

PHILOSOPHY - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)*

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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.)