

PHILOSOPHY - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)*

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Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Arts and Humanities
- **Department:** Integrated Studies

- **Program Code:** PHIL.AA
- **Program Type:** Academic Transfer
- **Available Fully Online:** Yes
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
<u>Global Perspectives course</u>		3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ¹		4
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PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) ³	3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u> ²		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> ²		3
Major Requirements		
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics ³	3
PHIL 209	Logic and Philosophy	3
PHIL 211	Philosophical Writing	3
Electives	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60	14
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Must include a lab component.

² Course must come from a different discipline.

³ 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.

Degree Plan

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. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your 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) ¹	3
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>	3

<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ²		4
Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics	3
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I (Recommended GEM 5) ^{3,4}	4
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u> ⁵		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> ⁶		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall	Credit Hours
PHIL 111 World Religions (Recommended Global Perspectives) ³	3
PHIL 209 Logic and Philosophy	3

PHIL 240	Belief and Reality (Recommended Elective) ⁷	3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course ^{4,6}		3
Elective	Select an elective ⁷	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
PHIL 211	Philosophical Writing	3
PHIL 230	Political Philosophy (Recommended Elective) ⁷	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ⁴		3
Elective	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60 ⁷	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

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² Must include a lab component.

³ 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 the applicable general education category.**

⁴ Course must come from a different discipline.

⁵ Philosophy majors are encouraged to take the Math Diagnostic upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math

placement. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 097, MATH 098, or MATH 099 is needed prior to enrolling in their chosen GEM 3 course.

⁶ 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

⁷ 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 I
- COMM 160 Communication and Culture
- ENGL 211 Literary Analysis
- SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I
- SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II

Program Learning Outcomes

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

- Think and write critically using philosophical ideas.
- Create and defend cogent arguments.
- Identify and evaluate both their own philosophical viewpoints and opposing viewpoints.
- Conduct logical analysis and exhibit proficiency in the basic concepts of logic.

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

Z-degree Pathway for Philosophy Majors

The courses included in a Z-degree Pathway below offer at least one class section that uses one of the following types of course materials/textbooks:

Classification of Instructional Materials	Cost to Student
Open Education Resources (OER)	\$0
Low-Cost Textbook	\$30 or less

- **Open Education Resources:** According to the Idaho State Board of Education, Open Education Resources (OER) are "teaching, learning, and research materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license, such as a Creative Commons license, that permits free use and repurposing by others." OER have no cost to students and are available on the first day of class.
- **Low-Cost Textbooks:** Required textbooks and/or other course materials that cost the student a total of \$30 or less (excluding

special course fees) per class and may be purchased at the CWI Bookstore.

Please note that not all sections of a particular course will utilize OER, as noted in the table below. Students can verify that a specific section uses **OER** or **low-cost textbooks** by looking for the following symbol next to the section listing in Student Planning at the time of registration:

IMPORTANT: There may be changes to the courses utilizing OER or low-cost textbooks throughout the academic year. Students should always refer to Student Planning in [myCWI](#) for the most up-to-date Z-degree class information.

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
Global Perspectives course		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Perspectives OER Options: AGRI 120¹, COMM 160, FREN 102, GEOS 105, or PHIL 111 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Perspectives Low-Cost Textbook Option: BUSA 256 (some sections - see Student Planning) or EDUC 200 		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple OER sections are offered each semester - see Student Planning 		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple OER sections are offered each semester - see Student Planning 		
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEM 3 OER Options: MATH 118 & MATH 118L (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 123 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 143 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 147 (some sections - see Student Planning), or MATH 170 (some sections - see Student Planning) 		
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u>		4
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u>		3-4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEM 4 OER Options: FERM 120, GEOS 104 & GEOS 104L, GEOS 105, GEOS 170, PHYS 100 & PHYS 100L, PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L, or SCIE 101 		
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) 1	3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEM 5 OER Options: ARTS 101, ENGL 175 (some sections - see Student Planning), ENGL 215, ENGL 277, ENGL 278, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201, PHIL 101¹, PHIL 103¹, SPAN 111, or THEA 101 		
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEM 6 OER Options: HIST 111, HIST 112 (some sections - see Student Planning), POLS 102 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 101 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 140, PSYC 250¹, SCIE 102¹ (some sections - see Student Planning), SOC 101, or SOC 102 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEM 6 Low-Cost Textbook Option: SCIE 102¹ 		
Major Requirements		
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL 209	Logic and Philosophy	3
PHIL 211	Philosophical Writing	3
Electives	Select 12-14 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 ²	12-14
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

² All Philosophy (PHIL) courses offer OER. Students who wish to complete electives in other disciplines should refer to Student Planning for sections designated as OER.

IMPORTANT: Unless otherwise noted, all of the courses required for this degree are taught using OER.

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