

# Philosophy

## School of Social Sciences and Humanities

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### General Description

Philosophy is humanity's oldest intellectual discipline explores which explores and asks fundamental questions about the nature of thought and existence from various perspectives. This discipline explores the scope and limits of human knowledge, the ultimate constituents of reality, the sources of value and obligation, and the nature of logic and correct reasoning. Through philosophy, one may think about and develop perspectives on topics as diverse as science, language, logic, truth, ethics, politics, and law.

### Career Options

Below is a sample of the career options available for the philosophy major. A few of these require an associate degree, some require a bachelor's degree, and most require a graduate-level degree: lawyer, government administrator or personnel, labor relations specialist, minister, publisher, literary critic, research assistant, educational researcher, ethics specialist, high school or college instructor, writer, business manager, journalist, and educational broadcaster.

### Degree/Certificate Options

Associate in Arts Degree: Transfer Preparation  
Philosophy

### Major Code

01830

*Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.*

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

### Philosophy

Transfer Preparation \* (Major Code: 01830)

The lower-division requirements give both the philosophy major and the general education student an excellent vehicle for refining his/her skills in critical reasoning and rational decision making. The application of philosophical ideas to the practical problems of life is an essential part of the curriculum. Philosophy majors who plan a career in teaching at the college or university level must complete a bachelor's degree and a graduate-level degree.

PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 103	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 106	World Religions	3
PHIL 120	Ethics: Theory and Practice	3
Complete 6 units from electives		6

**Total units** **18**

**Electives:** HUM 101 and 102 or HUM 104 and 140.

SDSU also requires three consecutive courses in a single foreign language as part of the requirement for the bachelor's degree. Foreign language competency may also be demonstrated by successfully completing four years of one foreign language in high school or by successfully completing a challenge examination. See a counselor for additional information.

*To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements must be completed. See page 51.*

\* Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete courses specific to the transfer institution of choice. University requirements vary from institution to institution and are subject to change. Therefore, it is important to verify transfer major preparation and general education requirements through consultation with a counselor in either the Counseling Center or Transfer Center. **See catalog TRANSFER COURSES INFORMATION section on page 33 for further information.**

