PHILOSOPHY

Program Description
The study of philosophy develops and refines a rigorous, analytic understanding of certain of our fundamental concepts, including knowledge, reason, truth, and value. Since all other academic disciplines rely on the use of such concepts, the study of philosophy is essential for an education directed toward completeness.

The study of philosophy also yields other tangible academic benefits. It has been shown that philosophy students scored at least five percentage points above average in admission tests for professional and graduate schools in America. No other subject matches philosophy in this respect. Philosophy students do better in examinations for law school and business school than anyone except mathematicians.

With employment opportunities beyond academia growing—for example, consultants to hospitals, state legislatures, Congress, genetic engineering firms and artificial intelligence companies—there has also been a proliferation of philosophical journals focused on such topics as the allocation of scarce medical resources, abortion, euthanasia, disposal of nuclear waste, corporate responsibility and fair profit, etc.

The Philosophy Department additionally provides an Introduction to Philosophy course which surveys most of the standard fields of philosophy: logic, epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, aesthetics, the philosophy of religion, and political philosophy. The other courses offered (Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Logic, Comparative World Religions, History of Philosophy: Ancient, Modern and Contemporary, Issues in Philosophy) are more specific and detailed accounts of these standard fields. These philosophy courses may be transferred to four-year institutions. (Check for specifics with your counselor.) The Department also offers Honors courses in Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics.

The department offers an AA degree in Philosophy and Philosophy for Transfer. These degrees provide the foundational knowledge in philosophy to students who want to earn a BA degree in Philosophy. This degree is in compliance with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code Sections 66746-66749) and guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college.

Upon completion of the transfer associate degree, the student is eligible for transfer with junior standing into the California State University (CSU) system. Students will be given priority consideration when applying to a particular program that is similar to the student’s community college area of emphasis. For more information on transfer degrees, visit www.sb1440.org (http://www.sb1440.org).

Planning a Program of Study
The required Philosophy courses for majors may be taken in any order, but it is recommended that Introduction to Philosophy be taken as a prelude to the other courses.

Preparation for Transfer
Course requirements for transfer vary depending upon the college or university a student wishes to attend. Therefore, it is most important for a student to consult with his/her counselor and departmental adviser before planning an academic program for transfer. Information sheets for majors, outlining transfer requirements, are available in the Counseling Center and Transfer Center.

Special Programs and Honors
The Philosophy Department also sponsors the Philosophy Club. Any students interested in the study of philosophy are encouraged to join. Officers are elected in the fall, and a yearlong agenda of speakers and meetings is developed by the membership. All members of the campus community are welcome.

The Department also regularly runs debate teams that compete in the Ethics Bowl and the International Business Ethics Case Competition. Teams have successfully competed against four-year institutions.

The Philosophy Department selects one student as Outstanding Student who is presented the Philosophy Award at the annual year-end Santa Barbara City College Awards Banquet. No application for the award is required of students.

Programs of Study

Credit Courses
Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Survey of the basic problems and systems in philosophy. Special consideration given to logic, theories of knowledge, metaphysics, ethics, philosophy of religion and political philosophy.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 100 and 100H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 100.

PHIL 100H Introduction to Philosophy, Honors (4 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
In-depth survey of the basic problems and systems in philosophy. Special consideration given to Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy, and Aesthetics.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 100 and 100H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 100.
PHIL 101 Introduction to Ethics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examination of the nature of morality, moral concepts, moral theories, such as virtue theory, natural law, consequentialism, and Kantianism, and disputed moral issues, such as abortion, world hunger, pornography, environmentalism, cloning, genetic enhancement, war, euthanasia, capital punishment and animal rights.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 120.

PHIL 101H Introduction To Ethics, Honors (4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
In-depth study of the types and history of ethical theories. Analysis of the factual and normative factors involved in making moral choices. Discussion of the nature of moral standards and values and their relevance to present times. Topics include the meaning of "should," "right;" "justice;" "blame," "responsibility." Examines the moral aspect of social issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, the environment and drug legalization, etc.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 101 and 101H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 120.

PHIL 102 Comparative World Religions (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Presentation and interpretation of the fundamental concepts, ideals, customs, rituals and insights of the major religious traditions. Religions discussed are Hinduism; Buddhism; Greek; Roman; Taoism; Confucianism; Shintoism; Jainism; Zoroastrianism; Sikhism; Judaism; Christianity; and Islam.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.

PHIL 102H Comparative World Religions, Honors (3 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Acceptance into the Honors Program.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
In-depth presentation and interpretation of the fundamental concepts, ideals, customs, rituals and insights of the major religious traditions. Religions discussed are Hinduism; Buddhism; Greek; Roman; Taoism; Confucianism; Shintoism; Jainism; Zoroastrianism; Sikhism; Judaism; Christianity; and Islam.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C, SBCCGE Area E5
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.

