

What is Philosophy?

Philosophy is the attempt to answer the most fundamental questions of all, on the basis of unaided reasoning and thus without reference to unbacked myth, blind faith, or unexamined authorities. Classic philosophical questions include, “Does God exist? Do human beings have free will? What is the difference between illusion and reality? Is there such a thing as objective truth (and can we attain it)? What is justice? What is the best way to live, all things considered?”

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in Philosophy.

Philosophy is also an excellent major for graduate studies in law, public administration, religious studies, and education.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Philosophy department at your chosen four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University*](#)

[Eastern Washington University](#)

[Gonzaga University](#)

[Northwest University*](#)

[Pacific Lutheran University](#)

[Seattle Pacific University](#)

[Seattle University](#)

[The Evergreen State College*](#)

[University of Puget Sound](#)

[University of Washington – Seattle](#)

[University of Washington – Tacoma*](#)

[Washington State University](#)

[Western Washington University](#)

[Whitman College](#)

[Whitworth University](#)

* Interdisciplinary or Philosophy-related major

What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy?

With knowledge and skills in analytical reasoning, critical thinking, and constructing and critiquing arguments, philosophy majors are well prepared for work in a variety of careers, including teaching, law, journalism, research, counseling, clergy, social work, and public service.

Potential employers include: Federal, state and local governments, colleges and universities, churches or synagogues, religious organizations, hospitals, Health and Human Services, law firms, public advocacy groups, private foundations, non-profit organizations, foreign service, businesses, publishing companies, newspapers, radio and tv stations. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Philosophy.

Strongly Recommended
These are commonly **required** for admission. Check with your chosen four-year program(s) to confirm.

Other Recommendations
These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Quant. and Symb. Reasoning	PHIL& 120	--
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II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	PHIL &101*, 102*	World Language if required for university admission or graduation.
Natural Sciences	--	PHIL &120 if not used for Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning
Social Sciences	PHIL &101*, 102*	

* Philosophy courses can count in either Humanities or Social Science distributions – but not in both.

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

PHIL &115, 210, 240, 248, 267; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements	SCC Courses
Seattle University	B.A. in Philosophy		PHIL &101 &,120, 267
University of Washington - Seattle	B.A. in Philosophy	Major admissions requirements include 10 credits of Philosophy courses.	PHIL &101, &120, 102, &115, 240, 248, 267
Washington State University	B.A. in Philosophy		PHIL &101,102, &120, 240, 267
Western Washington University	B.A. in Philosophy		PHIL 102, &115, &120, 240, 267

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**