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#### Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts degree with a field of study in philosophy offers students the opportunity to combine the core curriculum with an emphasis in philosophy. The two-year program is fully transferrable and provides a strong foundation to continue your bachelor's degree studies at a four-year university.

What is philosophy? Philosophy is the intellectual tradition that has guided the attempt to address fundamental questions of life: Is there a God? What is the nature of the soul? How can I live my best life? What are my obligations and relationships to other people, my community, and the environment?

Why study philosophy? You'll learn about the historical attempts to answer these questions and begin to formulate the answers for your own life. While engaged in this endeavor, you'll acquire important, useful, and marketable skills such as problem-solving, writing, distinguishing fact from opinion, thinking rationally and critically, and analyzing and organizing complex information.

What can I do with a Philosophy degree? A lot more than you think! Philosophy majors have built successful careers in computer science, education, business, government and non-profits. If you're considering an advanced degree, philosophy is the perfect background for law school or seminary studies as well as for graduate study in philosophy.

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

Field of Study - 18 credit hours

All Philosophy students (6 credits):

- Graduates will correctly evaluate the validity of deductive arguments.
- Graduates will correctly identify and describe selected concepts, arguments, and theories in ethics
- Graduates will correctly describe, compare, and contrast different social/political philosophies.
- 4. Graduates will correctly compare and contrast different religious systems.
- Graduates will read and correctly respond to selections from key primary texts in philosophical discourse.

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PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 2303	Introduction to Formal Logic
Tracks	
General Track: (12	2 Credits)
Select two of the f	following:
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political

	rieligions
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 2316	Classical Philosophy
PHIL 2321	Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 2389	Academic Cooperative: Philosophy Capstone

Field of Study Electives

To complete the General Track Field of Study, students must take two 3-credit hour courses listed in any Associate of Arts Field of Study from the following list: Anthropology, Business Administration (transfer plan only), Communication, Criminal Justice, Drama, Education, English, Arts, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Humanities, Language and Cultural Studies, Mexican-American Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, or Sociology.

## Religious Studies Track: (12 Credits)

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PHIL 1304	Introduction to Religions	World

The student is required to take one course from the following list:

PHIL 2316	Classical Philosophy
PHIL 2321	Philosophy of Religion

## Field of Study Elective

To complete the Religious Track Field of Study, students must select two of the following:

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	ANTH 2346	General Anthropology
	ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology
	HIST 2321	World Civilizations I
	HIST 2322	World Civilizations II
	HUMA 2323	World Cultures

### Pre-Law Track: (12 Credits)

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PHIL 1301		Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2307		Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

### Field of Study Elective

To complete the Pre-Law Track Field of Study, students must select two of the following:

COMM 2315	News Reporting	
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I - Macro	
ECON 2302	Principles of Economics II - Micro	
ENGL 2321	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	

## STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core	42
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Complete 42 credit hours of required Core	

Total Credit Hours 60

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## 100% Online

Students pursuing the Religious Studies track must take SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective -Core Curriculum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Students pursuing the **General track** must take PSYC 2301 General Psychology for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum.

<sup>3</sup> Students who select a 3 credit hour Mathematics course to fulfill the Mathematics component of the Core Curriculum must take 4 credit hours to complete the Component Area Option for the Core Curriculum.

## Recommended Course Sequence - General Track

Course		
	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
Language, Philos Core Curriculum	sophy & Culture Elective -	3
Recommend	ed·	
PHIL 1301	Introduction to	
	Philosophy	
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
or HIST 2327	or Mexican-American History I	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
	Option - Core Curriculum	3-4
Recommend	ed:	
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech	
	Communication	
Carina	Credit Hours	12
Spring HIST 1302	United States History II	3
or HIST 2328		`
	History II	
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	
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Creative Arts Ele PHIL 2303	ctive - Core Curriculum Introduction to Formal	;
PHIL 2303	Logic Formai	`
	Credit Hours	16
Summer		
	vioral Sciences Elective -	;
Core Curriculum		
Required:	0 1 D 1 2	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology <sup>2</sup> a Option - Core Curriculum	
(if required)	option - core cumculum	
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PHIL 1304	Introduction to World	
PHIL 2307	Religions Introduction to Social and	
PHIL 2301		
PHIL 2316	Political Philosophy Classical Philosophy	
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Study from the following list: Anthropology, Business Administration (transfer plan only), Communication, Criminal Justice, Drama, Education, English, Arts, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Humanities, Language and Cultural Studies, Mexican-American Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, or Sociology.

