

## **Associate Degree for Transfer-Philosophy 2017-2018**

Earn your Associate Degree for Transfer-Philosophy online at Foothill College.

Philosophy is one of the oldest academic subjects in the world and its concerns have given rise to nearly all other specialized academic disciplines. The primary motivation of philosophy is the desire for knowledge and understanding. Philosophy is an attempt to understand the nature of our reality, our attempts at knowledge, our quest for good and meaningful lives and most ambitiously, our construction of a society that might make these lives possible. Logic and critical thinking courses will explore the methodology of philosophic discourse and academic discourse in general. The student will explore the epistemological, metaphysical, ethical and political dimensions of philosophy, the history of philosophy from its beginnings in the ancient world through contemporary philosophy, and the philosophic concerns manifested in the world's religions. Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will be ensured preferential transfer status to CSUs for Philosophy majors and/or majors in related disciplines. The Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will fulfill the lower division major requirements at many CSUs. Students are advised, however, to meet with a counselor to assess the course requirements for specific local CSUs.

### **Program Learning Outcomes:**

- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of metaphysics and epistemology.
- Students will be able to critically analyze and evaluate arguments regarding issues of ethics and political philosophy.

### **Units required for Major: 90**

### **Degree Requirements:**

Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer requires completion of a minimum of 90 units to include:

- CSU General Education Breadth Requirements **or** the \*Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (49-58 Units) (full certification is required)
- Core and support courses (29-33 Units, of which 21-22 units may satisfy the GE requirement)
- Transferable electives necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement

**NOTE:** All courses pertaining to the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (or "P") or better. In addition, the student must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.

The **courses listed BELOW are generally offered as online courses** at least once every two years. Please see Schedule of Classes for verification.

- For a complete listing of online courses offered during the current quarter, visit [Online Course Information](#).
- If you need any additional degree information or confirmation, please contact the [Counseling Division](#).

**NOTE:** Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a [counselor](#) to submit a petition for course substitution.

### **Core Courses (9-10 units)**

- PHIL 7 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (5 units)

**And ONE** of the following:

- PHIL 4 Introduction to Philosophy (4 units)
- PHIL 8 Ethics (5 units)

### **Support Courses (20-23 units)**

**Complete TWO courses** from List A:

List A:

Any course not used from the core courses, or any of the following:

- PHIL 1 Critical Thinking & Writing (5 units)
- PHIL 4\* Introduction to Philosophy (4 units)
- PHIL 8\* Ethics (5 units)

\* If not used to fulfill the core requirement.

**And TWO items** from List B:

List B:

- 1. Any course not used in List A
- 2. HIST 4A History of Western Civilization to 800 CE (4 units)
- 3. HIST 4B History of Western Civilization: 700-1800 (4 units)
  - **and\*\*** HIST 4C History of Western Civilization: 1789-Present (4 units)
- PHIL 25 Comparative World Religions: West (4 units)

\*\* When using item 3 or 4 in this section, both courses must be completed to fulfill the requirement.

**And ONE course** from List C:

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Any course not used in List A or List B, or any of the following:

- ENGL 16 Introduction to Literature (4 units)
- ENGL 22 Women Writers (4 units)
- HUMN 1 Cultures, Civilizations & Ideas: The Ancient World (4 units)
- HUMN 2 Cultures, Civilizations & Ideas: Of Empires & Conflict (4 units)
- HUMN 3 World Myths in Literature Arts & Film (4 units)
  - **or** HUMN 3H Honors World Myths in Literature Arts & Film (4 units)

Note that this list does NOT include courses that are **only** held on campus. For a list of **on-campus** courses that satisfy degree requirements, please visit [Associate Degree for Transfer-Philosophy 2017-2018 in Degree, Certificate or Transfer Programs.](#)

Based on the 2017 - 2018 degree program.