



# Philosophy with Religion Emphasis

*Degree: Associate of Arts in Philosophy (AA)***LIBERAL ARTS**

**Program Description:** The Philosophy with Religion Emphasis Associate of Arts degree is primarily designed to provide foundational training and knowledge for those who plan on pursuing a 4-year degree in the academic study of religion (Religious Studies), in a Philosophy program with an emphasis on religion, or in a theological program at a religious institution of higher education. As it provides a general liberal arts education and a focus on religion, ethics, and other topics in philosophy, it may also serve as a credential for those pursuing a career as a religious professional or whose work may require them to work substantially with religion, religious institutions, or people from different religious backgrounds.

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sites.austincc.edu/philosophy/

Candidates for the Associate of Arts Degree in Philosophy with Religion Emphasis must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a minimum average of 3.0 for all philosophy courses undertaken. Philosophy majors are encouraged to choose French, German, or Latin to fulfill the language requirement. Candidates may not count toward graduation any philosophy course in which they earned a grade lower than 2.0.

*Use this **Program MAP** to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS		
<i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1300 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success <b>OR</b> HUMA 1301 - Humanities: Prehistory to Renaissance	3	All first time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1300 course or HUMA 1301 topic Great Questions Seminar in their first semester at ACC. All other students may select either EDUC 1300, HUMA 1301 topic Great Questions Seminar, or a speech course from the Component Area Option section of the Core Curriculum Course List. See an advisor or a full-time faculty member in Philosophy for more information.
ENGL 1301 - English Composition I	3	Prerequisite(s): TSI complete in reading and writing or exempt.
American History	3	Suggested course: HIST 1301. Or select a course from the American History section of the Core Curriculum Course List; HIST 2301 and HIST 2381 may only be taken once.
Foreign Language	4	Suggested courses: FREN 1411, GERM 1411, or LATI 1411. Or select other foreign language course. All foreign language hours must be in the same language.
PHIL 1301 - Introduction to Philosophy	3	
	<b>16</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your advisor</b>
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 - English Composition II	3	Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1301 or equivalent with minimum grade of C.
American History	3	Suggested course: HIST 1302. Or select a course from the American History section of the Core Curriculum Course List; HIST 2301 and HIST 2381 may only be taken once.
Foreign Language	4	Suggested courses: FREN 1412, GERM 1412, or LATI 1412. Or select other foreign language course. All foreign language hours must be in the same language.

Mathematics	3	Suggested courses: MATH 1314 or MATH 1332. Or select a course from the Mathematics section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
PHIL 1304 - Introduction to Comparative Religion	3	
	<b>16</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
GOVT 2305 - United States Government	3	
Life and Physical Sciences	3	Suggested course: BIOL 1309. Or select a course from the Life and Physical Sciences section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Suggested courses: SOCI 1301, PSYC 2301, or ANTH 2351. Or select a course from the Social and Behavioral Sciences section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Creative Arts	3	Suggested courses: ARTS 1303 or ARTS 1304. Or select a course from the Creative Arts section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
PHIL 2306 - Ethics	3	
	<b>15</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours – Meet with your faculty advisor</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
GOVT 2306 - Texas State and Local Government	3	
Life and Physical Sciences	4	Suggested course: PHYS 1405. Or select a course from the Life and Physical Sciences section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
PHIL 2316 - Ancient Philosophy	3	Prerequisite(s): PHIL 1301.
PHIL 2321 - Philosophy of Religion	3	<b>ACHIEVEMENT:</b> Associate of Arts degree in Philosophy with Religion Emphasis.
	<b>13</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
<b>Total Program Hours: 60</b>		

Please always check online at [catalog.austincc.edu](http://catalog.austincc.edu) or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

## Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career and Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

[www.austincc.edu/career](http://www.austincc.edu/career)

[www.austincc.edu/transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/transfer)

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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### Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in Philosophy with Religion Emphasis degree provides a transfer pathway to a 4-year college or university where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Transfer options and course guides are found in the links below. We currently have an agreement from St. Edward's to provide students with a clear pathway to complete 2 years at ACC and 2 years at St. Edward's and successfully complete with a BA in Philosophy from St. Edward's. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

**Transfer Guides:** *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

**The University of Texas at Austin:** <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

**Texas State University:** <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg>

**Texas A&M University:** <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

**Texas Tech University:** <https://catalog.ttu.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=996>

**The University of Texas at San Antonio:** <https://www.utsa.edu/advising/transfer/transfer-equivalency.html>

**Reverse Transfer:** If you transfer to a four-year institution prior to graduating from ACC, you can still earn your associate degree through reverse transfer. More information on the reverse transfer process and requirements can be found at [www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer).

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

### Career Information

An associate degree in Philosophy fosters development of skills in critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, quantitative and empirical reasoning, personal and social responsibility, communication, and teamwork that are valued in a variety of work environments. The information below is intended as a reference tool and represents local and regional employment opportunities in occupations related to this program. Philosophy provides a solid foundation for a career in business, teaching, writing, or public service. It's also excellent preparation for law school and other professional programs.

#### Common Job Titles

Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary (includes Philosophy Professor, Religious Studies Professor), Clergy (includes Children's Minister, Congregational Care Pastor, Minister, Missionary Coordinator, Pastor, Priest, Rabbi, Rector), Legal Assistant, Counselor, Public Relations Specialist, Public Affairs Specialist

*Many career opportunities in this field require completion of a bachelor's degree or higher.*

#### Regional Labor Market Information

Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary: New workers generally start around \$31,294. Normal pay for Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary is \$61,152 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$104,721. Over the last year, 2 companies have posted 3 jobs for Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary in this region. There are currently 10,812 Philosophy and Religion Teachers, Postsecondary that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/philosophy-and-religion-teacher-postsecondary>

Clergy: New workers generally start around \$29,879. Normal pay for Clergy is \$49,694 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$79,938. Over the last year, 32 companies have posted 181 jobs for Clergy in this region. There are currently 1,646 Clergy that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX.

Source: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/cleric>

**Career and labor market research tools** (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O\*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

**Career Resources:** ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.