Philosophy

Through Philosophy one may think about and develop perspectives on topics as diverse as god, science, language, logic, truth, ethics, politics and law. Thus philosophy’s range of application is particularly broad. Typically, philosophy leaves aside the doing of religion, science and so forth, and asks fundamental questions about the nature and justification for the various perspectives.

Questions you might encounter in a philosophy class: What is the nature of the mind? Is it identical with the brain? Does God exist? If so, what is God like? Can we prove such a being exists? What makes an action right or wrong? What makes a society a just one? What distinguishes science from non-science? What is a scientific theory? Are numerals (like ‘4’) names for objects? If so, what are these objects (presumably numbers) like? What is knowledge? Under what conditions do you have it?

CAREER OPTIONS
Philosophy focuses on clear thinking, analytical writing, and critical evaluation of complex ideas. Thus it is excellent training for anyone whose job requires broad perspectives and new and creative ideas. Philosophy is excellent preparation for a career in law, business, government, journalism and a wide variety of professional areas; and it is excellent preparation for different sorts of graduate and professional study. Philosophy does not provide training in specific job tasks, rather it focuses on basic skills that prepare you for the more challenging tasks they will encounter as your career advances.

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY OUTLOOK
As indicated on the reverse, earnings for philosophy majors compare favorably to earnings from other disciplines. Philosophy is excellent preparation for graduate school, and philosophy majors do especially well on standardized tests required for graduate admission. This includes medical school, business school (with the GMAT exam), law school (with the LSAT exam) and other forms of graduate study (with the GRE exam). For further information, follow links at http://philosophy.csusb.edu/.

SPECIAL FEATURES
* Small class size ensures personalized attention
* Outstanding faculty
* Published scholars
* Active researchers
* Experienced educators
* Independent research projects

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy requires only 57 units of courses in the philosophy major. Thus philosophy is small major, and may be combined with other majors and minors. To obtain the BA in philosophy you need a minimum of 180 units as follows:

* 57 units in philosophy major courses
* 78-82 units in general education courses
* 42 units of free electives

MINORS
* Philosophical Logic
* Law and Philosophy
* Philosophy
* Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

PHILOSOPHY COURSES OFFERED

Moral Choices in Life
Critical Thinking Through Argument Analysis
Introduction to Philosophical Issues
Introduction to Ethics
Introductory Philosophy of Religion
Introduction to Eastern Philosophy
Introduction to Knowledge & Reality
Critical Thinking Through Symbolic Logic
Predicate Logic
Inductive Logic
Alternative Logics
Ancient Philosophy
History of Modern Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality
History of Modern Philosophy: Ethics and Politics
Ethics
Topics in Moral and Political Philosophy
Metaethics
Topics in Applied Ethics
Contemporary Ethical Issues
Philosophy and Economics

Social & Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law
Jurisprudence
Philosophy of Race and Ethnicity
Gender and Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion
Non-Western Philosophy
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Logic
Philosophy of Mathematics
Philosophy of Mind
Theory of Knowledge
Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Language
Topics in Philosophy
Advanced Issues in Logic
Advanced Issues in History of Philosophy
Advanced Issues in Value Theory
Advanced Issues in Philosophy of Religion
Advanced Issues in Philosophy of Religion
Advanced Issues in Metaphysics and Knowledge
Philosophical Topics
Additional Considerations

1. Philosophy is remunerative!

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2. Philosophy majors do well on the LSAT (law school admissions test).

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3. Philosophy majors do well on the GRE (graduate school admissions exam).

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