The philosophy student explores and seeks to understand values and the nature of reality. What is truth? What is morally right? What kind of life is best? What kind of society? Is there an ultimate reality? Philosophy studies questions such as these that most other subject areas are unable to address fully.

With a philosophy degree, students enter the work force with a strong skill set including the following abilities: to read and comprehend complex material; to find and evaluate relevant evidence; to analyze problems, propose solutions, and examine them self-critically. Graduates have gone on to graduate school for law, education, or further philosophical study. Others enter new fields of research, working on computer problems or artificial intelligence, or they pursue career opportunities in government, industry, finance, and social services.

Requirements for the Major:
NOTE: No more than 48 units in philosophy courses can apply to the major.

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Preparation for the Major (6 units):

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Major (minimum 27 units): Check catalog for prerequisite information.

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### Upper Division Courses

Choose at least 7 from the following list
(No more than two 300-level courses will count towards the major.)

#### 300-Level Courses (only 2 will count towards major)

- PHIL 310: Phil & Human Nature [GE]
- PHIL 312: Women and Philosophy [GE]
- PHIL 315: Phil and Lit [GE]
- PHIL 325: A Major Phil Topic (6 units max)
- PHIL 328: Phil, Racism, & Justice [GE]
- PHIL 329: Social Ethics [GE]
- PHIL 330: Biomedical Ethics [GE]
- PHIL 332: Environmental Ethics [GE]
- PHIL 333: Ethics-Food
- PHIL 335: Phil of Business Ethics [GE]
- PHIL 340: Morality of War and Peace [GE]
- PHIL 341: Logic and the Law [GE]
- PHIL 342: Morality and the Law [GE]
- PHIL 343: Ethics Bowl
- PHIL 344: Global Justice [GE]
- PHIL 351: Chinese Philosophy [GE]
- PHIL 353: Buddhist Philosophy [GE]
- PHIL 360: Contemporary Brazilian Philosophers

#### 500-Level Courses

- PHIL 505: 19th-Cent. European Philosophy
- PHIL 506: 20th-Cent. Continental Philosophy
- PHIL 508: Existentialism
- PHIL 509: Theory of Ethics
- PHIL 510: Philosophy of Law
- PHIL 512: Political Philosophy
- PHIL 514: Philosophy of Art
- PHIL 515: Philosophy of Film
- PHIL 516: Non-Western Aesthetics
- PHIL 521: Deductive Logic
- PHIL 523: Theory of Knowledge
- PHIL 530: Metaphysics
- PHIL 534: Philosophy of Language
- PHIL 535: Philosophy of Religion
- PHIL 536: Philosophy of Mind
- PHIL 537: Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 538: Neuroethics
- PHIL 544: Queer Theory
- PHIL 555: Empirical Perspectives of Buddhism
- PHIL 565: Asian Philosophies
- PHIL 575: Major Philosopher (6 units max)
- PHIL 576: Major Philosophical Tradition (6 units max)
- PHIL 577: Major Philosophical Problem (6 units max)
- PHIL 578: Philosophical Methods (6 units max)

### Requirements for the minor:

**NOTE:** Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at SDSU.

**Philosophy minor: (minimum 18 units)**

**Choose at least 1 (3 units):**

- PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics [GE]
- PHIL 102: Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality [GE]
- PHIL 120: Introduction to Logic [GE]
- PHIL 140: Technology and Human Behavior [GE]
- PHIL 200: Critical Thinking and Composition [GE]

**Choose at least 5 (15 units):** Upper division philosophy courses are 300-, 400-, or 500-level courses. No more than six units (2 courses) of 300-level philosophy courses will count toward the minor.