**What is Philosophy?**

Philosophy is the critical investigation of the basic concepts that shape our lives. Students will be able to inquire into the basic nature of concepts like truth, justice, rightness, knowledge, beauty, and reality. In addition, philosophy students will apply their understanding of these basic concepts to the important decisions made by both individuals and societies. Because philosophy aims at clarity at the level of language and thought it is applicable not only to the natural and social sciences, but also to the moral, practical and evaluative decisions we make on a daily basis.

**LAMC Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T)** in Philosophy

**Areas of Interest**

* Writing
* Editing
* Self-expressing
* Presenting alternative point of views
* Creating stories
* Thinking independently
* Written expression
* Composing concepts
* Reading

**Skills**

* How to organize ideas and issues
* Synthesize complex data
* Inter-personal
* Critical thinking & Research
* Social perceptiveness
* Conveying information effectively
* Problem sensitivity
* Service orientation
* Fluency of ideas

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **CSU Sonoma State University**: Health Information Management (MS)
* **UC Davis**: Health Informatics (MS)

**Potential Job Titles**

* Instructor/Teacher
* Urban planning
* Missionary Grant/proposal writer
* Researcher
* Clergy
* Environmental researcher
* Judges
* Journalist
* Judicial Law
* Lawyer

**Potential Employers**

* Federal government
* Peace corps
* Non-profit organizations
* Public relations firms
* Research institutes
* Social service agencies
* Universities and colleges
* Local, national, and international mission fields

**Work Environment**

* Involvement in inter-denominational or ecumenical work, such as in hospital or prison ministry
* Ruling on the use of evidence and methods of giving testimony
* Instructing juries on how the law applies to a case and directing juries to decide verdicts based on the facts presented

**Earnings:**

Earning can vary by occupation and experience. The following are average annual wages as of 2019 in California based on *California Career Zone* <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

**Helpful Resources:**

* LAMC Career Center: [www.lamission.edu/careercenter](http://www.lamission.edu/careercenter)
* CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu
* UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
* Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC  
Career Center at [**careercenter@lamission.edu**](mailto:careercenter@lamission.edu).