

# PHILOSOPHY - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)\*

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## Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Connecting with Ideas requirement:</i>		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 1 requirement:</i>		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 2 requirement:</i>		
GEM 2 - Oral Communication course		2
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 3 requirement:</i>		
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 4 requirement:</i>		
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>1</sup>		4
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		3-4
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 5 requirement:</i>		
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy <sup>3</sup>	3
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 6 requirement:</i>		
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course		3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Global Perspectives requirement:</i>		
Global Perspectives course		3
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics <sup>3</sup>	3
PHIL 209	Logic and Philosophy	3
PHIL 290	Philosophical Writing and Methodology Capstone	3
Electives	Select 13-15 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60	13-15
<b>Minimum Credit Hours Required</b>		<b>60</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Must include a lab component.
- <sup>2</sup> Course must come from a different discipline.
- <sup>3</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

\*All requirements for this degree or certificate may be completed fully online.

## Plan of Study Guide

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Consult your Student Success Advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

### First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) <sup>1</sup>	3

GEM 2 - Oral Communication course		2
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics	3
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I (Recommended GEM 5) <sup>3,4</sup>	4
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course <sup>5</sup>		3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course <sup>6</sup>		3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
PHIL 111	World Religions (Recommended Global Perspectives) <sup>3</sup>	3
PHIL 209	Logic and Philosophy	3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course <sup>4,6</sup>		3
Elective	Select an elective <sup>7</sup>	3
Elective	Select an elective <sup>7</sup>	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PHIL 290	Philosophical Writing and Methodology Capstone	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course <sup>4</sup>		3-4
Elective	Select an elective <sup>7</sup>	3
Elective	Select an elective <sup>7</sup>	3
Elective	Select an elective <sup>7</sup>	1-3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Minimum Credit Hours Required</b>		<b>60</b>

- <sup>1</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.
- <sup>2</sup> Must include a lab component.
- <sup>3</sup> This general education (GE) course is recommended by the department as the most beneficial GE option for students in this program. **Please note that students may fulfill their GE requirement by completing another course from within the applicable general education category.**
- <sup>4</sup> Course must come from a different discipline.
- <sup>5</sup> Philosophy majors should take the Math Diagnostic for math placement upon acceptance to CWI. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 095 College Prep Mathematics is needed prior to entering a college-level math course such as MATH 123 Math in Modern Society or MATH 143 College Algebra.
- <sup>6</sup> Philosophy majors are encouraged to choose between the following courses to fulfill their GEM 6 requirement (courses must come from two different disciplines):
- ANTH 102 Cultural Anthropology
  - ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics
  - HIST 111 United States History I
  - HIST 112 United States History II
  - POLS 101 American National Government
  - POLS 102 Introduction to Political Science
  - PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology
  - SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
- <sup>7</sup> Philosophy majors are encouraged to choose between the following elective courses to fulfill the total credit requirement:
- COMM 112 Argumentation and Debate
  - COMM 114 Intercollegiate Speech and Debate
  - COMM 160 Communication and Culture
  - ENGL 211 Literary Analysis
  - POLS 230 Political Philosophy
  - SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I
  - SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Understand why a philosophical problem is significant.
- Critically evaluate attempts to solve a philosophical problem.
- Describe and explain the traditional categories of philosophical/ethical thoughts and systems.
- Construct and defend a sustained and well-focused argument for their position.
- Effectively communicate orally and/or in writing to demonstrate conceptual coherence.
- Identify and critically evaluate the presuppositions underlying their own questions and those of others.
- Demonstrate an ability to recognize views that oppose the ones they argue to evaluate arguments in light of the positions they hold.
- Distinguish between arguments and non-arguments.
- Distinguish between deductive and inductive arguments.
- Evaluate arguments in terms of their soundness or cogency.
- Identify common formal and informal fallacies.
- Translate ordinary language statements into various systems of logic (e.g. categorical logic, propositional logic, and/or predicate logic).
- Use various systems of logic to check arguments for validity (e.g. the square of opposition, rules for categorical syllogisms, truth tables, natural deductions).

*(The CWI Philosophy program learning outcomes are based on the learning outcomes encouraged by the American Philosophical Association.)*