

# PHILOSOPHY

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## DESCRIPTION

Studying philosophy develops critical thinking and reasoning skills applicable to all aspects of our individual and collective lives. Critical thinking involves analyzing a problem from different perspectives and evaluating evidence in order to arrive at a conclusion or solution. Philosophical reasoning draws upon cultural and historical contexts in order to understand and evaluate different systems of belief in response to fundamental human questions about how we should live and interact with others. Philosophy courses help students think more clearly about reality, knowledge, and the pursuit of a meaningful life. Philosophy courses need not be taken in sequence. All philosophy courses are transferable to Portland State University, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon.