's Religions	3.0

Electives

Course Number	Title	Units
PHIL B6b	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PHIL B9	Critical Thinking and Composition	3.0
PHIL B32	World Religions: East	3.0
PHIL B33	World Religions: West	3.0

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The following abbreviations are commonly used in the course descriptions: **lect** lecture; **lab** laboratory; **demo** demonstration; **Repeat** repeatability (see policy on course repetition); **CCS** Course Classification System. Hours given in parentheses are total hours for the course. Hours lecture, lab, etc., are hours required per week usually. **Offered:** F=course is offered fall semester; S=course is offered spring semester; SS=course is offered summer session. If there is no designation, the course is offered irregularly. Check with the department for information. Many classes are offered occasionally during the summer. Check the summer class schedule for additional course listings. Prerequisites are expressed as minimum requirements. See page 40 for a complete explanation. (CSU) indicates transferable to California State Universities; (UC) indicates transferable to University of California.

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Credit limitations may apply. For specific information see a counselor.

PHIL B6a-B6b Introduction to Philosophy (3-3 units)

A method, problems, and historical approach to philosophy. Epistemology (the study of knowledge), metaphysics (the study of reality), ethics (the study of morality), and philosophy of religion are covered. **Recommended:** B6a: Reading Level 5 or 6, English Level 6. B6b: PHIL B6a or PHIL B10. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (PHILB6a or PHIL B6b = CAN PHIL 2)

PHIL B7 Introduction to Logic (3 units)

Traditional basics of correct reasoning with an emphasis on their relationships to language, thought and argument. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S, SS. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B9 Critical Thinking and Composition (3 units)

Development of critical thinking skills necessary for evaluating and formulating argumentative/persuasive essays, and practice in applying those skills. **Prerequisite:** ENGL B1a. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B10 Introduction to Ethics (3 units)

Examination of the philosophical approach to morality. Study of the meaning of ethics and morality and methods used in ethical theorizing and reasoning. Emphasizes major ethical issues and theories. Instructs how to set up an ethical system. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges. (CAN PHIL 4)

PHIL B12 Ethics of Living and Dying (3 units)

A philosophical yet practical approach to some of the major medical-ethical problems facing human beings today, such as: what patients should be told, the nature and importance of informed consent, the meaning and criteria for living, dying, and death including caring for the dying and allowing to die, mercy death, and mercy killing, Permeating these problems will be a study of the basis for ethical relationships among human beings through a study of what morality is, consequentialist and nonconsequentialist theories of morality, and how to set up an ethical system. Special emphasis will be placed on the relationship of the professional and the well to the sick, dying, and bereaved. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6, English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B14 Business and Social Responsibility (3 units)

Moral and social responsibilities of business organizations to their various constituencies emphasizing customers, employees and stockholders. Topics include the nature of capitalism, corporations, basic issues in personnel management, the challenge of reindustrialization, employee responsibilities to organizations, consumer rights, job discrimination and the

environment. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6, English Level 6 or evaluation by instructor. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. **Offered:** F, S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B32 World Religions: East (3 units)

Survey of two main Eastern religions–Hinduism and Buddhism, and study of other important Oriental religions such as Jainism, Sikhism, Lamaism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Shinto. Topics include each religion's history, sacred scriptures, geographic dispersion, primary theological concepts and spiritual practices, and its role in contemporary society. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the distinct belief and practice of an individual in each of these religious traditions. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6, English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. Field trips required. **Offered:** F. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B33 World Religions: West (3 units)

Survey of three western religions-Judaism, Christianity, and Islam-and background religions to these, including Egyptian, Persian, and European. Topics include each religion's history, sacred scriptures, geographic dispersion, primary theological concepts and spiritual practices, and its role in contemporary society. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the distinct belief and practices of an individual in each of these religious traditions. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6, English Level 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. Field trips required. **Offered:** S. **CCS:** Liberal Arts & Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B37 Introduction to the World's Religions (3 units)

A survey of three Western religions _ Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and two Eastern Religions - Hinduism and Buddhism. Examines each religion's history, sacred scriptures, geographic dispersion, primary theological concepts and spiritual practices, and contemporary role. Emphasis on understanding the distinct belief and practice of an individual in each of these religious traditions. **Recommended:** Reading Level 5 or 6. **Hours:** (54) 3 lect. Field trips required. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Transferable:** UC, CSU and private colleges.

PHIL B255 Supplemental Philosophical Thinking and Writing Lab (0.5 unit)

Designed for Philosophy students desiring additional assistance in specific areas. Students will work on assignments from Philosophy courses in which they are concurrently enrolled. **Prerequisite:** Concurrent enrollment in PHIL B6a or B7. **Hours:** (9) Hours by arrangement. Individualized instruction and supervised lab. Open entry/open exit. **Repeat:** 3. **CCS:** Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Not Transferable:** Not degree applicable.

PHIL B261 Philosophical Thinking and Writing Supervised Tutorial Lab (0 units)

Provides supervised lab time during which students may obtain individualized instruction in such areas as philosophical thinking, perspective and organizational strategies, critical analysis and writing methodologies. **Prerequisite**: Concurrent enrollment in PHIL B6a or PHIL B7. **Hours**: (2-90) 2-5 individualized instruction and supervised lab. Open entry/open exit. **CCS**: Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Not Transferable:** Not degree applicable.