

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

## PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3.0 Units)

Introduction to the methods and subject matter of the discipline of philosophy through critical analysis of primary texts and discussion of enduring questions regarding reality, knowledge, and value. Topics include the sources and limits of knowledge; the nature of reality, mind, and personal identity; the existence of God and religious experience; moral value; philosophy of science; the nature of truth; distributive justice; and the meaning of life. C-ID: PHIL 100. CSU/UC  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 108 Introduction to Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues (3.0 Units)

Introduction to moral philosophy. Critical study of major ethical theories and their application to contemporary moral issues in such areas as bio-medical practice, law and violence, sexuality, social and economic justice, the environment, and business conduct. C-ID: PHIL 120. CSU/UC  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 109 Introduction to Logic (3.0 Units)

Introduction to the principles and practice of sound reasoning: argument analysis and evaluation, induction, deduction, fallacies, categorical logic, and propositional logic. Assignments require use of the computer. C-ID: PHIL 110. CSU/UC Prerequisite ENGL 101  
Prerequisite(s): ENGL-101.0  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought (3.0 Units)

Examination of various theoretical approaches to politics, with a focus on conceptions of the "common good" and distributive justice, the nature of rights, the significance of "equality" and "liberty". Analysis of selected political theories and of the relevance of theory to contemporary themes and global challenges, e.g. same-sex marriage, racial justice, economic inequality, health care, war and violence, immigration, debt cancellation, immigration, climate change, international law. Crosslisted with POLS 114. C-ID: POLS 120. CSU/UC  
Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 117 Philosophy of Religion (3.0 Units)

Introduction to major topics in the Philosophy of Religion: the existence and nature of God, religious experience and knowledge, and concepts of immortality and human destiny. Special attention is given to conflicts between religion and science, competing claims for religious truth, and the relevance of religion to social ethics. Crosslisted with RLST 117. CSU,UC  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 118 Philosophy of Science (3.0 Units)

This is a course exploring the nature, sources, and limits of knowledge, modern and contemporary epistemological theories, the challenges skepticism raises for epistemology, and the principles, criteria and methodology of science and scientific investigation. This course is intended for students seeking a basic understanding of the nature of knowledge and its relationship to science.  
Recommended Preparation: ENGL 101.0  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

## PHIL 120 History of Ancient Philosophy (3.0 Units)

Critical study of the major movements, figures, and influential texts in the ancient period of Western Philosophy: the Pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Discussion of the influence of Greek thought on Hellenistic, Roman, and Medieval philosophy. C-ID: PHIL 130. CSU,UC  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 121 History of Modern Philosophy (3.0 Units)

Introduction to major Western philosophers and movements from the 16th through the 18th Centuries. Emphasis on primary source readings representative of Continental Rationalism, British Empiricism, and Kant, with some attention given to precursors and following developments. C-ID: PHIL 140. CSU,UC  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

## PHIL 138 Work Experience Education Philosophy (1-8 Units)

Work Experience Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Work Experience Education is a 16-, 12-, or 8-week course that enables students to receive college credit for paid or unpaid work opportunities. This course helps students gain valuable on-the-job work experience while providing practical education, best practices in professional development, and academic guidance through the course of their work opportunity. The combination of practical experience and curricular development empowers students to be more competitive, efficient and valuable employees upon completion of this program and/or their academic program trajectory. The course is ideal for students who are cross-training at their current worksite for upward mobility or seeking career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences such as through an internship. Work Experience Education transforms community businesses, industries, and public agencies into expanded educational training laboratories. Credit is awarded on the basis of learning objectives completed and the number of hours the student trains. Students must create/complete new learning objectives each semester they enroll. Students may utilize their present work sites. More details are available in the Work Experience Education Office, (760) 245-4271, ext. 2281. The office, located in the Academic Commons, is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 2:00-6:00 p.m., and by appointment. Please refer to the Work Experience Education section in this catalog for more information. CSU  
Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

## PHIL 207 Introduction to Critical Thinking (3.0 Units)

Study and practice in critical thinking and advanced English composition: analysis, evaluation, and formulation of arguments; critical study of texts; and extended argumentative writing. Application of critical thinking and writing skills to current moral, social, and religious issues. Crosslisted with RLST 207. CSU,UC  
Prerequisite(s): ENGL 101.0 or ENGL 101H, Minimum grade C  
Lecture Hours: 54.0  
Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU