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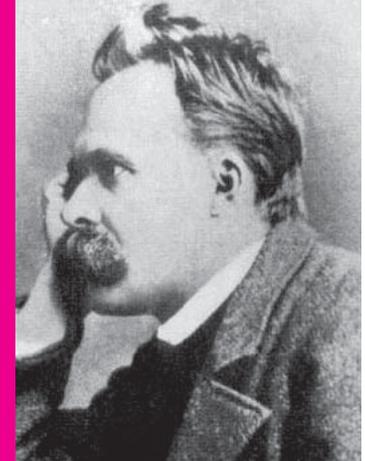
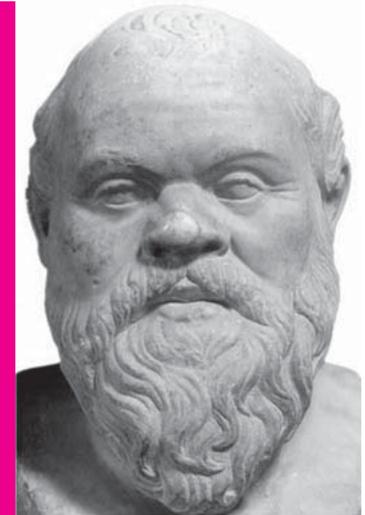
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## Merced College Philosophy



# PHILOSOPHY

## The Program

Philosophical studies at Merced College stress analytical reasoning, writing, and oral expression. The study of philosophy has had an historic role in liberal arts education because it develops careful, independent thinking and aids in defining one's most fundamental values and beliefs.

The philosophy curriculum is designed around a core education that includes the history of philosophy, ethics, and either logic or comparative religions. Students choose among elective courses in humanities and the history of civilization.

The philosophy department is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. We recognize that philosophy and philosophy education enhance the cultural, economic, and social aspects of the community. The study of philosophy will improve the critical thinking skills that are applicable to any area of endeavor, while at the same exploring the deepest aspects of self, community, and existence.



## Career Opportunities

Philosophical training at Merced College prepares the A.A. graduate for transfer to four-year institutions, or to enter into the work

force in many fields. Graduates of philosophy traditionally enter fields that include education, research, law, business, high technology, government, and ministry. Beyond preparing students for professional life, the Philosophy Department at Merced College is dedicated to personal enrichment through deep reflection in all facets of human life.

## PHILOSOPHY COURSES

- Phil-01 – Introduction to Philosophy
- Phil-01H – Honors Introduction to Philosophy
- Phil-03 – Ancient Philosophy
- Phil-04 – Modern Philosophy
- Phil-05 – Contemporary Moral and Social Issues
- Phil-10 – Critical Thinking
- Phil-12 – Logic
- Phil-13 – Critical Reasoning and Writing
- Phil-13H – Honors Critical Reasoning and Writing
- Phil-15 – Comparative Religions
- Phil-39H – Special Topics in Philosophy

## Faculty

**Dr. Max Hallman** did graduate work in philosophy at the University of South Carolina and McGill University before completing his doctorate at Tulane University in New Orleans. He has published articles on Heidegger,