PHILOSOPHY
College of Liberal Arts

Degree Benefits
Are you interested in exploring different theories about the nature of knowledge, reality and values? Western philosophy had its start in ancient Greek culture when thinkers began wrestling with the sobering fact that people have different views of nature, society, religion and even happiness. Since then, many different philosophies have been debated in an attempt to answer “the ultimate questions.” Today, philosophy majors study the historical development of general theories of knowledge, reality and values. In addition, they develop the tools of logical and critical thinking, so they will be well equipped to deal with contemporary philosophical questions.

Job Options
Philosophy majors develop critical reasoning and writing skills and the ability to analyze problems from a variety of perspectives. These skills make our students well-suited for a variety of positions in business and government. Philosophy can be excellent preparation for postgraduate study in law, business or theology. Teaching philosophy, however, occurs mainly in colleges and universities and usually requires a Ph.D. All philosophy majors work closely with their advisers to tailor a program that meets their career goals.

Program Objectives
The objective of the philosophy program at California University is to provide students with a solid background in the basic areas of philosophy — both its history and its contemporary issues — while allowing for in-depth exploration of questions of personal interest.

Philosophy Minor
The College of Liberal Arts offers the opportunity to minor in numerous academic programs. Students may choose minors among areas in art, communication studies, earth science, English, foreign languages, history, psychology, social sciences and theatre. A total of 21 credits must be completed in a minor.

University Resources
Our diverse faculty is capable of fulfilling students’ special needs. With most classes organized on a small-group basis, the department encourages students to develop their potential in a setting that emphasizes curiosity rather than competition. Students are also encouraged to develop secondary interests to supplement their philosophy studies and to broaden their career choices. Students are counseled frequently on how to develop their program of study.

BACHELOR OF ARTS
PHILOSOPHY—120 CREDITS
The eight-semester schedule of courses on the other side of this sheet provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in four years. To ensure that they are making satisfactory academic progress, students should consult with their faculty adviser, ensure that they complete necessary prerequisites and required courses in sequence, and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester.
Cultural Studies by phone at 724-938-4246. Contact the Department of Modern Languages, Philosophy and Socio-Cultural Studies by phone at 724-938-4246.

**PHILOSOPHY**

**Freshman Year**

**First Semester** ................................................................. 16 credits  
UNI 100 First Year Seminar .................................................. 1 cr.  
ENG 101 English Composition ............................................. 3 crs.  
PHI History Course .............................................................. 3 crs.  
General Education Courses ................................................... 9 crs.

**Second Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
ENG 102 English Composition II .......................................... 3 crs.  
PHI History Course .............................................................. 3 crs.  
PHI Logic Course ................................................................. 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 6 crs.

**Sophomore Year**

**Third Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Ethics Course ................................................................. 3 crs.  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 9 crs.

**Fourth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 12 crs.

**Junior Year**

**Fifth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Metaphysics Course ..................................................... 3 crs.  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 9 crs.

**Sixth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Epistemology Course .................................................... 3 crs.  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 9 crs.

**Senior Year**

**Seventh Semester** ............................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 12 crs.

**Eighth Semester** ................................................................. 15 credits  
PHI Major Elective Course ................................................... 3 crs.  
General Education, Minor, or Elective ................................. 12 crs.

**Notes**

- 42 Credits of the required 120 credits must include upper level division courses (300-400 level); i.e. 42 credits =14 courses
- Academic Advisement: Consult your Advisor. Locate the department of your major, find out the name and office hours of your advisor, and discuss your appropriate schedule and all other issues relating to your major with him/her.

**Program Contact Information**

Contact the Department of Modern Languages, Philosophy and Socio-Cultural Studies by phone at 724-938-4246.

**Department Website**

[www.calu.edu/academics/programs/philosophy/](http://www.calu.edu/academics/programs/philosophy/)

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**QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSIONS?**

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**FINANCIAL AID**

For information on student loans and undergraduate scholarships, visit [www.calu.edu](http://www.calu.edu) or call 1-888-412-0479.

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**ABOUT US**

California University of Pennsylvania is a proud member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Located in the borough of California, just 35 miles from Pittsburgh, Cal U serves about 8,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

- Cal U's main campus houses academic buildings, dining and recreation facilities, and six suite-style residence halls.
- Cal U's upper campus includes the Vulcan Village apartments, athletic facilities at Roadman Park, and space for student meetings and outdoor recreation at SAI Farm.
- Cal U Global Online is the University’s virtual campus, offering degree and certificate programs 100% online.

California University of Pennsylvania is an academic community dedicated to the ideals of justice, fairness and equal opportunity for all. In compliance with federal and state laws, the University is committed to providing equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation or status as a disabled or Vietnam era veteran. The University will not tolerate racial, ethnic or sexual discrimination. Sexual harassment is considered by law to be a form of sexual discrimination and is, therefore, unacceptable. Direct equal opportunity and affirmative action inquiries or complaints to the Special Assistant to the President for Equal Employment and Educational Opportunity (EEO), Office of Social Equity, South Hall 112, 724-938-4014. Direct inquiries regarding services or facilities accessibility to the ADA/504, Compliance Officer, Office of Student Development and Services, G.52 Carter Hall, 724-938 4056. Direct Title IX inquiries to the Senior Women's Administrator/Title IX Coordinator, Department of Athletics, Hamer Hall 248, 724 938-4351.

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Policies and Procedures: Note that the policies and procedures described above may be reviewed and revised at any time. This fact sheet should be used as an informational guide. For details on current policies and procedures, contact the Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs at 724-938-4407.

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