

# PHILOSOPHY

## Career Opportunities

Business Executive	Sales Personnel/Manager
Social/Welfare Worker	Teacher

## Faculty

Full-Time	Part-Time
Carolyn Dorrance	Lee French
Christopher Horrock	Russell Sanders
	James Tepfer
	Douglas Thiel

## Philosophy

### Associate in Arts Degree

Required Courses:	Units
PHIL R101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL R107 Logic	3
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### Required Additional Courses:

Complete a minimum of 12 units from the following:	Units
ANTH R189C Magic, Religion, and Witchcraft	3
ECON R101 Principles of Macroeconomics	3
PHIL R102 Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL R103 World Religions: East	3
PHIL R104 World Religions: West	3
PHIL R105 Great Philosophers I	3
PHIL R106 Great Philosophers II	3
PHIL R110 Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL R111 Critical Thinking	3
PHIL R114 Social Philosophy	3
POLS R100 Introduction to Politics	3
SOC R114 Social Philosophy	3
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**Total Required Units 18**

## Philosophy Courses

### PHIL R101—Introduction to Philosophy 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*  
This course attempts to clarify the nature of the philosophic enterprise and the place of philosophy in intelligent living. At least two of the following areas are surveyed: metaphysics (study of reality), epistemology (nature of knowledge), political philosophy, aesthetics, philosophy of science, and philosophy of religion. An effort is made to relate the thoughts of the philosopher directly to experiences and vital concerns of beginning students. This course is recommended for both majors and non-majors. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: PHIL 2)*

### PHIL R102—Introduction to Ethics 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*  
This course provides an introduction to the nature and main types of ethical theory developed in the West. The course will examine the continuing quest for developing adequate ethical theories for contemporary individuals, together with suggestions for making progress toward this goal. This course is recommended for both majors and non-majors. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: PHIL 4)*

### PHIL R103—Survey of World Religions: East 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Origin and historical development of major ideas of the world's Eastern religious traditions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Zen. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

### PHIL R104—Survey of World Religions: West 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Origin and historical development of major ideas of the world's Western religious traditions including Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

### PHIL R105—The Great Philosophers I 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Introduction to philosophy from an historical perspective; considers ideas which have had a dominant impact on Western Civilization, their logical development, and their influence on contemporary society. Begins with the birth of science and philosophy in ancient Greece and continues to the development of Christian philosophy through the Middle Ages. Special emphasis given to Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: PHIL 8; PHIL SEQ A (PHIL R105 + R106))*

### PHIL R106—The Great Philosophers II 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Introduction to philosophy from an historical perspective; considers the ideas which have had a dominant impact on Western civilization, their logical development, and their influence on contemporary society. Begins with the birth of the modern mind and rise of science in the Renaissance and continues to present day. Special emphasis given to the schools of rationalism, empiricism, critical philosophy, and existentialism. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU (CAN: PHIL 10; PHIL SEQ A (PHIL R105 + R106))*

### PHIL R107—Logic 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

This course provides an introduction to the subject of deductive reasoning. Both ancient and modern forms of argument and language analysis will be considered. Students will learn how to translate ordinary statements and arguments into formal symbolic language. Students will also learn how to evaluate the results and outcomes of modern symbolic logic. An effort is made to help students develop an introductory understanding of systematic thinking and to apply formal analytical skills to other subjects in the college curriculum. This course is recommended for both majors and non-majors. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

### PHIL R108—Mythology 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Survey and comparative study of global myths concerning origin of world, nature of universe and humankind, processes of change and transformation, and connections between spiritual and mundane worlds; also examines philosophical and social functions of myths and symbols. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

### PHIL R109—Modern Religious Movements in America 3 units

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Survey of modern and often highly unusual religious movements in America, including variants of Christianity and non-Christian religions—Zen and Tibetan movements, Vedanta, Transcendental Meditation, Krishna Consciousness, spiritualism, and Satanism—

as well as a discussion of the history of religious movements and causes underlying current religious variations. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R110—Philosophy of Religions 3 units**

*3 hours lecture weekly*

The philosophy of religion investigates empirical, logical, and rational basis for proving existence of God, and understanding nature of God, God's relation to natural reality, and the impact of this philosophical study upon religions. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R111—Thinking Critically and Analytic Writing 3 units**

*Prerequisites: ENGL R101.*

*3 hours lecture weekly*

This course provides an introduction to the nature of arguments: how to analyze them and assess the soundness of the reasoning they represent. Common fallacies that often occur in arguments are discussed in light of what counts as a good deductive or inductive inference. Other topics include the use of language in argumentation to arouse emotions as contrasted with conveying thoughts, logic of scientific experiments and hypothesis-testing in general, and some general ideas about probability and its application in making normative decisions (e.g., betting). Students will learn the basics of analytic writing and the relation of writing to critical thinking. Course credit not available for students with credit in PHIL R121. This course satisfies the IGETC Critical Thinking English Composition requirement. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R112—Symbolic Logic and Set Theory 3 units**

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Introduction to symbolic logic and set theory; includes investigation of truth and validity, formal proof and symbolizing relations, truth sets, truth tables and Boolean algebra, and a description of axiomatic systems. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R114—Social Philosophy 3 units**

*3 hours lecture weekly*

Social philosophy studies man in society from the standpoint of metaphysical and ethical principles and presuppositions of human nature. Course highlights major historical and contemporary perspectives in the history of philosophy and takes one prominent social philosopher for detailed study. Questions concerning legal and social relationships, purpose in social order, and ethical values in human institutions explored. (Same as SOC R114) (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R121—Thinking Critically 3 units**

*3 hours lecture weekly*

This survey course for non-majors provides an introduction to the nature of arguments: how to analyze them and assess the soundness of the reasoning they represent. Common fallacies that often occur in arguments are discussed in light of what counts as a good deductive or inductive inference. Other topics include the use of language in argumentation to arouse emotions as contrasted with conveying thoughts, logic of scientific experiments and hypothesis-testing in general, and some general ideas about probability and its application in making normative decisions (e.g., betting). Course credit is not available for students with credit in PHIL R111. (2)

*Transfer credit: UC, CSU*

**PHIL R189—Topics in Philosophy 1/2-3 units**

*Lecture hours as required by unit formula*

Topics in selected areas of philosophy to meet specific needs of community or college as required or requested by persons whose needs are not met by regular course offerings. (2)

*Transfer credit: CSU*

**PHIL R199—Directed Studies in Philosophy 1-3 units**

*Lecture and/or lab hours as required by unit formula*

Designed for students interested in furthering their knowledge of philosophy on an independent study basis; assignments will include library research, written work, and discussion with instructor. Course may be taken two times. (2)

*Transfer credit: CSU*