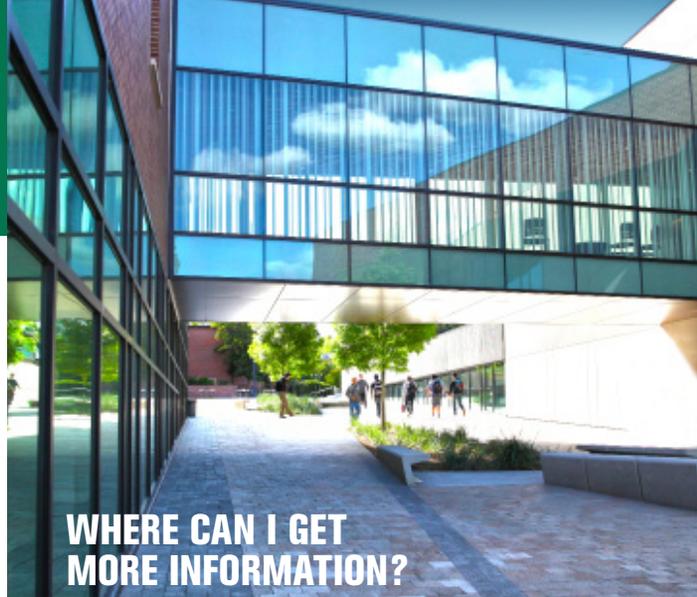


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- PHILO 120 – Introduction to Philosophy
- PHILO 122 – Ethics
- PHILO 130 – Logic and Critical Thinking
- PHILO 140 – Introduction to Judeo-Christian Tradition
- PHILO 141 – Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
- PHILO 160 – Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
- PHILO 170 – Symbolic Logic
- PHILO 220 – Comparative Religion
- PHILO 224 – History of Western Philosophy: Pre-Socratic to Medieval
- PHILO 225 – History of Western Philosophy: Descartes to present



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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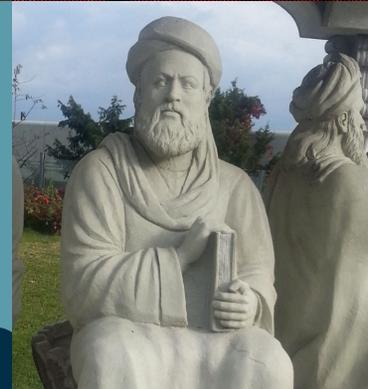
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# PHILOSOPHY

## CERTIFICATE AND DEGREE PROGRAM



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The Diablo Valley College Philosophy Program gives you the opportunity to study basic questions about the meaning and purpose of human life. Studying philosophy is a great way to sharpen your critical thinking skills and gain a better understanding of one's self.



## What is the DVC philosophy program?

DVC's philosophy program offers beginning courses in both philosophy and religion that probe universal questions of both historical and contemporary interest. Our Philosophy courses are concerned with basic questions about the meaning and purpose of human life, questions that are typically not examined in other disciplines such as: What is real? Does God exist? What can we know and can we justify our claims to know anything? Is morality subjective or are there objective standards for determining what is right and what is wrong?

The study of Philosophy is an integral part of a well-rounded liberal arts education. DVC's philosophy courses sharpen students' critical thinking skills and encourage an inquisitive, focused mind in ways that apply to many other academic subjects. Course work in philosophy aids the student in developing those basic analytical skills and abilities which are essential in individual, social, and professional life. Furthermore, our Philosophy courses contribute to one's understanding of self and others, to ethical responsibility, and to individual and social fulfillment. DVC's Philosophy courses fulfill CSU and UC transfer requirements.



### Our philosophy program offers:

an associate in arts degree philosophy,  
an associate in art in philosophy for transfer,  
a certificate of achievement philosophy.

### What can I do with a philosophy certificate or degree?

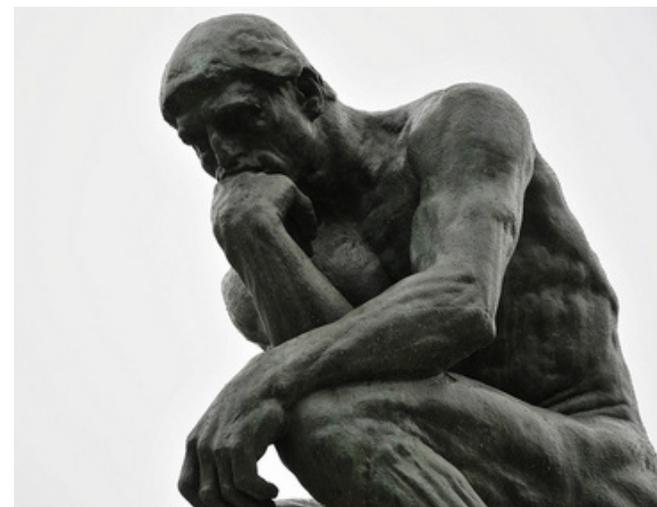
Although some students are able to get an entry-level position after completing the program, most students transfer to a four-year university to gain a bachelor's degree. Those interested in a career in philosophy often teach or research at the university level. These careers often require more than a bachelor's degree.

### Career options with additional education:

Teaching	Writing
Research	Law
Applied ethics	Politics
Business	Journalism
Sales	

### How long will it take to earn a degree or certificate?

Generally, students take two years or four terms to complete all the courses required for the certificate. Two years of full-time study are required to complete a degree, in some cases three years may be recommended for students wishing to transfer.



### What will I learn in the philosophy program?

#### Students completing the program will be able to:

- use their critical thinking skills to analyze and evaluate both formally and informally, arguments and positions taken regarding various philosophical topics;
- compare and contrast various philosophical perspectives, both historically and in the context of larger philosophical texts;
- recognize and explain the integration of philosophical perspectives and ideas in selected cultural, historical, and thematic contexts; and
- demonstrate their ability to articulate clearly in oral and written form an objective analysis of major works from the various philosophic and religious literatures.

"Philosophy is very engaging and practical which is exactly what I was looking for in a major. I loved all my Philosophy courses because they provided me with an outlet for my curiosity in many aspects that had not been addressed in conventional classrooms. I have improved my critical thinking skills as well as acquired a wealth of knowledge on various philosophical issues." - Sara Ajwan'g, DVC student