

PHILOSOPHY (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program

Interest Areas:

Arts, Comm. and Humanities

This program helps students appreciate the role of ideas in shaping and evaluating the broad range of human experience from ancient to modern times. Classes focus on how great thinkers considered issues concerning ethics, human nature, politics, religion, economics, social change, knowledge, reality, and sound reasoning. Students learn to read critically, to think logically, to analyze and organize a wide variety of concepts, to research and evaluate sources, and to communicate clearly and effectively. Philosophy majors can apply their knowledge and skills to a wide range of professional fields such as business, advertising, media, law, health professions, and education.

Completion of the following courses normally fulfills the first half of bachelor degree requirements in Philosophy. Course selections should be tailored to match requirements of the intended transfer institution.

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Program Website (<https://www.nic.edu/programs/philosophy/>)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1 - Written Communication		6-8
GEM 2 - Oral Communication		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing		3-5
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing		7-8
GEM 5 - Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing ¹		3
GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing		6
GEM 7W - Wellness		1-3
Select one of the following:		3
GEM 7F - First Year Experience		
GEM 7I - Institutionally Designated		
Program Requirements		
PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL-103	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL-201	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
Elective Requirements		
Courses 100-level or higher		14-18
Total Credits		60-66

¹ This General Education Requirement is partially met by the Program Requirements.

Course Key



GEM



AAS
Institutionally
Designated



Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Distinguish among philosophical problems and patterns and examine their historical, intellectual, and cultural contexts.
2. Create arguments that utilize sound reasoning processes, are grounded in evidenced-based analysis, and incorporate the appraisal of opposing views.
3. Appraise critical perspectives in philosophical subject matter and demonstrate the components of sound reasoning and argumentation.
4. Explain how philosophy has affected the growth and change of institutions, society, and conceptions of ethics and justice.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.