Philosophy

Major Preparation Sheet 2017-2018

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, with this sheet, 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.

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 can I go for help?

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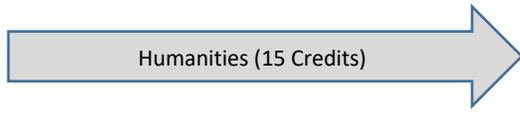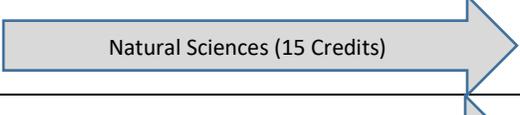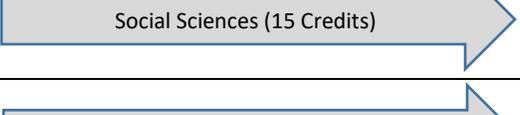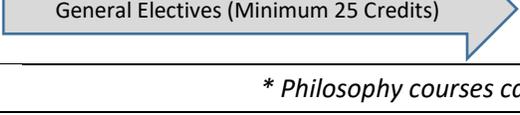ieadvisors@shoreline.edu
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What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy?

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-center/career-counseling.aspx.

What courses should I take?**

General Education Requirements (20 Credits)	**Required:** ENGL& 101; ENGL& 102; One course in Multicultural Understanding; One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning **Recommended:** PHIL& 120 (Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning)
Humanities (15 Credits)	**Strongly Recommended:** PHIL& 101*, PHIL 102* **Recommended:** World language if required for university admission or graduation
Natural Sciences (15 Credits)	**Recommended:** PHIL& 120 if not used for Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning
Social Sciences (15 Credits)	**Strongly Recommended:** PHIL& 101*, PHIL 102*
General Electives (Minimum 25 Credits)	**Recommended:** PHIL& 115, PHIL 210, 240, 248, 267; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.

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

Where can I transfer and what does my 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	Transfer Information	School	Transfer Information
Central Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/jdpjra6	University of Puget Sound	http://tinyurl.com/h7yqx8s
Eastern Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhnq	University of Washington – Seattle	http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl
Gonzaga University	http://tinyurl.com/7c9d6xh	University of Washington – Tacoma	http://tinyurl.com/j778h7e
Pacific Lutheran University	http://tinyurl.com/zygoljk	Washington State University	http://tinyurl.com/jk3a2v2
Seattle Pacific University	http://tinyurl.com/z46xxxr	Western Washington University	http://www.wwu.edu/vtc/
Seattle University	http://tinyurl.com/z3kjpcm	Whitman College	http://tinyurl.com/z8vuwn9
The Evergreen State College	http://tinyurl.com/zhyjy3s	Whitworth University	http://tinyurl.com/zcdww66

* 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.