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- **Fran Fairbairn, Ph.D.**, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Education
- **Steven Gamboa, Ph.D.**, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, History of Analytic Philosophy, Inductive Logic and Confirmation Theory, Early Modern Philosophy
- **Nate Olson, Ph.D.**, Ethics, Bioethics, Research Ethics, Ethics Education
- **Maria Palaiologou, Ph.D.**, History of Philosophy, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy in Literature & Film, Aesthetics, Gender, Race, Logic
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- **Tiffany Tsantsoulas, Ph.D.**, Feminist Philosophy, Critical Philosophy of Race, Decolonial Philosophy, Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, and Value Theory
- **Julie Garcia**, Administrative Support Coordinator



Fedra Price, '24

"The Philosophy department here at CSUB doesn't get enough credit for the exemplary learning, discovery, and experiences it provides to young minds. It doesn't indoctrinate impressionable minds, but liberates them through guidance, challenges, and empowerment. I love the "what do you think? Why?" approach. I love the Socratic way of teaching in Philosophy."



Andrew Chavez, '25

"Through philosophy, I learned that I am good at being creative. Before taking any philosophy classes, I was always a mathematically inclined student where I just learned the information and applied to homework and tests and then rinse and repeat. After I switched over to philosophy, a beast was awakened. I just forced my newfound creative powers into my assignments which made the whole college experience a lot more enjoyable."



Jessica Killmer, '25

"Programs like Philosophy for Children (P4C) were very defining for my academic career. I was delighted when I had the opportunity to take the P4C Practicum course. I hope to attend graduate school in the near future so that I may focus on public philosophy, P4C, and dialogue/discourse. I will always stay philosophically curious in my endeavors and projects."



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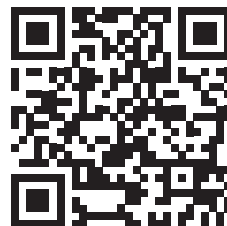
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Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Philosophy

"I see philosophy as a white room with unending walls. A philosopher is the artist that draws on these walls all the thoughts, ideas, and questions."

-Alfeah Muharram,
CSUB Philosophy Student

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Are you interested in the history of human thought? Are you curious about the meaning of justice, the existence of God, the justifiability of capitalism, or the nature of identity? Do you want to investigate the major ethical dilemmas facing us today? Are you looking forward to a college experience that combines academic rigor with engaged learning in a supportive community of students and faculty?

Career Opportunities

Did you know that Reid Hoffman (co-founder of LinkedIn), Rashida Jones (actor, writer, producer, director), and Phil Jackson (11x NBA champion coach) were philosophy majors? Check out this list of other famous and accomplished philosophy majors:
<https://www.apaonline.org/page/whostudiesphilosophy>

Studying philosophy is valuable no matter what career path one pursues, from academia to business to entertainment to politics. **And it pays well!**

Mid-Career Salaries by Major*:

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| • \$90,500 Civil Engineering | • \$70,000 Communication |
| • \$88,300 Finance | • \$67,000 Nursing |
| • \$82,300 MIS | • \$66,700 Journalism |
| • \$81,200 Philosophy | • \$64,700 English |
| • \$79,600 Marketing | • \$60,400 Psychology |
| • \$77,100 Accounting | |
| • \$72,100 Business Mgmt. | |

*Data from PayScale and the Wall Street Journal: https://www.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/info-Degrees_that_Pay_you_Back-sort.html

Benefits of Double Major or Minor

- Combining Philosophy with another discipline helps you stand out in your field.
- Philosophy helps Psychology majors delve into the complexities of personhood.
- Philosophy helps Business majors develop collaboration and leadership skills.
- Philosophy helps Science and Engineering majors examine their field's assumptions and values.
- Philosophy helps other Humanities majors deepen their theoretical understanding of history, art, literature, and music.
- Whatever path you choose, a Philosophy double major or minor helps you become an independent and innovative thinker with creative problem-solving skills, which in turn helps you pivot to any career you choose after graduation.



B.A. in Philosophy Major Track

Requirements for the Major in Philosophy (13 courses)

- Core Courses:** PHIL 2610, 3010, 4908
- History of Western Philosophy:** One course required from: PHIL 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240
- Value Theory:** One course required from: PHIL 4430, 4440, 4450, 4560
- Social and Political Philosophy:** One course required from: PHIL 4410, 4420, 4550
- Metaphysics and Epistemology:** One course required from: PHIL 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540
- Experiential Learning:** One course required from: PHIL 3610, 3620, 4610, 4620
- Electives:** Five additional courses in philosophy, minimum two upper-division (15 units)



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Requirements for the Law, Justice, and Social Policy Emphasis (15 courses)

- Core Courses:** PHIL 2610, 3010, 4908
- History of Western Philosophy:** One course required from: PHIL 3210, 3220, 3230, 3240
- Value Theory:** PHIL 4410 and two courses required from: PHIL 3030, 3318, 3348, 4420, 4430, 4450, 4550, 4560
- Metaphysics and Epistemology:** PHIL 3548 and one course required from: PHIL 4510, 4520, 4530, 4540
- Experiential Learning:** One course required from: PHIL 3610, 4620
- Elective:** One additional upper-division course in PHIL
- Breadth:** Select four courses from the following list: ACCT 2350, BA 2100, COMM 3010, CRJU 1108, CRJU 3260, CRJU 3318, CRJU 4638, PLSI 3140, PLSI 3170, PLSI 3450,

Requirements for the Minor in Philosophy

12 units (4 courses)

The minor requires 12 units, at least nine of which must be upper division.

