

Philosophy

Program Description

The philosophy program consists of one comprehensive survey course augmented by special courses in critical thinking, ethics, political philosophy, and religion. All constitute a basic and well-rounded introduction to philosophy. Each course presumes no prior study of philosophy.

Associate Degree

Not offered in this discipline

PHIL 001 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Critical Thinking and Reasoning

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 or ENGL 062. Study of logical thinking and reasoning in everyday life. Emphasis is on informal logic in contrast to formal symbolic logic. Special attention is given to 'computer literacy' and 'educational television.' Critical reading and writing is required. The course does not fulfill the IGETC critical thinking requirement. *Three hours lecture.*

PHIL 003 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Philosophy

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 or ENGL 062. General introduction to the central methods and recurring problems in the Western philosophical tradition. Topics of inquiry are theories of knowledge, theories of existence, philosophy of religion, free will and determinism, and the mind-body problem. *Three hours lecture.*

PHIL 004 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 or ENGL 062. Introduction to moral philosophy and major ethical theories of the Western philosophical tradition. Critical reading and writing are required. *Three hours lecture.*

PHIL 005 **3.0 Units**
Critical Thinking: The Philosophic Grounds of Literacy

Prerequisite: ENGL 001. Course Advisory: SCC minimum Math standard. Designed to educate students in the fundamental principles of sound and cogent thinking and reasoning expressed primarily in argumentative essays. More specifically, the course is a practicum in critical literacy, i.e., the written practice and refinement of fundamental skills and dispositions required in effective argumentation, critical analysis and evaluation, conceptual inquiry, and discursive expression in general. The study of exemplary argumentative writings from a variety of philosophical, social, and political sources is integral. Objective exams and critical essays are required. This course fulfills the IGETC critical thinking requirement. *Three hours lecture.*

PHIL 006 **3.0 Units**
Introduction to Political Philosophy

Course Advisory: ENGL 001 or ENGL 062. An inquiry into fundamental political concepts in political thought (e.g. justice, freedom, equality, power, authority, obligation and citizenship) as expressed by major political thinkers. Includes the study of basic skills, criticisms, and methods in political inquiry relevant to the life and education of citizens. Critical reading and written is required. *Three hours lecture.*