

# PHILOSOPHY

The discipline of philosophy is a fundamental course of study for all college students. Philosophy courses explore enduring human concerns regarding the nature of knowledge, reality, the mind, and values. Students are trained to understand and analyze classic philosophical texts as well as to think critically about contemporary issues relating to social justice, human rights, the environment, technology, art, and religion. Philosophy courses help to instill lifelong habits of questioning, analyzing, and exploring alternative viewpoints. The study of philosophy also develops critical reading, writing, and thinking skills that are crucial for success at the university level. The overall mission of this program is to aid students in developing the requisite knowledge and skills to excel upon transfer to the CSU and UC systems.

## Associate in Arts Transfer Degrees

- Philosophy - Associate in Arts Transfer Degree (<https://lbcc-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/philosophy/philosophy-aat/>)

### PHIL 1 (C-ID SJS 130) 3 units

#### Philosophy of LGBTQIA+ Studies

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This introductory course examines a broad range of contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues in various contexts including bio-medical (ethics), sociological, philosophical (ontology, metaphysics, epistemology), political (political philosophy), racial and sexual (feminist philosophy).

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### PHIL 1H (C-ID SJS 130) 3 units

#### Honors Philosophy of LGBTQIA+ Studies

##### 54 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

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### PHIL 3 3 units

#### Intro to Issues/Phil, Psych & Religion

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

The course compares and integrates insights from three interrelated disciplines – philosophy, psychology, and religion that correspond to the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of human existence. Students learn the four basic foundations of knowledge: reason, authority, the senses, and experience that are used by each of the three disciplines in their search for truth. Following this framework, the course surveys a wide variety of theories and beliefs and offers a critical analysis comparing their similarities and differences. Students explore, discuss, and evaluate the basic positions of most of the world's great philosophers, psychologists, and theologians - from Socrates and Descartes to Sartre, from Freud and Skinner to Maslow, and from Buddha and Jesus to Buber.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### PHIL 4 (C-ID PHIL 130) 3 units

#### History of Ancient Philosophy

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade.

This course addresses ancient western philosophy with emphasis on the development of Greek philosophy from the Pre-Socratics through Aristotle and may also include Stoic, Hellenistic, Roman, medieval or non-western thinkers. An emphasis will be placed on reading ancient primary texts critically.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### PHIL 5 (C-ID PHIL 140) 3 units

#### History of Modern Philosophy

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade.

This course surveys 16th through 18th century European philosophical perspectives with an emphasis on the metaphysical, and epistemological developments of the period. Emphasis will also be placed on critically reading the primary texts from this period.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### PHIL 6 (C-ID PHIL 100) 3 units

#### Introduction to Philosophy

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

A general introduction to some of the fundamental questions, texts, and methods of philosophy. Topics may include the nature of reality, the existence of God, free will, morality, race and gender, personal identity, social justice, knowledge and skepticism.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

### PHIL 6H (C-ID PHIL 100) 3 units

#### Honors Introduction to Philosophy

##### 54 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

A general introduction to some of the fundamental questions, texts, and methods of philosophy. Topics may include the nature of reality, the existence of God, free will, morality, race and gender, personal identity, social justice, knowledge and skepticism.

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### PHIL 7 (C-ID PHIL 120) 3 units

#### Introduction to Ethics

##### 54 hours lecture

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course examines moral theories and the application of moral theories, arguments, and principles to contemporary moral issues. Topics covered include: Can moral claims be objectively true? How do major moral theories attempt to provide an objective basis for morality? How should we resolve contemporary moral issues such as (but not limited to) abortion, animal rights, censorship, economic justice, global warming, immigration, mass incarceration, racism, and terrorism?

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 7H (C-ID PHIL 120) 3 units****Honors Introduction to Ethics****54 hours lecture**

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course examines moral theories and the application of moral theories, arguments, and principles to contemporary moral issues. Topics covered include: Can moral claims be objectively true? How do major moral theories attempt to provide an objective basis for morality? How should we resolve contemporary moral issues such as (but not limited to) abortion, animal rights, censorship, economic justice, global warming, immigration, mass incarceration, racism, and terrorism?

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**PHIL 8 3 units****Philosophies of Global East and South****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course provides a broad introduction to some of the main philosophical traditions from around the world, such as Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Islam, Jainism, Sikhism, Shinto, and American Indian Philosophy. The major themes to be examined include the metaphysical nature of reality, humanity and divinity; the meaning of life; the role of the individual and society; and the effects of history, geography, religion and culture on belief systems.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 9 3 units****Introduction to Existentialism****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course will examine the philosophical thought of existentialist writers such as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, Husserl, Tillich, Heidegger, Camus, and Dostoevsky. Emphasis will be placed on the analysis of recurring themes such as freedom, individuality, meaning and value, and the existence of God.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 10 (C-ID SJS 120) 3 units****Introduction to Feminist Philosophy****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course will examine feminist thought on philosophical issues in the history of feminist philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology, feminist philosophy of language and science, intersectionality, and ethics, politics, and aesthetics.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 10H (C-ID SJS 120) 3 units****Honors Intro to Feminist Philosophy****54 hours lecture**

Prerequisite: Qualification for the Honors Program.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course will examine feminist thought on philosophical issues in the history of feminist philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology, feminist philosophy of language and science, intersectionality, and ethics, politics, and aesthetics.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 11 3 units****Critical Thinking****54 hours lecture**

Prerequisite: ENGL 1, ENGL 1H, ENGL 1S, or ESL 1S.

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This class focuses on the improvement of practical reasoning skills.

Students will learn to detect and avoid common argument fallacies.

Students will develop the knowledge and habits needed to make decisions between conflicting ideas and beliefs. Applications are made to both contemporary and perennial issues, such as current political events, marketing and advertising, and the news media. Students will also learn the difference between deductive and inductive reasoning, and will learn some basic deductive argument forms.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 12 (C-ID PHIL 110) 3 units****Introduction to Logic****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

Introduction to logic introduces some principles of valid reasoning with an emphasis on deductive logic. Ordinary language will be translated into sentential logic, and syntax versus semantics will be discussed. Methods of determining validity will be explored including truth tables and the proof method in sentential logic.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 14 3 units****Philosophy of Religion****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course examines the philosophical themes within the world's religions. Central questions include: Does God exist? How can God be known? What is the nature of God/Ultimate Reality? Why is there evil? Can conflicting religions still be true? The course will focus on understanding and critically analyzing the claims of the world's religions.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 15 3 units****Introduction to Political Philosophy****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course examines some of the main issues within political philosophy. Topics include the justification of political authority, property and the state, the individual and the state, as well as special topics. This course examines various perspectives including those of marginalized groups and special populations.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 16 3 units****Introduction to Business Ethics****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade or pass/no pass.

This course will examine ethical issues in business. Topics will include environmental concerns, the distribution of wealth, informational ethics, privacy and autonomy, and affirmative action. These will be discussed in the context of moral theories such as utilitarianism, deontology, virtue ethics, and care ethics. This course is not open for credit to students who have completed Management 16.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations

**PHIL 22 (C-ID PHIL 210) 3 units****Symbolic Logic****54 hours lecture**

Grading: letter grade.

This course is an introduction to the formal techniques of evaluating arguments. These formal techniques include propositional logic, truth trees, natural deduction, and quantificational logic.

Transferable to both UC and CSU; see counselor for limitations