

Philosophy

Through Philosophy one may think about and develop perspectives on topics as diverse as god, science, language, logic, truth, ethics, politics and law. Thus philosophy's range of application is particularly broad. Typically, philosophy leaves aside the doing of religion, science and so forth, and asks fundamental questions about the nature and justification for the various perspectives.

Questions you might encounter in a philosophy class: What is the nature of the mind? Is it identical with the brain? Does God exist? If so, what is God like? Can we prove such a being exists? What makes an action right or wrong? What makes a society a just one? What distinguishes science from non-science? What is a scientific theory? Are numerals (like '4') names for objects? If so, what are these objects (presumably numbers) like? What is knowledge? Under what conditions do you have it?

CAREER OPTIONS

Philosophy focuses on clear thinking, analytical writing, and critical evaluation of complex ideas. Thus it is excellent training for anyone whose job requires broad perspectives and new and creative ideas. Philosophy is excellent preparation for a career in law, business, government, journalism and a wide variety of professional areas; and it is excellent preparation for different sorts of graduate and professional study. Philosophy does not provide training in specific job tasks, rather it focuses on basic skills that prepare you for the more challenging tasks they will encounter as your career advances.

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK

As indicated on the reverse, earnings for philosophy majors compare favorably to earnings from other disciplines. Philosophy is excellent preparation for graduate school, and philosophy majors do especially well on standardized tests required for graduate admission. This includes medical school, business school (with the GMAT exam), law school (with the LSAT exam) and other forms of graduate study (with the GRE exam). For further information, follow links at <https://www.csusb.edu/philosophy>

PHILOSOPHY COURSES OFFERED

Moral Choices in Life
Critical Thinking Through Argument Analysis
Introduction to Philosophical Problems
Critical Thinking Through Symbolic Logic
Philosophy in the World
Philosophical Questions in Literature
Predicate Logic
Alternative Logics
Ancient Philosophy
Early Modern Philosophy
Topics in the History of Philosophy
Topics in Metaphysics & Knowledge
Social & Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law
Advanced Issues in Metaphysics & Knowledge
Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics

SPECIAL FEATURES

- * Small class size ensures personalized attention
- * Outstanding faculty
- * Published scholars
- * Active researchers
- * Experienced educators
- * Independent research projects

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy requires only 42 units of courses in the philosophy major. Thus philosophy is a **small major**, and may be combined with other majors and minors. To obtain the BA in philosophy you need a minimum of 120 units as follows:

- * 42 units in philosophy major courses
- * 48 units in general education courses
- * 30 units of free electives

MINORS

- * Philosophical Logic
- * Law and Philosophy
- * Philosophy
- * Philosophy, Policy, and Economics

Topics in Value Theory
Philosophy of Religion
Asian Philosophy
Ethics
Theory of Knowledge
Philosophy of Science
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Language
Topics in Philosophy
Advanced Issues in Logic
Advanced Issues in History of Philosophy
Advanced Issues in Value Theory
Jurisprudence
Advanced Topics in Philosophy