

WISDOM.  
REASONING.  
CHOICE.

The Philosophy program at Oxnard College seeks to introduce students to a broad range of philosophical topics and issues through the use of careful reasoning, philosophical analysis and constructive dialogue. These methods are applied to questions that concern self-understanding, the nature of reality, and meaningful relations with others. In this way, students develop critical thinking skills which help them to make more informed decisions.



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PHILOSOPHY  
PROGRAM

Not what to think. How to think.

YOUR FUTURE. NOW.



THE PHILOSOPHY  
PROGRAM AT  
OXNARD COLLEGE

The subject of philosophy traditionally offers students a rich, academically diverse curriculum that complements and supports almost every other discipline.

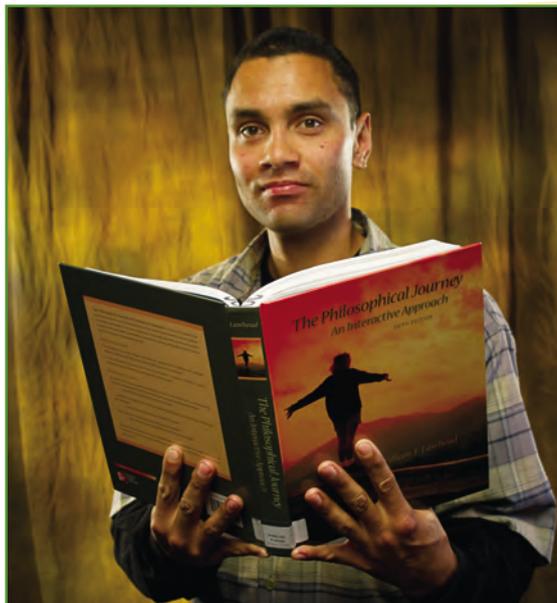
The Oxnard College Philosophy program teaches students not what to think, but how to think. Through the use of open-minded critical reasoning, students address timeless philosophical questions; current issues in society; explanations of technical topics; and issues concerning personal problem-solving.

*One's philosophy  
is not best expressed in words; it is  
expressed in the choices one makes...  
and the choices we make are  
ultimately our responsibility.  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt*

## HOW/WHY PHILOSOPHY?

The subject of Philosophy contributes primarily to a student's overall liberal arts education. The Program emphasizes transfer-level curriculum, which includes interdisciplinary studies with the Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences. Students who take philosophy courses at Oxnard College can expect to become better thinkers, more effective learners, more capable employees, wiser consumers and better citizens.

Specifically, the Oxnard College Philosophy program prepares students to transfer into upper division curriculum, by offering a broad array of 1st and 2nd year college courses: Philosophy and Humanities, (Introduction to Philosophy; History of Philosophy); Social Science, (Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy); Natural Science and Technical Fields, (Logic; Critical Thinking); Theology and Religious Studies, (World Religions; Philosophy of Religion; Mythology).



## WHAT IS IT?

Philosophy provides ways of thinking about the world in which we live. A philosophy reflects a group of related ideas that address questions or issues which are not completely settled or certain. The ideas in philosophy are abstract, which means that they are "things that cannot be touched." But this does not mean that philosophy is not about the real world. Ethics, for example asks what we should do in our everyday lives, and metaphysics asks about how the world works and of what it is made.

For thousands of years philosophers (people who think and write about ways of thinking) have asked questions, such as, what is good? What is beautiful? Do we have free will? Do we have a soul? Does the world around us exist? What is a person? What is truth? What is evil? What is the relationship between mind and body?

## REQUIRED COURSES

### Associate in Arts Degree

- PHIL R101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 units
- PHIL R107 Logic 3 units

### Required Additional Courses

**Complete a minimum of 12 units from the following:**

- PHIL R100 Critical Thinking 3 units
- PHIL R102 Introduction to Ethics 3 units
- PHIL R103 Survey of World Religions: East 3 units
- PHIL R104 Survey of World Religions: West 3 units
- PHIL R105 History of Western Philosophy I: Ancient and Medieval 3 units
- PHIL R106 History of Western Philosophy II: Modern and Contemporary 3 units
- PHIL R108 World Mythology 3 units
- PHIL R109 Modern Religious Movements in America 3 units
- PHIL R110 Philosophy of Religion 3 units
- PHIL R111 Thinking Critically and Analytic Writing 3 units
- PHIL R112 Symbolic Logic 3 units
- PHIL/SOC R114 Social Philosophy 3 units
- ANTH R111 Magic, Witchcraft & Religion: Anthropology of Belief 3 units
- ECON R101 Principles of Macroeconomics 3 units
- POLS R100 Introduction to Politics 3 units

**Total Required Units 18**

## THE POTENTIAL JOB MARKET

Most of the following careers require 1) four-year degrees (at minimum) and 2) a combination of Philosophy with other majors:

- Lawyer
- Teacher
- Computer Science/Programming (Logic; Critical Reasoning)
- Researcher
- Writer/Editor
- Analyst
- Public Policy/Civil Servant
- Non-Profit Administrator

