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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.

## Philosophy

### PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Units

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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.

### PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics 3 Units

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B  
 Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
 Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is a survey of various approaches to understanding fundamental ethical ideas such as good, evil, right, and wrong. Deontological and consequentialist theories of ethics are presented. Subjectivist and objectivist views of ethics are considered.

### PHIL 315 Contemporary Moral Issues 3 Units

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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 3 Units

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3  
 Course Transferable to UC/CSU  
 Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an introduction to 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.

### PHIL 324 Symbolic Logic 3 Units

*Same As: MATH 320*

*Prerequisite: MATH 120, 124, 125, or 129 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.

### PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy 3 Units

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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.

**PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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 Western Philosophical thought from the Early Modern era to the present. These themes may include the fundamental nature of reality, knowledge, values, society, God, and human nature.

**PHIL 350 Philosophy of Religion 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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 353 Religions of the Far East 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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 the major religions of the Far East, which may include Jainism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shinto. The history, basic teachings, and practices of these are examined.

**PHIL 354 Religions of the West 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 and ENGRD 116; or ESLR 320 and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better; or placement through the assessment process.*

*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 the three major "Western" religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Basic teachings, practices, and histories of these religions are examined.

**PHIL 360 Social/Political Philosophy 3 Units**

*Advisory: [[ENGWR 102 or 103] and ENGRD 116] or [ESLR 320 and ESLW 320] with a grade of "C" or better, or placement through the assessment process.*

*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.