

## **PHILOSOPHY AT U. C. SANTA CRUZ 2009-2010**

### **Information for Frosh and Transfer Students**

Welcome to the UC Santa Cruz Philosophy Department! Students who study philosophy at UC Santa Cruz gain a sound academic foundation as well as the analytical skills for a wide variety of careers. Former UCSC Philosophy majors have distinguished themselves in journalism, medicine, law, software design, architecture, publishing, and a variety of academic fields.

Lynn Galiste (Department Manager) and Katrina Rudd (Undergraduate Advisor) staff the Philosophy Department Offices, located at Cowell College. Undergraduate advising is available in Cowell 220 Mondays and Wednesdays 9-11am, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30pm, and by appointment (email [krudd@ucsc.edu](mailto:krudd@ucsc.edu)).

Most philosophy faculty are located at the Cowell Faculty Annex. Individual faculty are available for consultation during office hours, which are posted on their office doors, at the department office, and on the department website.

The Philosophy Department makes every effort to communicate important news to our undergraduates. Students should refer to the department website (<http://philosophy.ucsc.edu>), which is updated frequently. Students must also regularly check their UCSC email, or forward that email to a personal account, as valuable information is often sent via email.

**DEPARTMENT/MAJOR ADVISING:** The Philosophy Department offers one-on-one advising by appointment. Students can email Katrina at [krudd@ucsc.edu](mailto:krudd@ucsc.edu) to schedule an advising appointment.

**DECLARING THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR:** To declare a major or minor, the student must download the "Declaration of Major/Minor" form online at <http://advising.ucsc.edu/student/index.html>. The student completes the section on general education requirements, then meets with a College advisor who will verify the information. Once that step has been completed, the student can come by during drop-in hours or make an appointment with Katrina to complete the study plan. (If a student is declaring a double major or wants a minor, he/she needs to meet with the advisor for the relevant department as well.) The department distributes copies of the completed form to the student, the student's College Office, and other departments, if applicable.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** Philosophy majors at Santa Cruz must complete eleven courses.

- Two introductory courses: Introduction to Logic (PHIL 9) and one other introductory course.
- Two History of Philosophy: Two courses chosen from Ancient Greek Philosophy (PHIL 100A), the Rationalists (PHIL 100B), and the Empiricists (PHIL 100C). The two introductory courses, as well as the C1 and C2 general education requirements, must be completed before enrolling in a history of philosophy course.
- Six upper-division Philosophy courses: Any six 5-unit courses numbered 100 and above (with the exception of 195A & B and 199).
- One senior seminar: Any philosophy course numbered 190, generally taken during the senior year in fulfillment of the exit requirement.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR:** Philosophy minors at Santa Cruz must complete nine courses.

- Any nine PHIL courses that count towards the major may be taken; at least five must be upper-division. The following are excluded courses: Phil 180H, Phil 195A, Phil 195B and Phil 199. There is no exit requirement.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONCENTRATION IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT:** 14 courses are required.

- Two Introductory courses: Introduction to Logic and one other introductory course.
- Two History of Philosophy: Ancient Greek Philosophy and *either* the Empiricists *or* the Rationalists.
- Six Upper-Division UCSC Philosophy courses: These must include the following:
  1. Three upper-division or graduate philosophy of religion courses (must be approved by the Director of the Concentration). At least one must be Phil 170 (Interpretation of Religion) or Phil 171 (Faith & Reason).
  2. At least one Advanced Seminar (190 series)
  3. Any two other upper-division philosophy courses. Excluded courses include: Phil 180H, Phil 195A, Phil 195B and Phil 199.
- Four Upper-Division courses in the area of Religious Thought: Four upper division courses in the area of religious thought from programs on campus such as Anthropology, Literature, History, History of Art and Visual Culture, Philosophy, Psychology, and Sociology, chosen through consultation with the Director of the Concentration in Religious Thought.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Students who need approval for prior college work should submit a petition for substitution. Only courses for which the student has received a B or better grade will be accepted for the major. Generally, equivalent introductory philosophy courses taken elsewhere are accepted as substitution for UCSC philosophy introductory courses (except Introduction to Logic, which usually must be taken at UCSC). Upper-division courses taken at other four-year universities may also be transferred by petition. You will need to furnish a syllabus and/or writing sample from the class. Petitions are available at the Philosophy Department office and are reviewed by the Undergraduate Program Director. The three advanced philosophy of religion courses required for the Concentration in Religious Thought must be taken at UC Santa Cruz.

Want to know more about Philosophy at UCSC? Feel free to contact us:  
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***Wondering what to bring to orientation?***

Frosh need only to bring their questions.  
Transfer students should bring unofficial transcripts with any philosophy classes they hope to use towards the major or minor.