

PHILOSOPHY

DIVISION: Social Sciences

The Social Sciences Division strives to enable students to become active and informed citizens of our diverse and increasingly interdependent world. Our courses expand students' understanding of human society, cultural practices, interpersonal relationships, social institutions, identity formation, and systems of thought. Studying the social sciences gives students the analytical skills to understand and critique social phenomena across diverse cultural and historical contexts. Students in the Social Sciences become agents of change in their local and global communities.

- Philosophy – Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer to CSU (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs/philosophy/philosophy-aat/>)

Courses

PHIL 001 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: PHIL 100

A survey of the main areas of philosophy, including metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of religion. Introduction to philosophical methods, including logical and conceptual analysis. Interpretation of historical and contemporary philosophical texts. Evaluation of philosophical problems, concepts, and arguments. Construction and defense of philosophical arguments in oral and written form. No credit if taken after PHIL 001H. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 001H HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: PHIL 100

Enrollment Limitation: Acceptance into the Honors program

A survey of the main areas of philosophy, including metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, and philosophy of religion. Introduction to philosophical methods, including logical and conceptual analysis. Interpretation of historical and contemporary philosophical texts. Evaluation of philosophical problems, concepts, and arguments. Construction and defense of philosophical arguments in oral and written form. This enriched course is designed for the Honors Program allowing more student directed discussion and more extensive writing assignments. No credit if taken after PHIL 001. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade

PHIL 003 ETHICS

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: PHIL 120

An analysis from the philosophical point of view of the nature of morality and moral judgments; study of the major ethical systems; theories of conduct; theories of value; the moral virtues; science and morality; ethical relativism. Particular issues examined include the nature of moral actions; the ground for moral obligation; and the relation between morality, happiness, and rationality. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 007 CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Nature of ethical value judgments. Concepts of choice, obligations, moral standards, and types of ethical theory. Analysis of such concepts as justice, freedom, the state. Various types of political theory. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 008 PHILOSOPHY AND HUMANNESS

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

The essence of human nature: reason, desire, work, freedom and organism; some deficiencies in human nature: sin, ignorance, neurosis, alienation; means for changing human nature: redemption, education, therapy, social reconstruction. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 020 INDEPENDENT STUDY

1 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU

Enrollment Limitation: Permission of department instructor and division dean

Individual research projects; emphasis on library research and preparation of research papers. Total of 54 hours laboratory.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 020A HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Beginnings of Western philosophy and science in Greece, including philosophers such as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, and Hellenistic schools of thought, developments to St. Thomas Aquinas, and theories of the late Middle Ages. Total of 54 hours lecture

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 020B HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Philosophical systems of the Renaissance; the scientific revolution; rationalism in Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz; empiricism in Locke, Berkeley and Hume; Kant and post-Kantian developments. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 025 INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 001A or 001AH

An introduction to critical thinking skills and techniques of critical analysis in written form. Course will include applications of critical reasoning skills in everyday situations and seek to develop the ability to integrate the principles of critical thinking with the techniques of effective written argument. A total of 6,000 to 8,000 words will be required during the semester in a variety of written assignments. No credit if taken after PHIL 025H. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass

PHIL 025H HONORS CRITICAL THINKING

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU UC credit under review.

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 001A or 001AH

Enrollment Limitation: *Acceptance into the Honors program*

An introduction to critical thinking skills and techniques of critical analysis in written form. Course will include applications of critical reasoning skills in everyday situations and seek to develop the ability to integrate the principles of critical thinking with the techniques of effective written argument. A total of 6,000 to 8,000 words will be required during the semester in a variety of written assignments. This enriched course is designed for the Honors Program allowing more student-directed discussions and more extensive writing assignments. No credit if taken after PHIL 025. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Letter Grade*

PHIL 030 LOGIC

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Elementary thought processes, both deductive and inductive, emphasis on definition, verification, evidence, validity, forms of argument and of fallacious reasoning. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

PHIL 031 CONTEMPORARY CHICANO PHILOSOPHY

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Survey of Mexican philosophy; emphasis on contemporary developments; implications of Mexican thought for the Mexican-American. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Audit, Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

PHIL 033 INTRODUCTION TO SYMBOLIC LOGIC

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

C-ID: PHIL 210

Introduction to the principles of valid deductive reasoning; elements of symbolic logic; sentential and quantificational logic; forms of reasoning; structure of language. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*

PHIL 037 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

3 unit

Transfer Credit: CSU; UC

Examines enduring questions in the philosophy of religion, such as the concept of God, arguments for the existence of God, the nature of religious experience, whether there is an afterlife, the relation between faith and reason, the problem of evil, whether belief in miracles is rationally justified, problems surrounding divine foreknowledge and human freedom, and implications of the diversity of religious belief. Total of 54 hours lecture.

Grade Mode: *Letter Grade, Pass/No-Pass*