

# PHILOSOPHY

## Program Description

Philosophy grapples with fundamental questions about the nature of reality, what it means to be human, and how one should act. At Mt. San Jacinto college we offer survey courses that span the history of philosophy and more specialized classes that focus on core areas of philosophy like logic and ethics. The study of philosophy teaches careful reading and writing skills, critical thinking, and sound reasoning. Further, philosophy explores the sources of value and meaning while providing vital skills for those interested in law, education, medicine, and more.

Philosophy Department Page (<https://www.msjc.edu/philosophy/>)

## Transfer Preparation

Transfer students are advised to do research on prospective majors and careers. The MSJC Transfer Center and MSJC catalog can be helpful tools. Students interested in transferring to CSU's or UC's can access major preparation by visiting ASSIST (<http://www.assist.org>). All students are advised to meet with a counselor at least once a semester to create or update their comprehensive education plan.

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## Degrees/Certificates

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#### Transfer Degree

- Philosophy, A.A.-T (<https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/philosophy/philosophy-aat/>)

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Identify and analyze arguments presented in philosophical texts using philosophical tools, methodologies, and ideas.
- Critically assess and evaluate arguments related to metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics for their validity, soundness, and cogency.
- Formulate and defend arguments through the evaluation of both personal viewpoints and opposing perspectives, demonstrated in college-level writing, employing philosophical tools.
- Analyze and evaluate the contributions of philosophers from both Western and non-Western traditions, considering their ideas within appropriate social, cultural, and historical contexts.

## Careers and Salaries

Discover in-demand careers and education options based on your interests! See the list of careers below or explore further by searching for **Careers or Programs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com>).

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer. Labor market statistics are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, O-NET, EMSI.

Career/Industries	CA Annual Median Salary or Range	Employment Demand or Opening CA
Philosophy & Religion Teachers, Postsecondary (M, D)	\$109,757	19,403*
Editor (B, M)	\$82,223	2,053
Lawyer (M, D)	\$167,732	6,611

(degree required: SM some college, C: Certificate, A: Associate degree, B: Bachelor's degree, M: Master's degree, D: Doctorate)

\* All Postsecondary Teaching Positions