

# PHILOSOPHY, BA, LAW, JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL POLICY EMPHASIS

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## Program Description

The study of Philosophy enables students to explore critically various systems of beliefs and values, to grapple with the foundations of their own beliefs and values, to develop habits of critical thinking, writing, and reading, and to use these skills to address real world problems. Students completing a major in Philosophy have the option of pursuing an emphasis in one of three areas: Ethics and Moral Reasoning; Law, Justice, and Social Policy; and Mind and World. Program goals and objectives can be found on our website.

Graduates in Philosophy gain a set of skills that will be valuable for pursuing any career path, for leading a fruitful life, and for engaging as a responsible citizen and community member. CSUB Philosophy graduates have gone on to successful careers in a wide range of fields, including education, law, journalism, business, government, and non-profit organizations. The Department hosts a chapter of the Phi Sigma Tau International Honors Society in Philosophy. Through its association with the Kegley Institute of Ethics, the department offers students the opportunity to engage with major public issues of the day. The annual CSUB Philosophy and Religious Studies Undergraduate Conference provides a forum for the presentation of work by undergraduates from CSUB and other universities in all areas of philosophical and religious studies.

## Philosophy Program Learning Outcomes

**Goal 1 – Intellectual and Practical Skills:** Students will develop the intellectual and practical skills required for effective personal, professional, and civic life. **Intellectual Empathy:** Students will accurately represent and fairly evaluate diverse views and values. **Formal Logic:** Students will analyze and evaluate arguments using formal systems of deductive logic. **Research and Writing:** Students will research and write well-supported essays on philosophical issues. **Oral Defense:** Students will defend philosophical positions using well-organized oral presentation skills. **Practical Philosophy:** Students will apply philosophical skills in community and/or professional settings.

**Goal 2 – Disciplinary Knowledge:** Students will develop a broad understanding of the major themes in the field of philosophy. **History of Philosophy:** Students will describe and explicate the historical development of philosophical ideas. **Value Theory:** Students will analyze and compare normative theories of the just, the good, and/or the beautiful. **Metaphysics and Epistemology:** Students will analyze and compare philosophical views of the nature of reality and our knowledge of it.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar (FYS)		2
Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills		9
Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences		9
Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities		6
Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF) <sup>1</sup>		0-3
Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies		3
American Institutions: Government and History		6
Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR) <sup>1</sup>		0
Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) <sup>1</sup>		0-3
Upper Division Thematic Area B and D <sup>1</sup>		3-6
General Education Capstone <sup>1</sup>		0
<i>General Education Subtotal</i> <sup>1</sup>		<i>41-50</i>
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
PHIL 2610	Orientation and Methods	3
PHIL 3010	Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 4908	Senior Seminar	1-3
<i>History of Western Philosophy</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 3210	Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 3220	Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 3230	Modernity and Its Critics	
PHIL 3240	Contemporary Philosophical Movements	
<i>Value Theory</i>		
PHIL 4410	Philosophy of Law	3
Select two of the following:		6
PHIL 3030	Political Philosophy & Thought	
PHIL 3318	Professional Ethics	
PHIL 3348	Bioethics	
PHIL 4420	Political Power and Social Justice	
PHIL 4430	Theories of Ethics	
PHIL 4450	Ethics and Social Identity	
PHIL 4550	Feminist Philosophy	
<i>Metaphysics and Epistemology</i>		
PHIL 3548	Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 4510	Metaphysics	
PHIL 4520	Self and Mind	
PHIL 4530	Theories of Knowledge	

PHIL 4540	Philosophy of Science	
<i>Elective</i>		
One additional upper-division course in PHIL		3
<i>Experiential Learning</i>		
PHIL 3610	Ethics Bowl	3
or PHIL 4620	Internship in Practical Philosophy	
<i>Breadth</i>		
Select four of the following:		12
ACCT 2350	Business Law	
BA 2100	Legal Environment of Domestic and International Business	
COMM 3010	Mass Media Law	
CRJU 1108	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CRJU 3260	Advanced Topics in Courts	
CRJU 3318	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
CRJU 4638	Victims and the Criminal Justice System	
PPA 3250		
PPA 4610		
PLSI 3140	Judicial Power and the Constitution	
PLSI 3170	Legal Reasoning	
PLSI 3450	Civil Rights & Civil Liberties	
PLSI 3770	Special Topics	
PLSI 4410	U.S. Immigration Law and Policy	
PLSI 4770	Selected Topics in Political Science	
<i>Major Subtotal</i>		43-45
<b>Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation</b>		<b>25-34</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>109-129</b>

<sup>1</sup> The SELF requirement may double count with B, C, or D. JYDR may be satisfied in major, minor or other university requirement. Students are waived from UDC area of their program. GVAR may be satisfied with waiver exam. Capstone may be satisfied within the senior seminar.