

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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 - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- 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.

Courses with “H” suffixes are designated Honors level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 Credits):

| | CR | SEMESTER |
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| ENGLISH: ENG 100 or 101 or 113 and 102 or 114 | 6-8 | _____ |
| LITERATURE: ENG 223 or above | 3 | _____ |
| ANALYTICAL THINKING: PHIL 102 | 3 | _____ |
| MATHEMATICS: MATH 120, 124 or above | 3 | _____ |
| LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES: (Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): AST, BIOL, CHEM 105 or above, ENV, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS | 7 | _____ |
| SOCIAL SCIENCES: (Nine credits must be from three different disciplines): ANTH, CRJ 104, ECON, PSC, PSY, SOC, WMST 113 | 9 | _____ |
| U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217 | 4-6 | _____ |

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 Credits):

| | CR | SEMESTER |
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| FINE ARTS: ART, DAN 101, Music, THTR | 6 | _____ |
| HUMANITIES: COM 101 and ENG 223 or above, HIST, International Languages 111 or above | 6 | _____ |
| PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | _____ |
| Plus 12 credits from the following: | | |
| PHIL | | |
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PHIL-AA **62** Total Credits

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.

Guided Pathway
Associate of Arts (AA) Philosophy Emphasis
Total Credits – 62

| First Semester | Required Credit Hours | Course Choice | Credits |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
| English ENG 100, 101 or 113 | 3-5 | | |
| Analytical Thinking PHIL 102 | 3 | | |
| Mathematics MATH 120, 124, or above | 3 | | |
| Social Sciences Elective | 3 | | |
| Humanities COM 101 | 3 | | |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS | 15-17 | | |
| TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS | | | |
| Second Semester | Required Credit Hours | Course Choice | Credits |
| English ENG 102 or 114 | 3 | | |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective <i>(1 of 2 must include a Lab)</i> | 3-4 | | |
| Social Sciences Elective | 3 | | |
| PHIL 101 | 3 | | |
| PHIL Elective | 3 | | |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS | 15-16 | | |
| TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS | | | |
| Third Semester | Required Credit Hours | Course Choice | Credits |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective <i>(1 of 2 must include a Lab)</i> | 3-4 | | |
| Social Sciences Elective | 3 | | |
| US/Nevada Constitution PSC 101 or HIST 101 | 3-4 | | |
| Fine Arts ART, Dan 101, Music, THTR | 3 | | |
| PHIL Elective | 3 | | |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS | 15-17 | | |
| TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS | | | |
| Fourth Semester | Required Credit Hours | Course Choice | Credits |
| Literature ENG 231 or 232 | 3 | | |
| US/Nevada Constitution HIST 102 or 217 <i>(if needed)</i> | 3 | | |
| Fine Arts ART, Dan 101, Music, THTR | 3 | | |
| Humanities Elective | 3 | | |
| PHIL Elective | 3 | | |
| PHIL Elective | 3 | | |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS | 15-18 | | |
| Degree TOTAL | 62 | | |
| TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS | | | |
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