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Instructional Programs

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify and assess the central figures, questions and themes of philosophy.
- Analyze and assess arguments and approaches to philosophical problems.
- Articulate and defend complex arguments using written and oral communication.

Degree

An Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to the CSU System as a Philosophy major. Logic and critical thinking courses provide students with an ability to analyze arguments, assess philosophical questions, and to read and think critically. History of philosophy and ethics classes guide students to an understanding of the central figures, questions, and themes throughout the history of philosophy. All courses seek to develop and enhance students’ abilities to think critically about texts and philosophical ideas and to articulate and defend arguments through both written and oral academic discourse.

The major requirement for an A.A.-T in Philosophy for Transfer to CSU may be met by:

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

A.A.-T in Philosophy for Transfer (18-21 units)

Required Core (6 units)

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List A: Select one (3-4 units)

Any course from Required Core not used above or one of the following:

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Program Description

Philosophy courses provide lower division preparation for those who plan to major in Philosophy at a university. Comprehensive survey course content along with substantive courses in logic, ethics and comparative religion are designed to acquaint students with the distinctive nature of philosophical ideas and to help increase skills in critical thinking about matters of fundamental philosophical concerns, the nature of correct reasoning, the scope and limits of human knowledge, the generic and pervasive characteristics of reality and the sources of value and obligation. Philosophy courses meet general education requirements and also provide a foundation of lifelong learning.

Career Opportunities

Transfer Degree

For BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.
List B: Select two (6-7 units)
Any course from List A not used above or one of the following:
HIST-101 Western Civilization I: to 1500 3 units
HIST-102 Western Civilization II: from 1500 to the Present Era 3 units
PHIL-104 World Religions 3 units

List C: Select one (3-4 units)
Any course from List A or List B not used above or one of the following:
ENGL-103 Critical Thinking and Writing 4 units
or
ENGL-103H Honors Critical Thinking and Writing 4 units
Units for Major 18-21
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39
Possible double counting 12
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)  
Total Units for A.A.-T Degree 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Philosophy for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.

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Note: Every effort has been made to keep program information current. Please use this information as a guide and consult with the chair of the department/program or an MSJC counselor.