

PHILOSOPHY 2009-10



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

Philosophy investigates issues about the fundamental nature of reality, the relation of the mind to the body, the existence of a divine being, and the basis of our most fundamental values: moral, aesthetic, and spiritual. The department offers courses that relate traditional philosophical questions to contemporary work in linguistics, literature, and the social, physical, and biological sciences. In addition, the department offers several courses that make a careful study of the classic texts in philosophy, ancient and modern.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ B.A. in philosophy; B.A. in philosophy with a concentration in religious thought; and undergraduate minor
- ◆ M.A., Ph.D.
- ◆ Students who have done exceptional work in a certain area of philosophy may be given the option of writing a senior essay, normally completed in one quarter.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students planning to major in philosophy at UC Santa Cruz should obtain a solid background in English, mathematics, sciences, social sciences, and writing skills while completing the courses required for UC admission.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Transfer students will find it helpful to complete college courses that satisfy campus general education requirements before coming to UC Santa Cruz. Those who plan to major in philosophy should try to complete courses equivalent to the department's required lower-division introductory courses: Philosophy 11, *Introduction to Philosophy*; Philosophy 22, *Introduction to Ethical Theory*; Philosophy 24, *Introduction to Ethics: Contemporary Moral Issues*; and Philosophy 28, *Environmental Ethics*. Please note that logic courses offered by many colleges will NOT fulfill the department's logic requirement. Be sure to check the ASSIST web site (see below) to ensure that the logic course will articulate with Philosophy 9, *Introduction to Logic*.

While it is not a condition of admission, students from California community colleges may complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in preparation for transfer to UC Santa Cruz.

Transfer course agreements and articulation between the University of California and California community colleges can be accessed on the ASSIST web site at:

www.assist.org

RECOGNITION

Professor David Hoy, who has been with the UCSC Philosophy Department since 1981, recently published a new book entitled *The Time of Our Lives: A Critical History of Temporality* (MIT Press, 2009). Professor Hoy received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Yale University. His primary areas of interest are contemporary European philosophy and interdisciplinary approaches to critical thinking.

Professor and Philosophy Department Chair Paul Roth was named as a distinguished visiting scholar at the University of Provence in Aix en Provence, France. Professor Roth received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Chicago. His research interests include philosophy of social science, epistemology, history of analytic philosophy, and philosophy of history.

CAREERS

Business	Social work, counseling
Ethics (legal, business, clinical, etc.)	Software development
Government service	Teaching (all levels)
Health care, nursing, etc.	Writing (journalism, publishing, editing)
Law	
Ministry; other religious work	<i>These are only samples of the field's many possibilities.</i>
Planning, architecture, design	

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (EAP)

The Education Abroad Program (EAP) offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study at more than 100 host universities and colleges in 34 countries as part of their regular UC academic program. Students receiving financial aid can apply their award to a program abroad. Students participating in EAP may petition to count up to two courses toward upper-division credit in the major.

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Eleven courses are required: two at the introductory level, two in the history of philosophy sequence (courses 100A, 100B, and 100C), six upper-division courses (courses numbered 100A and above), and one advanced seminar (any course numbered 190). These 11 courses must meet the following distribution requirements:

Introductory. Philosophy 9, *Introduction to Logic*, and at least one of the courses from the following list: Philosophy 11, *Introduction to Philosophy*; Philosophy 22, *Introduction to Ethical Theory*; Philosophy 24, *Introduction to Ethics: Contemporary Moral Issues*; and Philosophy 28, *Environmental Ethics*; or any 5-unit topical course (courses numbered 80).

History of Philosophy. Two courses from the following list: Philosophy 100A, *Ancient Greek Philosophy*; Philosophy 100B, *The Rationalists*; or Philosophy 100C, *The Empiricists*.

At least six additional courses numbered 100A and above. Note that the courses counted toward fulfilling the history of philosophy requirement cannot be counted among these six additional courses. See the *UC Santa Cruz General Catalog* at reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/philPS.html for a complete list of philosophy courses, or go to the Department web site at philosophy.ucsc.edu. The following courses may not be used to fulfill major requirements: Philosophy 195A and 195B, *Senior Essay*, and Philosophy 199, *Tutorial*. All upper-division courses should be completed at UC Santa Cruz.

Senior Seminar. At least one course numbered 190 is required to fulfill the senior comprehensive requirement.

Normal progress for a philosophy major is as follows: first year, take the introductory courses; second year, complete the required two courses in the history of philosophy; second, third, and fourth years, upper-division course work, plus work in advanced seminars. Students are advised to complete lower-division and history of philosophy requirements by their third year at the latest. Transfer students are particularly advised that completion of one or more courses in the history of philosophy is a prerequisite for upper-division courses in philosophy.

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Fourteen courses are required: two introductory philosophy courses; two in the history of philosophy sequence; six additional upper-division philosophy courses; and four upper-division courses in the area of religious thought. These 14 courses must meet the following distribution requirements:

Introductory. Philosophy 9, *Introduction to Logic*, and at least one of the courses from the following list: Philosophy 11, *Introduction to Philosophy*; Philosophy 22, *Introduction to Ethical Theory*; Philosophy 24, *Introduction to Ethics: Contemporary Moral Issues*; and Philosophy 28, *Environmental Ethics*; or any 5-unit topical course (courses numbered 80).

History of Philosophy. Philosophy 100A (*Ancient Greek Philosophy*) and **either** Philosophy 100B (*The Rationalists*) **or** Philosophy 100C (*The Empiricists*).

Upper-division. These must include the following:

1. **Either** Philosophy 170 (*Interpretation of Religion*) **or** Philosophy 171 (*Faith & Reason*)
2. Two other upper-division or graduate philosophy of religion courses (must be approved by the Director of the Concentration)
3. At least one Advanced Seminar (190 series)
4. Any two other upper-division philosophy courses. The following are excluded: Philosophy 195A, Philosophy 195B, and Philosophy 199.

Concentration in Religious Thought. Four upper-division courses in the area of religious thought from programs on campus such as anthropology, literature, history, history of art and visual culture, philosophy, psychology, and sociology, chosen through consultation with the Director of the Concentration in Religious Thought.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the philosophy major, see: reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/philPS.html

The philosophy web site can be found at: philosophy.ucsc.edu

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