



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Philosophy Emphasis - Advising Guide

Philosophers deal with the most difficult problems that there are. After working on these kinds of problems, the ordinary problems of daily life seem more trivial. Although relatively few people become professional philosophers, the study of philosophy is a vital part of your college education. Philosophy courses have many benefits. You will learn to think deeply, creatively, critically, and communicate competently and thoroughly. All of these will help you in any endeavor, whether it's law, teaching, diplomacy, public service, publishing, journalism, the ministry, the social or natural sciences, mathematics, business, or the arts. Choose from courses that include ethics, logic, world religion, and critical thinking. Our philosophy program is built around the Associate in Arts (AA) degree. This degree gives you a solid two-year background in general education courses that can transfer to a four-year institution.

| Semester 1 | | |
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| Course | Credits | Action Steps |
| ^ENGL 101 (Written Communications) | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Academic Advisor to build degree plan in Starfish |
| PHIL 100 (Humanities & Fine Arts) | 3 | |
| HIST 133 or HIST 134 (Humanities & Fine Arts) | 3 | |
| ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts) | 3 - 5* | |
| *Elective if needed for unit totals | 3* | |
| Total Credits | 12 - 17 | |
| Semester 2 | | |
| ^COMM 100 (Oral Communications) | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research/contact transfer institutions |
| MATH 115 or higher (Mathematical Sciences) | 3 - 5* | |
| ^ENGL 102 (Written Communications) | 3 | |
| ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts) | 3 - 5* | |
| PHIL 203 (Elective) | 3 | |
| Total Credits | 15 - 17 | |



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| Semester 3 | | |
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| HIST 120, HIST 121, or POLS 136 (Social & Behavioral Sciences/Civics) | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for admission at transfer institution • Apply for scholarships at transfer institution • Complete Civics exam with 70% or higher |
| Any course 100 or higher (Elective) | 3 | |
| BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab) | 3 – 5* | |
| PHIL 266 (Elective/Global Diversity) | 3 | |
| PHIL 148 (Elective) | 3 | |
| Total Credits | 15 - 17 | |
| Semester 4 | | |
| PHIL 200 (Elective) | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for Graduation |
| BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (Natural Sciences with lab) | 3 – 5* | |
| ANTH 100, ANTH 110, COMM 112, COMM 233, CRJU 101, ECON 110, ^ECON 210, ^ECON 211, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, HIST 120, HIST 121, POLS 136, POLS 234, PSYC 140, ^PSYC 243, SOCI 160, SOCI 161, or SOCI 163 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) | 3 - 4* | |
| ANTH 100, ANTH 110, COMM 112, COMM 233, CRJU 101, ECON 110, ^ECON 210, ^ECON 211, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, HIST 120, HIST 121, POLS 136, POLS 234, PSYC 140, ^PSYC 243, SOCI 160, SOCI 161, or SOCI 163 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) | 3 - 4* | |
| (Elective if needed for units to 60) | 3 | |
| Total Credits | 15 - 19 | |
| Credits Required | 60* | |
| <i>*The A.A. degree requires a minimum of 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation</i> | | |

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A. degree and identifies the course taking recommendation for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here:

<https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/aa/> All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.

^^Two natural sciences courses are required for this degree and must be from two different disciplines. Example: a biology and a chemistry class.