

PHILOSOPHY, Associate in Arts Degree - 2050

Communication, Humanities and the Arts Department

The Philosophy AA transfer degree allows students the opportunity to explore and examine various systems of beliefs and values in order to help them to better understand, expand, and support their own system of beliefs and values. This program fosters the development of skills in critical thinking, clear and precise writing, as well as more careful reading through investigating the major branches of philosophical inquiry. These include the history of philosophy and culture, ethics and value theory, logic, critical thinking, and the philosophy of science, theories of nature and reality, and the foundations of knowledge. In addition, this program provides the core courses specifically required to transfer into a bachelor's degree program with a major in Philosophy while also satisfying some of the requirements for a Religious Studies or interdisciplinary humanities major or minor. Since the requirements of senior institutions may vary, it is essential to choose a target transfer school as soon as possible and then carefully follow the program described in that school's catalog. The complete program is available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses, as well as Virtual Learning. The program can be completed at the Lebanon Campus by taking some courses through Virtual Learning.

Transfer Opportunities

Graduates acquire a basic foundation in philosophy suitable for transferring into a four-year baccalaureate institution. In addition, a major in philosophy provides a solid foundation for students planning careers in medicine, law, the clergy, education, and business. Philosophy majors also succeed in executive or management positions in business, non-profit organizations, and governmental institutions where the ability to assimilate information rapidly and produce effective solutions to persistent and challenging societal problems is essential.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Transfer into four-year colleges and universities to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy
- Sharpen communication, writing, and research skills needed for framing hypotheses, analyzing a variety of qualitative and quantitative data, and for putting complex problems into manageable forms
- Exemplify effective decision-making and leadership skills by examining philosophies of both Western and Eastern cultures and cultivating sensitivity to other world views

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 60)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	HIST 101 World History I	3	CIS 105 Introduction to Software for Business	3
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	HIST 102 World History II	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3	Transfer Electives**	<u>10</u>
Humanities & Arts Elective	3	PHIL 102 Logic	3		16
Humanities & Arts Elective or Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3	Philosophy Electives*	6		
Mathematics Elective	3		18		
Science w/ a Laboratory Elective	3				
Social & Behavioral Science Elective (Recommend: ANTH 101)	3				
First-Year Seminar Elective	1				
Wellness	<u>1</u>				
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*Students select Philosophy electives from the following: PHIL 200, 215 or 225.

**Students are to select transfer electives appropriate for their intended transfer institution. See the HACC catalog for suggested options.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I	Spring Semester I	Fall Semester II	Spring Semester II
COMM 101 3	ENGL 102 3	Humanities & Arts Elective 3	CIS 105 3
ENGL 101 3	HIST 102 3	Philosophy Elective 3	Humanities/Arts Elective or Social/Behavioral Science Elective 3
FYS Elective 1	PHIL 102 3	Transfer Electives 7	Mathematics Elective 3
HIST 101 3	PSYC 101 3	Wellness 1	Philosophy Elective 3
PHIL 101 3	Science w/ Lab Elective 3		Transfer Elective 3
Social/Behavioral Science Elective 3			