

# BA IN PHILOSOPHY (ETHICS, POLITICS, AND LAW)

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## Viewing: BA in Philosophy (Ethics, Politics, and Law)

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Changes proposed by: Russell DiSilvestro (102086060)

### Academic Group: (College)

Arts & Letters

### Academic Organization: (Department)

Philosophy

### Catalog Year Effective:

2021-2022 Catalog

### Individual(s) primarily responsible for drafting the proposed degree major program:

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Major

**Program Change Type:**

Non-Substantive

**Title of the Program:**

BA in Philosophy (Ethics, Politics, and Law)

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Bachelor of Arts

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

This change merely updates the elective list for some newer PHIL classes that we already got approved using a form A, but forgot to add using a form B.

**Objectives of the degree program:**

To provide a strong foundation in philosophy for majors, stressing clear, rigorous, impartial and systematic thought.

To prepare students for further study in law, applied ethics, and rational decision making.

**University Learning Goals****Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Do these changes impact the Smart Planner roadmap?**

No

**Catalog Description:****Units required for Major: 40-43****Total units required for BA: 120****Program Description**

The concentration in Ethics, Politics, and Law is designed as a preparation for the study of law as well as for advanced professional study in applied ethics. It is also intended to give undergraduates a foundation in rational decision-making, embodying the conviction that such an intellectual capacity has broad application.

The concentration gives students an understanding of the theories behind moral and legal principles as well as training in the process of decision-making applying those principles. Students will be called upon to make decisions in particular cases; state the facts impartially; convey their decisions and their reasoning cogently and persuasively; and justify their decisions by showing how they are both a reasonable consequence of those principles and not overturned by overriding conflicting principles. There will be a particular emphasis on clear and effective writing.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the 'Program Change Type' field above to ensure that 'Substantive' is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

**Program Requirements**

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Lower Division Courses (6 Units)</b>		
PHIL 60 or PHIL 61	Deductive Logic I Inductive Logic I	3
One of the following may be counted toward the major requirements		3
PHIL 2	Ethics <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 4	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 6	Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, World and Self <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 26	History of Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	

**Required Upper Division Courses (13 Units)**

PHIL 127	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 128	History of Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 180	Knowledge and Understanding	3
PHIL 181	Metaphysics	3
PHIL 189	Senior Seminar in Philosophy	1

**Additional Required Upper Division Courses (3 Units)**

Select one of the following: 3


PHIL 153	Philosophy Of Mind	
PHIL 154	Philosophy Of Language	
PHIL 160	Deductive Logic II	
PHIL 176	Twentieth Century Anglo-American Philosophy	

**Ethics (18 Units)***Theory*

PHIL 112	History Of Ethics  <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 122	Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 152	Recent Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 155	Philosophy Of Law	3

*Practice*

Select two of the following: 6

PHIL 100	Ethics and Personal Values	
PHIL 101	Ethics and Social Issues  <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 102	Professional and Public Service Ethics	
PHIL 103	Business and Computer Ethics <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 104	Bioethics <sup>1</sup>	

**Seminar (3 Units)**

Select one of the following: 3







PHIL 190 series course		
PHIL 192 course		

Total Units 43

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

**Note:** Philosophy majors must fulfill the GE Writing Intensive 'supervenient requirement' with courses **in the major, only**.

**Elective List**

Code	Title	Units
PHIL 100	Ethics and Personal Values	3
PHIL 101	Ethics and Social Issues  <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 102	Professional and Public Service Ethics	3
PHIL 103	Business and Computer Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 104	Bioethics <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 105	Science and Human Values  <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 115	Philosophy In Literature 	3
PHIL 117	Existentialism 	3
PHIL 123	Philosophy and Feminism	3
PHIL 125	Philosophy Of Science	3
PHIL 126	The Meanings Of Evolution	3
PHIL 131	Philosophy Of Religion	3
PHIL 136	Philosophy Of Art	3
PHIL 145A	Chinese Philosophy 	3
PHIL 145B	Philosophies Of India 	3
PHIL 152	Recent Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 153	Philosophy Of Mind	3
PHIL 154	Philosophy Of Language	3
PHIL 155	Philosophy Of Law	3
PHIL 160	Deductive Logic II	3
PHIL 176	Twentieth Century Anglo-American Philosophy	3

PHIL 192B	Topics in Bioethics	3
PHIL 192D	Space and Time	3
PHIL 192L	Topics in Philosophy Language	3
PHIL 192M	Topics in Philosophy of Mind	3
PHIL 192O	Topics in Contemporary Metaphysics	3
PHIL 192R	Topics in Philosophy of Religion	3
PHIL 195	Philosophy Internship	1 - 3
PHIL 196	Experimental Offerings in Philosophy	3
PHIL 199	Special Problems	1 - 3
PHIL 161	Inductive Logic II	3
PHIL 190	Selected Philosophers	3
PHIL 192E	Topics in Epistemology	3
PHIL 192F	Topics in Ethics	3
PHIL 192P	Topics in Social and Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 192S	Topics in Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL 192T	Topics in Philosophy of Social Science	3

<sup>1</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)</b>		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)</b>		
B1	Physical Science	3
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)	1
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (6-9 Units)</b>		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities <sup>2</sup>	0 - 3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>3</sup>	0
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (9-12 Units)</b>		
Area D Course		3
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Area D Course		3
Area D Course	Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>4</sup>	0 - 3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)</b>		
Area E Course		3
Total Units		40-46

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Department offers students a 'select from the following' option:

- If student chooses to take PHIL 2, PHIL 6, or PHIL 26, they will meet Area C2.
- If student chooses to take PHIL 4, they will meet Area A3.

<sup>3</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

<sup>4</sup> Department offers students a 'select from the following' option:

- If student chooses to take PHIL 101, PHIL 103, PHIL 104, or PHIL 105, they will meet upper division Area D.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)</b>		
	American Institutions: U.S. History	3
	American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government	3
	Writing Intensive (WI) <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)</b>		
	English Composition II	3
	Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)	3
	Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>3</sup>	6

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<sup>2</sup> Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). 'C- or better required.' The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

## Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

NA. NA.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

NA.

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

NA.

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

NA.

Reviewer Comments:

**Alyson Buckman (abuckman) (Wed, 16 Sep 2020 23:34:52 GMT):** The objectives for the degree program need to be stated as objectives; perhaps check objectives for other A&L courses in workflow for examples. Thank you, Alyson Buckman

**Robin Fisher (rfisher) (Thu, 17 Sep 2020 01:28:28 GMT):** Rollback: Dear Prof. DiSilvestro, thank you for attending today's meeting. Please see the requested edits. Best regards, Robin Fisher.

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