

# TRANSFER ARTICULATION: PHILOSOPHY

"Philosopher" in Greek means a lover of wisdom, someone who raises serious questions and whose curiosity is not satisfied by easy, superficial answers. Thus philosophers like Socrates acquired a reputation for being critical thinkers.

Philosophers want to have logical reasons for their views, and they feel dissatisfied as long as they do not have them. At the same time, a philosopher is attentive to the limits of logic and reason.

So, if you are a person of wide-ranging interests and have an abiding curiosity, if you are a person who is not willing to settle for superficial answers to your questions, and if you value logic and reasoning together with people of different points of view, then philosophy is for you.

We welcome you to join us in the study of Philosophy at Sam Houston State University (<https://www.shsu.edu/academics/psychology-and-philosophy/philosophy/>).

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PHIL 3366 Aesthetics is recommended as it counts as advanced Philosophy hours and satisfies 3 semester hours of fine arts required for the BA.

Additional information may be found at Department and Psychology and ([https://www.shsu.edu/~psy\\_ww2/](https://www.shsu.edu/~psy_ww2/))Philosophy ([https://www.shsu.edu/~psy\\_ww2/](https://www.shsu.edu/~psy_ww2/)).

## Courses Transfer Students Should Take:\*

SHSU Course Number	College/TCCN	SHSU Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
PHIL 1301	PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2303	PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 2306	PHIL 2306	Contemporary Moral Issues	3

**\*Note:** Other courses may transfer, depending upon the selected degree or program. Meet with your academic advisor to confirm whether coursework will transfer from another institution. For a complete listing of degree-specific requirements, please, review the degree plan within the Undergraduate Catalog (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/>).

- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/ba-philosophy/>)
- Minor in Ethics (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/minor-ethics/>)
- Minor in Philosophy (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/psychology-philosophy/minor-philosophy/>)
- Minor in Applied Ethics and Critical Thinking (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/humanities-social-sciences/minor-applied-ethics-and-critical-thinking-minor/>)

## Field of Study

Sam Houston State University supports the State of Texas Fields of Study (<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/supporting-our-institutions/program-development/texas-transfer-framework/>).

The Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/>) at Sam Houston State University (to be used by all incoming students as of fall 2014) contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a selection of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/>) details Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents for college transfer students which comprise SHSU's core curriculum.

Many SHSU disciplines including the sciences, business, and education require specific courses from the SHSU core as degree specific graduation requirements. To minimize cost and time to complete degree requirements always select SHSU/transfer core courses specified as degree requirements in your intended major. If you have not decided on a major, select core courses supporting your intended area of academic concentration.

Prior to enrolling in core classes, students are encouraged to review specific degree requirements for their major. Selection of major-specified core courses reduces the total number of hours required for graduation.

If you do not see a Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) mapping a specific core course to your transfer institution, please go to Transfer Course Equivalency Guide (<https://ww2.shsu.edu/regr27wp/>) and select your institution from the drop-down menu. The result will list all currently mapped transfer courses from your institution to SHSU courses.