

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

About the Program

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Program Goals and Objectives

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Career Opportunities

The intent of the associate degree for transfer is to assist students in transferring into the California State University System. Students completing the AA-T degree receive a guarantee of admission with junior status into the California State University System. Students who major in philosophy are often preparing for graduate work in Philosophy, Law, Business and Medicine. It is well known that most students do not get employment in the field of study of their undergraduate major, but the undergraduate path in philosophy teaches the skills of reading, writing, argumentation and critical thinking applicable to most employment situations.

Program Outcomes

- Upon completion of the AA-T in Philosophy, students are able to develop and present formal philosophical arguments using effective logical argumentative technique and avoiding logical error and fallacies.
- Upon completion of the AA-T in Philosophy, students are able to respond to philosophical writing and ideas of historical and contemporary philosophers by describing philosophical arguments, evaluating those arguments, and applying them with accuracy and creativity to contemporary conditions.

Completion Requirements:

1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or CA State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
 - b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
2. Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT's) also require that students must earn a "C " (or "P") or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

Required Core: (6-7 Units)

PHIL 1 God, Nature, Human Nature or	3
PHIL 2 Ethics.....	3
PHIL 6 Introduction to Logic or	3
PHIL 8 Logic and Argumentation.....	4

List A: Select One (3 Units)

PHIL 3 Aesthetics.....	3
PHIL 4 Intro to Philosophy: Knowledge.....	3
PHIL 5 Feminist Philosophy.....	3

List B: Select Two (6 Units)

HIST 1 Western Civilization to 1600.....	3
HIST 2 Western Civilization since 1600.....	3

List C: Select One (3 Units)

HUMN 3 Introduction to Humanities.....	3
HUMN 6 Nature and Culture.....	3
HUMN 10 American Arts and Ideas.....	3
HUMN 28 World Mythology.....	3
RELS 1 Religions of the World.....	3
RELS 2 Bible: History and Literature.....	3
RELS 3 Introduction to Women's Spirituality.....	3
RELS 11 Introduction to Islam.....	3

Total Units for the Major..... 18-19

Additional General Education and Elective Units..... 41-42