

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		PHIL 103	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	PHIL 104	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		PHIL 222	3	
PHIL 201	3	PHI 220 Ethics and Society		PHIL 490	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art or Literature course (Block II)		PHIL (restricted upper-level electives)	9	
General Education	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (Block III - not History)		PHIL (upper-level elective)	3	
General Education	3	Any UCGS History (Block VI)		PHIL (any level elective)	6	
General Education	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences (Block IV)		Upper-level electives (300- or 400-level)	30	Consider a minor or second major.
General Education	3-5	Any UCGS Math (Block V)				
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				
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General Electives	6	Select two: PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy PHI 111 Logic PHI 200 The History of Western Philosophy				
VCU equivalents	6-8	Foreign language 101-102 (or transfer electives if eligible for a language waiver).	The foreign language requirement can be waived for students who have completed three or more years of foreign language study in high school.			

VCU equivalents	11-16	Additional transfer electives.	Select any additional courses from UCGS or courses that could potentially apply to a minor or second major at VCU.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BA in Philosophy:

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- **Letter of Interest form:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

As a philosophy major at VCU, you will sharpen your critical reasoning, writing and speaking skills, and apply those skills in the concentration area of your choice. Due to its extensive use of critical and analytical reasoning, philosophy equips students for careers in medicine, law, business and other fields that require careful thought and the clear expression of ideas. You can select from one of four concentrations as a philosophy major: standard concentration, ethics and public

policy concentration, philosophy and law concentration, and philosophy and science concentration.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The Department has a thriving Undergraduate Philosophy Club, which meets weekly for student presentations, faculty presentations and other activities. The Department houses free peer-tutoring for all of its philosophy courses.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Philosophy majors can choose from four concentrations: Philosophy, Philosophy and Law, Philosophy and Science, and Ethics and Public Policy. Students who follow the transfer guide for philosophy are easily able to double major or minor in other disciplines.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU “REAL” experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.