

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

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## History

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- 3. Apr 28, 2020 by 220267334
- 4. Mar 23, 2021 by Russell DiSilvestro (rdisilv)
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**Viewing: BA in Philosophy (Ethics, Politics, and Law)**

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Changes proposed by: G. Mayes (101041144)

**Academic Group: (College)**

Arts & Letters

**Academic Organization: (Department)**

Philosophy

**Catalog Year Effective:**

2022-2023 Catalog

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

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Concentration

**Program Change Type:**

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:**

All Philosophy concentrations are being revised for the following reasons: (1) To achieve greater uniformity across the concentrations in core subject and total unit requirements; (2) to bring the major into unambiguous conformity with EO 1071; (3) to respond to a recent program review suggestion to create a required entry level Philosophical Methods (PHIL 89) course that will both prepare majors for advanced study and serve as an entry level assessment vehicle in conjunction with our Senior Seminar (PHIL 189). (4) To better prepare majors for advanced study by creating uniform prerequisites to upper division core courses. The 2 unit increase in the General Concentration results from the addition of PHIL 89. This will not require additional resources. Indeed we ultimately expect the preparatory value of this course to facilitate more timely graduation. (Note: Please examine Schematic Overview of Program Changes which has been attached as an additional unrequested document.)

**University Learning Goals**

**Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Competence in the disciplines

**Program Learning Outcomes**

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**Learning Outcome**

Note: The Learnings Outcomes below make reference to the entire Philosophy Program. References to specific LO's for this concentration are contained within.

**Philosophy Core (Majors and Minor)****[1] Discipline Specific Knowledge, Including Philosophical Methodology**

Proficiency: Demonstrates comprehension and understanding of the major historical and contemporary works, figures and trends in the discipline of philosophy, including mastery in reading and analyzing philosophical texts, and ease with communicating (written and oral) philosophically

**[2] Inquiry, Analysis & Synthesis**

Proficiency: Identifies creative, focused, manageable topics which allows for in#depth analysis and potential for synthesizing material

**[3] Critical and Creative Thinking**

Proficiency: Recognizes and reflects on the value of creativity to philosophical method

**Ethics, Politics & Law (in addition to Core)**

Program Specific Knowledge, Including Ethical Reasoning, Problem Solving, Action

Proficiency: Demonstrates comprehension of major ethical and meta#ethics theories and traditions in historical and contemporary works

**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

**Please attach a Comprehensive Program Assessment Plan (required)**

1819-ba-philo-plan.pdf

**Please attach a Curriculum Map Matrix (required)**

2022\_PHIL\_Ethics Politics & Law BA.pdf

**Please attach a five-year budget projection (required)**

2019-20 Dept Allocation\_PHIL\_Rev.pdf

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

Yes

**Please attach the Smart Planner roadmap:**

2022\_PHIL\_Ethics Politics & Law BA.pdf

**Briefly describe the change:**

Changes reflect new courses, changes in total units and changes to prerequisites.

**Catalog Description:**

**Units required for Major: 42**

**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.


**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

None

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>LOWER DIVISION COURSES (5 Units)</b>		
PHIL 89	Course PHIL 89 Not Found (Philosophical Methods)	2
PHIL 60	Deductive Logic I <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>UPPER DIVISION CORE COURSES (19 Units)</b>		
PHIL 112	History Of Ethics 	3
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 182	Course PHIL 182 Not Found (Ethical Theory)	3
PHIL 189	Senior Seminar in Philosophy	1
<b>ETHICS, POLITICS, AND LAW CONCENTRATIONS (18 Units)</b>		
<i>CORE ELECTIVES</i>		
PHIL 122	Political Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	3
PHIL 155	Philosophy Of Law	3
Select 190 or 192 series seminar from the Elective List for this concentration.		3
<i>ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES</i>		
Select three courses from the Elective List for this concentration not taken to satisfy the above.		9
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>42</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> If taken for less than 3 units, must be repeated until 3 units are achieved.

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

## Elective List

Code	Title	Units
PHIL 61	Inductive Logic I	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 106	PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE Course PHIL 106 PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE Not Found	3
PHIL 156	PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES Course PHIL 156 PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES Not Found	3
PHIL 183	RATIONALITY Course PHIL 183 RATIONALITY Not Found	3
PHIL 190	Selected Philosophers	3
PHIL 192B	Topics in Bioethics	3
PHIL 192E	Topics in Epistemology	3
PHIL 192F	Topics in Ethics	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 192S	Topics in Philosophy of Science	3
PHIL 192T	Topics in Philosophy of Social Science	3
PHIL 195	Philosophy Internship	1 - 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

**Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (13 Units)**

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

**Area C: Arts and Humanities (6-9 Units)**

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

**Area D: The Individual and Society (6-9 Units)**

Area D Course	3
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Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>4</sup>	0 - 3

**Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)**

Area E Course	3
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**Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)**

Area F Course	3
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<b>Total Units</b>	<b>40-46</b>
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<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:

No impact. No consultation.

**Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:**

No significant impact.

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

No further accommodation required.

**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?**

None

**Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:**

0

**Please attach any additional files not requested above:**

Schematic overview of new program proposal-PHIL 10 13 22.pdf

**Reviewer Comments:**

**G. Mayes (grandolphmayes) (Thu, 22 Jul 2021 17:17:11 GMT):** Please note that in the program requirements unit totals shown after headings in parentheses are not editable and not accurate.

**Emily Potts (emily.potts) (Wed, 13 Oct 2021 18:25:08 GMT):** Dear Professor Mayes, The committee recommends the following modifications to your proposal for the sake of approval. Please include an additional sentence in the justification explaining that the department has the resources to increase the unit load Thank you, Emily Potts

**Alyson Buckman (abuckman) (Wed, 13 Oct 2021 22:27:48 GMT):** Rollback: Dear Randy, please see the comments from Emily Potts. Remember, changes will need to be in by 10/20 preferably for inclusion in the Fall 22 catalog.

**Julie Fogarty (fogarty) (Mon, 11 Apr 2022 19:01:29 GMT):** Rollback: See email comments from 4/11/22.

**Katie Hawke (katiedickson) (Wed, 05 Oct 2022 17:43:22 GMT):** Rollback: Rolling back for further edits to the program table.

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