

Philosophy

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

DEGREE CODE: PHIL-AA

DESCRIPTION

Studying Philosophy cultivates intellectual skills that are useful in all professional, personal, and academic contexts. In every Philosophy course, students are shown how to analyze issues and information, and to both produce and assess arguments according to the standards of good reasoning. The serious attempt to answer philosophical questions makes up part of the core of a meaningful human life no matter what job or career one chooses.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate knowledge of influential thinkers and arguments that have been advanced in the history of the Western intellectual tradition.
- Demonstrate knowledge of some of the most influential thinkers and arguments that have been advanced by contemporary thinkers.
- Demonstrate knowledge of some of the core concepts and vocabulary related to metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, and logic.
- Demonstrate an ability to think critically, such as the ability to identify inconsistencies in sets of claims, to identify the presumptions of claims, and to identify the implications of claims.
- Demonstrate the ability to think objectively, that is, dispassionately, about their own personal convictions whether they are religious, political, or social in nature.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH 120 or above (except MATH 122)

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 49 for courses

LITERATURE (3 credits)

ENG 231 or 232

ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)

Required: PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking

NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)

(Two courses from the following, one must include a lab):

ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 credits)

(Nine credits must be from three different disciplines):

ANTH (except 102); CRJ 104; ECON; PSC; PSY; SOC; WMST 113

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 50 for courses

VALUES AND DIVERSITY

All students **MUST** fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements.

Recommended: WMST 113 - Completing this course will also count toward completing the Social Science requirement.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (26 CREDITS)

CORE REQUIREMENTS (3 credits)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3

PHIL ELECTIVES choose 3 different PHIL classes)

Any PHIL courses not already used to complete a different portion of this degree; those transferring to UNLV should complete PHIL 114. 9

FINE ARTS

ART; DAN 101; MUS; THTR 3

HUMANITIES

COM 101 and one course from the following: 6
ENG 223 or above; HIST; World Languages 111 or above;
RST

GENERAL ELECTIVES

See a counselor to select 5-6 transferable credits. 5-6

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
MATH 120 Fundamentals of College Mathematics	3
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5
PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
Complete Social Science ¹ (see courses previous page)	3
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
TOTAL CREDITS	15-17

SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 102 or 114	3
Complete Natural Sciences (no lab-see courses previous page)	3-4
Complete Social Science ¹ (see courses previous page)	3
Complete AA/AB/AS US/Nevada Constitutions ² p. 50	4
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16-17

THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Natural Sciences (with lab-see courses previous page)	3-4
Complete Social Science ¹ (see courses previous page)	3
Complete PHIL Electives ³	3
Complete General Electives ⁴	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Fine Arts p. 50	3
TOTAL CREDITS	15-16

FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 231 or 232	3
Complete PHIL Electives ³	6
Complete General Electives ⁴	2-3
Complete Humanities ⁵ (see courses previous page)	3
TOTAL CREDITS	14-15

DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS..... **60-65**

¹Completing WMST 113 as a Social Science elective would also cover the Values and Diversity general education requirement.

²PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the 2nd semester and HIST 102 or 217 in the 3rd semester.

³Any PHIL courses not already used to complete a different portion of this degree; those transferring to UNLV should complete PHIL 114.

⁴See a counselor to select 5-6 transferable credits.

⁵Use the course list that follows “COM 101 and one course from the following.” If choosing an ENG or HIST course to fulfill this requirement, it must be an ENG or HIST course NOT already used to satisfy other areas of this degree.