PHIL 103 History Of Philosophy: Ancient (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Thales, 640 B.C., through the Romans. Philosophers discussed are the Pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Greek Atomists (Leucippus, Democritus, Epicurus), the Stoics (Seneca and Epictetus) up to Marcus Aurelius.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 120.

PHIL 104 History Of Philosophy: Modern (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Bacon, Galileo, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Conway, Malebranche, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 120.

PHIL 105 History Of Philosophy: Contemporary (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Thales, 640 B.C., through the Romans. Philosophers discussed are the Pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Greek Atomists (Leucippus, Democritus, Epicurus), the Stoics (Seneca and Epictetus) up to Marcus Aurelius.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transfer Limit: PHIL 102 and 102H combined: maximum credit, one course.
C-ID: PHIL 120.

PHIL 111 Critical Thinking And Writing In Philosophy (3 Units)
Prerequisites: ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examination of the basic elements of logic, including the study of the principles of inductive and deductive reasoning, their relevance to problem-solving, scientific method, and argument analysis/evaluation. Development of critical thinking skills, including identifying and evaluating arguments, recognizing informal fallacies, and the uses and misuses of language in a variety of contexts. Integration of critical thinking skills with the techniques of effective argumentative writing, addressing themes of social and multicultural relevance. (Fulfills Critical Thinking requirement for IGETC/CSU General Education.)
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area D2
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area A3, IGETC Area 1B, CSU Transferable
UC Transferable
C-ID: PHIL 130.

PHIL 200 History Of Philosophy: Ancient (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Thales, 640 B.C., through the Romans. Philosophers discussed are the Pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Greek Atomists (Leucippus, Democritus, Epicurus), the Stoics (Seneca and Epictetus) up to Marcus Aurelius.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transferable
C-ID: PHIL 130.

PHIL 201 History Of Philosophy: Modern (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Bacon, Galileo, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Conway, Malebranche, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transferable
C-ID: PHIL 130.

PHIL 203 History Of Philosophy: Contemporary (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Study of the thought of major philosophers from the time of Bacon, Galileo, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Conway, Malebranche, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable
UC Transferable
C-ID: PHIL 130.
PHIL 204 History And Philosophy Of The Great Ideas Of Physics (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Examines the history and development of the major ideas of physics. Designed particularly for philosophy students and others in the liberal arts and humanities. Physical ideas of three significant eras: ancient Greece; the beginnings of modern science from the 17th to 18th centuries, including the thinking of Copernicus, Galileo and Newton; and the revolutionary ideas of early 20th century and contemporary physics. Course is designed to be conceptual, rather than mathematical, in its investigation of the great ideas of physics.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

PHIL 205 Introduction to Logic (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Formal investigation into the nature of argument. Topics covered are validity, implication, statement (propositional) logic, truth tables, syllogistic (categorical) logic (including Carroll or Venn diagrams), and predicate (quantificational) logic.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area D2
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area A3, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

PHIL 206 Philosophy of Religion (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Provides a critical examination of the central philosophical issues associated with religion. Topics may include the existence and nature of a deity, good and evil, miracles, souls, life after death, revelations, and the relationships between myth and religion, religious experience and justification, faith and knowledge, and between religious beliefs and moral conduct.
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, CSU Transferable

PHIL 207A Comparative Philosophy, East And West (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 98 and ENG 103.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Critical examination of the predominant philosophical ideas of three of the most influential physiological perspectives in world history: Western regionalism, Indian mysticism, and Chinese social relationalism.
SBCC General Education: SBCCGE Area C
Transfer Information: CSUGE Area C2, IGETC Area 3B, CSU Transferable, UC Transferable

PHIL 207B Philosophy of Art (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
The philosophical study of art, art critique and aesthetic experience. Discussions include the nature of art objects, the uniqueness of aesthetic experience, distinctions between the beautiful and the sublime, the subjective/objective status of judgments about art, and commonalities and differences among the arts, including painting, sculpture, performance, poetry and music.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

PHIL 295 Internship In Philosophy (2-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of two courses (in applicable discipline) at SBCC prior to enrolling in an internship course.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 273 (273 lab)
Structured internship program in which students gain experience in community organizations related to the discipline. Five to 10 hours weekly on-the-job experience. Course restricted to 3 repetitions
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

PHIL 299 Independent Study In Philosophy (1-4 Units)
Limitations on Enrollment: At least three Philosophy courses.
Hours: 192 (192 lab)
To be eligible for independent student, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 units at Santa Barbara City College with a 2.5 G.P.A. For complete information, see "Independent Study" in the Catalog Index.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable