


BA IN PHILOSOPHY (GENERAL CONCENTRATION)

Units required for Major: 42
Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

This general concentration forms an excellent basis for a broad liberal arts education and has been the chosen mode of preparation for successful careers in such diverse areas as university teaching, government, education, medicine, consulting, publishing, business, and finance.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
LOWER DIVISION COURSES (5 Units)		
PHIL 60	Deductive Logic I ¹	3
PHIL 89	Philosophical Methods	2
UPPER DIVISION CORE COURSES (19 Units)		
PHIL 112	History Of Ethics 	3
PHIL 127	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 128	History of Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 180	Knowledge and Understanding	3
PHIL 181	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 182	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 189	Senior Seminar in Philosophy	1
GENERAL PHILOSOPHY CONCENTRATION (18 Units)		
Select three Philosophy courses from the Elective List for this concentration. ²		9
Select three Philosophy courses from the Elective List for this concentration numbered 150 or above not taken to satisfy the above requirements. ³		9
Total Units		42




Note: Philosophy majors must fulfill the GE Writing Intensive "supervenient requirement" with courses **in the major, only**.




¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² See the Elective List below for Department approved electives for this concentration.

³ See the Elective list below for Department approved electives numbered 150 and above.

Elective List

Code	Title	Units
PHIL 61	Inductive Logic I	3
PHIL 101	Ethics and Social Issues 	3
PHIL 102	Professional and Public Service Ethics ¹	3
PHIL 103	Business and Computer Ethics ¹	3
PHIL 104	Bioethics ¹	3
PHIL 105	Science and Human Values 	3
PHIL 106	Philosophy of Medicine	3
PHIL 115	Philosophy of Literature and Film 	3

PHIL 117	Existentialism 	3
PHIL 122	Political Philosophy ¹	3
PHIL 123	Philosophy and Feminism	3
PHIL 125	Philosophy Of Science	3
PHIL 131	Philosophy Of Religion ¹	3
PHIL 136	Philosophy Of Art ¹	3
PHIL 145A	Chinese Philosophy 	3
PHIL 145B	Philosophies Of India 	3
PHIL 153	Philosophy Of Mind	3
PHIL 154	Philosophy Of Language	3
PHIL 155	Philosophy Of Law	3
PHIL 156	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	3
PHIL 160	Deductive Logic II	3
PHIL 176	Twentieth Century Anglo-American Philosophy	3
PHIL 182	Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 183	Rationality	3
PHIL 190	Selected Philosophers	3
PHIL 192B	Topics in Bioethics	3
PHIL 192E	Topics in Epistemology	3
PHIL 192F	Topics in Ethics	3
PHIL 192L	Topics in Philosophy Language	3
PHIL 192M	Topics in Philosophy of Mind	3
PHIL 192O	Topics in Contemporary Metaphysics	3
PHIL 192P	Topics in Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 192R	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 192S	Topics in Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL 192T	Topics in Philosophy of Social Science	3
PHIL 195	Philosophy Internship ²	1 - 3
PHIL 196	Experimental Offerings in Philosophy	3
PHIL 199	Special Problems ²	1 - 3

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² If taken for less than 3 units, must be repeated until 3 units are achieved.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (6-9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking ²	0 - 3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (6-12 Units)		

C1 - Arts	3
C2 - Humanities ²	0-3
C1/C2 - Area C Course	3
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ³	0-3
Area D: The Individual and Society (6-9 Units)	
Area D Course	3
Area D Course	3
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ³	0-3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)	
Area E Course	3
Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)	
Area F Course	3
Total Units	37-49

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take PHIL 4, they will meet Area A3.
- If student chooses to take PHIL 2, PHIL 6, or PHIL 26, they will meet Area C2.

³ Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take PHIL 102, PHIL 112, PHIL 115, PHIL 117, PHIL 122, PHIL 131, PHIL 136, PHIL 145A, or PHIL 145B, they will meet upper division Area C.
- If student chooses to take PHIL 101, PHIL 103, PHIL 104, or PHIL 105, they will meet upper division Area D.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

Department offers students a "select from the following" option:

- If student chooses to take PHIL 101, PHIL 105, PHIL 112, PHIL 115, PHIL 117, PHIL 145A, or PHIL 145B, they will meet the Writing Intensive (WI) graduation requirement.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.

Philosophy (General), BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
PHIL 21	First Year Seminar: Becoming an Educated Person	3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking (PHIL 4 recommended) ²		3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication ²		3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning (PHIL 61 recommended) ²		3
GE Area 3B - Humanities (PHIL 2 recommended) ²		3
GE Area 1A - English Composition ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Year 2		
First Semester		
PHIL 89	Philosophical Methods	2
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
GE Area 5A - Physical Science ²		3
GE Area 5C - Laboratory ²		1
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
PHIL 60	Deductive Logic I	3
GE Area 3A - Arts ²		3
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Year 3		
First Semester		
PHIL 112	History Of Ethics 🗝	3
PHIL 127	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 128	History of Modern Philosophy	3

Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities (PHIL 131 or PHIL 136 recommended) ³	3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²	4
Units	16
Second Semester	
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³	3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²	3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²	3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²	4
Elective of Choice	3
Units	16
Year 4	
First Semester	
PHIL 180 Knowledge and Understanding	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³	3
Elective of Choice	3
Units	15
Second Semester	
PHIL 181 Metaphysics	3
PHIL 182 Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 189 Senior Seminar in Philosophy	1
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³	3
Units	13
Total Units	120

PHIL 189 Senior Seminar in Philosophy	1
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³	3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²	3
Units	16
Total Units	60

- Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.
- Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).
- Please see an academic advisor for elective options.

Philosophy (General), BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
PHIL 112	History Of Ethics	3
PHIL 127	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 128	History of Modern Philosophy	3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities (PHIL 131 or PHIL 136 recommended) ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Units		16
Second Semester		
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		13
Year 2		
First Semester		
PHIL 180	Knowledge and Understanding	3
PHIL General Concentration Elective ³		3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³		3
PHIL General Concentration Elective (Courses numbered 150 or above) ³		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
PHIL 181	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 182	Ethical Theory	3