Philosophy is the critical, rational examination of fundamental questions that people have pondered for more than 2500 years. These include, but are not limited to, questions such as: What is reality? What is the nature of the self? Does God exist? What is good and just? What ought I to do? Philosophy courses are directed towards an understanding of these and other fundamental questions, often through reading and studying philosophers who have addressed these questions in the past, with appreciation of the historical and cultural contexts in which these questions are raised and answered. Philosophy courses help students to develop good logical and critical reasoning skills, expose hidden preconceptions, encourage open debate and independent thought, and provide opportunity to apply valuable insights gained to contemporary life.

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**PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy**

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines some of the perennial questions that have been addressed in the history of philosophy. Some of these include: Do we have free will? Is there a God? What is knowledge? What is the fundamental nature of reality? What makes actions right or wrong? This examination includes a critical analysis of fundamental concepts involved in the issues addressed by these questions, as well as an evaluation of reasoning used to defend various answers to them. (C-ID PHIL 100)

**PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics**

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 and ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to ethics and moral philosophy. It includes a survey of various normative ethical theories including Aristotle’s Virtue Ethics, Utilitarianism, and Kant’s Deontological Ethics. It may also cover various meta-ethical issues such as ethical relativism vs. ethical objectivism, as well as questions of knowledge and justification of moral claims. It may also include the application of normative ethical theories to contemporary moral issues. (C-ID PHIL 120)

**PHIL 315 Contemporary Moral Issues**

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This is an investigation into some of the moral issues our society presently faces. These issues may include abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, individual liberty and the collective good, sexuality/gender and society, war and terrorism, capital punishment, hunger/poverty and moral obligation, discrimination, and affirmative action.

**PHIL 320 Logic and Critical Reasoning**

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces basic principles of good reasoning. It focuses on recognizing arguments and identifying their premises and conclusions. It examines the distinction between inductive and deductive standards of evaluation and includes an overview of types of inductive reasoning, deductive argument patterns, use and misuse of language, and fallacious reasoning. Practical application to everyday life is emphasized. (C-ID PHIL 110)

**PHIL 324 Symbolic Logic**

Same As: MATH 320

Advisory: MATH 120, 124, 125, 129, or 133 with a grade of “C” or better; or placement through the assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b)

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an introduction to symbolic logic. It includes a study of the logic of sentences (propositional logic) and the logic of classes and relations (predicate logic), together with an introduction to the nature of deductive systems. This course is not open to students who have completed MATH 320. (C-ID PHIL 210)

**PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy**

Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGW 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course is an overview of some of the important themes in Western Philosophical thought from the Pre-Socratic era to the Late Medieval era. These themes may include the fundamental nature of reality, knowledge, values, society, God, and human nature. (C-ID PHIL 130)
PHIL 331  History of Modern Philosophy  3 Units
Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND
ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESWL 340.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an overview of important themes in the history of
Western Philosophical thought from the Early Modern era to the
turn of the nineteenth century. These themes may include the
fundamental nature of reality, knowledge, values, society, God,
and human nature. (C-ID PHIL 140)

PHIL 350  Philosophy of Religion  3 Units
Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND
ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESWL 340.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an introduction to a philosophical examination of
religion. This examination typically includes an analysis of basic
religious concepts such as God, the afterlife, the soul, faith, karma,
religious experience, good, and evil. The rationality of religious
belief and the relation of religion to science may also be covered.

PHIL 360  Social/Political Philosophy  3 Units
Advisory: Eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND
ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESWL 340.
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; CSU Area D7;
IGETC Area 4G
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is a historical and topical survey of significant themes
of social/political philosophy from Plato to the present. Topics may
include freedom, government, justice, law, rights, punishment, war,
authority, and the state.