

# PHILOSOPHY

ASSOCIATE DEGREE &amp; CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

## DESCRIPTION

Philosophy is an academic discipline that inquires into the nature, meaning, and value of the world and of human beings' place in the world. An undergraduate major in philosophy prepares a student for (a) graduate studies and an academic career in philosophy, (b) graduate studies and an academic career in related disciplines within the humanities (e.g., religious studies, literature, political science), and (c) law school and a career in law or politics.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following 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 GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth). (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.

## DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Law
- Literature
- Political Science
- Politics
- Religious Studies
- Teaching
- Theology

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**ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Philosophy** — Associate in Arts for Transfer

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**Required Core (6 credits)**

PHIL 206 . . . . .	Introduction To Philosophy . . . . .	3
PHIL 208 . . . . .	Introduction To Logic . . . . .	3

**List A: Select at least one course (3 credits) from the following:**

PHIL 209 . . . . .	World Religions . . . . .	3
PHIL 212 . . . . .	Philosophical Classics In Theory Of Reality And Of Knowledge. . . . .	3
PHIL 213 . . . . .	Philosophical Classics In Ethics And Social Philosophy .	3

**TRANSFER PREPARATION**

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES:**

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:  
[www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org)  
 CSU System Information:  
[www2.calstate.edu](http://www2.calstate.edu)

**FINANCIAL AID**

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:  
[www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid](http://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid)

**List B: Select at least two courses (6 credits) from the following:**

- Any course(s) not already selected from List A. . . . . 3
- HIST 204A . . . . History Of Western Civilization . . . . . 3
- HIST 204B . . . . History Of Western Civilization . . . . . 3

**List C: Select one course (3 credits) from the following:**

- Any course not already selected from List A or List B. . . . . 3
- PHIL 205 . . . . Introduction To The Bible. . . . . 3
- Any course articulated as CSU GE Area C2 or IGETC Area 3B . . . . . 3

**Total Credits: . . . . . 18**

"P" (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer.  
 In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory.  
 Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details.

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