Sociology. 

Students pursuing the **General track** must take PSYC 2301 General Psychology for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum.

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## Recommended Course Sequence - Religious Studies Track

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Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
Core Curriculum	ophy & Culture Elective -	3
Recommende	ed:	
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Component Area	Option - Core Curriculum	3-4
Recommende	ed:	
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech Communication	
	Credit Hours	12
Spring		
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
Mathematics Ele	ctive - Core Curriculum	3-4
Creative Arts Elec	ctive - Core Curriculum	3
PHIL 2303	Introduction to Formal Logic	3
	Credit Hours	16
Summer		
Social and Behav Core Curriculum Required:	rioral Sciences Elective -	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology <sup>1</sup>	
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions	3
Component Area (if required)	Option - Core Curriculum	1
(ii required)	Credit Hours	6
Second Year	oreal riours	· ·
Fall	F. d   O	0
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	3
Curriculum	Sciences Elective - Core	
	Field of Study Elective	3
Select one of the	•	
ANTH 2346	General Anthropology	
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology	
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I World Civilizations II	
HIST 2322 HUMA 2323		
HUMA 2323	World Cultures	13
Spring	Credit Hours	13
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Religious Studies	Field of Study Elective	3
Select one of the	following:	
ANTH 2346	General Anthropology	
ANTH 2351	, 3,	
HIST 2321	World Civilizations I	
HIST 2322	World Civilizations II	

	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	60
	Credit Hours	13
PHIL 2316 or PHIL 2321	Classical Philosophy or Philosophy of Religion	3
Life and Physical Curriculum	Sciences Elective - Core	4
HUMA 2323	World Cultures	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students pursuing the Religious Studies track must take SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology for the Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective

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# Recommended Course Sequence - Pre-Law Track

Course First Year Fall	Title	Credit Hours
Language, Philos Core Curriculum	ophy & Culture Elective -	3
Recommende	ed:	
PHIL 1304	Introduction to World Religions	
or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I or African American History I	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Component Area	Option - Core Curriculum	3
Recommende	ed:	
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	
Spring	Credit Hours	12
or HIST 2328 or HIST 2328 or HIST 2382	United States History II or Mexican-American History II or African American History II	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
Mathematics Ele	ctive - Core Curriculum	3-4
Recommende	ed:	
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	
Creative Arts Elec	ctive - Core Curriculum	3
PHIL 2303	Introduction to Formal Logic	3
	Credit Hours	16
	rioral Sciences Elective -	3
Core Curriculum Recommende	ad.	
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	3
Component Area (if required)	Option - Core Curriculum	1
Second Year Fall	Credit Hours	6
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	3
Life and Physical Curriculum	Sciences Elective - Core	4
Pre-Law Field of		3
Select one of the		
COMM 2315 ECON 2301	Principles of Economics	
ECON 2302	I - Macro Principles of Economics	
ENGL 2221	II - Micro British Literature	
ENGL 2321 ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2320	World Literature	

SOCI 1306	Social Problems	
	Credit Hours	13
Spring		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Pre-Law Field of Study Elective		3
Select one of the following:		
COMM 2315	News Reporting	
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I - Macro	
ECON 2302	Principles of Economics II - Micro	
ENGL 2321	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	
Life and Physica Curriculum	l Sciences Elective - Core	4
PHIL 2307	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	3
	Credit Hours	13
-	Total Credit Hours	60