The Philosophy program provides a structured system of study for students seeking an associate degree in philosophy or transferring to a four-year university program in philosophy. The discipline of philosophy provides students with not only a historical understanding of human culture, but also with training in the art of thinking. Philosophy leads students to develop the ability to comprehend, analyze, and reason about abstract ideas, and this ability carries over to everyday life and future careers. Philosophy majors do very well in admission to law and medical schools. Philosophy majors are eligible for the same careers as other liberal arts majors, and the major serves as a sound basis for specialization in other disciplines. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the study of philosophy can have a considerable impact on the student’s personal life.

**Important:** To obtain the Associate in Arts Degree in Philosophy, students must complete the following requirements with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0:

- The Philosophy major requirements below.
- The College of the Siskiyous General Education Pattern (COSGE) requirements.
- Any needed electives to reach a total of 60 COS degree-applicable units.
- All major courses and any courses noted on the COSGE check sheet must be completed with a C or better.

### Requirements for the Major

- **Complete two of the following:**
  - PHIL 1001- Introduction to Philosophy (3)
  - PHIL 1003- Ethics (3)
  - PHIL 1004- Critical Reasoning (3)

- **Complete three of the following:**
  - HIST 1004- Western Civilization to 1600 (3)
  - HIST 1005- Western Civilization since 1600 (3)
  - PHIL 1009- Philosophy of Religion (3)
  - PHIL 1010- History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3)
  - PHIL 1011- Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (3)
  - PHIL 1020- World Religions: Western Cultures (3)
  - PHIL 1021- World Religions: Eastern Cultures (3)

- **Complete one of the following:**
  - HUM 1001- Introduction to Humanities (3)
  - PHIL 1012- Philosophy of Science and Religion (3)
  - PHIL 1014- Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Marriage (3)
  - PHIL 1015- Philosophies of Non-Violence (3)

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