

**McHenry County College**  
**University of Illinois at Springfield**  
**Associate in Arts or Associate in Science**  
**to**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (online)**  
**(2008-2009 Catalog)**

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The University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) online Philosophy program allows students to actively participate in dynamic, diverse, and interactive online learning communities. The program course requirements are identical to those of the on-campus program. Due to high demand, admission to the online program is competitive. McHenry County College students, who complete the MCC Associate in Science or Associate in Arts degree, are able to earn the B.A. in Philosophy by completing another 61 credits at UIS.

**Admission Requirements for Online Philosophy Program**

Requirements are subject to change. Please review the UIS catalog and web site for most up-to-date information.

- Application materials to Office of Admissions - The Office of Admissions evaluates applications and determines whether UIS and Philosophy program admission requirements are met. The students file is then forwarded to the Philosophy Department for admission decision.
- 30 or more semester hours of transfer credit and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (completion of UIS general education requirements recommended) qualifies as transfer student status.
- Priority consideration will be given to applicants with an overall GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and those who have taken higher division courses from an accredited college or university.
- Both online and on-campus students are expected to have completed at least six hours of lower-division philosophy courses, including three hours of critical thinking or logic, prior to beginning upper-division coursework in the major. These courses are not counted toward upper-division degree requirements.
  - PHI155 Introduction to Logic
  - Select another philosophy course (PHI151)
- Applicants must submit writing samples, statements of purpose, and (optional) letters of recommendation:
  - The writing sample should be in the form of a short essay (800-1200 words) in which you present a problem (or an area) of interest in philosophy. A paper previously submitted for a class is acceptable.
  - The Statement of Purpose (100-200 words) should present your reasons for selecting the philosophy major online at UIS and your familiarity with computers and the internet.
  - You may ask up to three people to submit confidential letters of recommendation.
  - Students should apply by March 15 to assure full consideration for fall semester.

Students wishing to be evaluated on characteristics and accomplishments beyond the grade-point average or previous coursework in philosophy should address the diverse ways they might contribute to the UIS Philosophy program in their Statement of Purpose and present reasons why they believe they would be successful as a philosophy major. Consideration will be given to students with backgrounds and strong abilities in philosophy as documented by writing samples, statements of purpose, and letters of recommendation.

## **Additional Information**

- Graduates of regionally accredited community colleges holding an A.A. or A.S. degree or transfer students with the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) completed have met all UIS general education requirements. (documented on transcript)
- Students who want a seamless transition are highly encouraged to participate in the UIS/MCC Dual Admissions program.

## **McHenry County College**

### **Associate in Arts or Associate in Science**

*Refer to MCC catalog for specific IAI Core Curriculum course options, prerequisites, and degree requirements.*

<b><u>Course Number</u></b>	<b><u>Course Title</u></b>	<b><u>Semester Hours</u></b>
ENG151, 152	English Composition I & II	6
SPE151	Introduction to Speech	3
IAI Humanities – PHI151*	Introduction to Philosophy	3
IAI Fine Arts		3
IAI Humanities – PHI155*	Introduction to Logic	3
IAI Biological Science		4
IAI Physical Science		4
IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 courses to be distributed among at least 2 departments)		9
IAI Math		3 or 6
CIS110	Computer Literacy	2
Intercultural Studies		3
Elective credit to satisfy the 60 credits required for AS or AA degree (approximately 14-17 credits – depends on degree and course selection)		14-17
<b>MCC Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

\* **Prerequisite for the major** – Students must take 2 courses (at least 6 credits) as prerequisites for the major: a critical thinking or logic prerequisite and a general philosophy prerequisite.

#### **Note:**

A.S. degree requires 6 semester hours of math. See MCC catalog for course options.

A.A. degree requires completion of the same foreign language through fourth semester in college.

## **University of Illinois at Springfield**

### **B.A. Philosophy**

**Matriculation Module** – The module provides information both about philosophy and studying philosophy online. The module must be completed before the last 16 semester hours of philosophy courses are taken.

#### **Three Main Areas of Study** (upper-division coursework)

1. Core Analytical Philosophy – Students must take at least two classes (8 hours) in the area of core philosophy, such as philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of science, analytical metaphysics, and logic.
2. History of Philosophy – Students must take one class in ancient and medieval philosophy and one class in the history of modern philosophy or program approved comprehensive equivalents of at least 7 credit hours.
3. Value Theory – Students must take at least two classes (4 hours) in the areas of ethics, aesthetics, or political philosophy. A minimum of two hours must be devoted specifically to ethics.

#### **Area of Specialization**

Students may specialize in the area of core analytic philosophy or in the area of values. In addition to the 8 hours required of all majors, students specializing in either core analytic philosophy or values must take one advanced class in the area of specialization and a Senior Seminar associated with the chosen area of specialization. Students should note that advanced courses have at least 4 hours of analytic philosophy or values courses as prerequisites. In order to gain a broad philosophical perspective, every student needs to take 4 hours of philosophy electives in any area of philosophy, including topics not covered in the main major.

#### **ECCE Requirement**

Engaged Citizenship Common Experience – minimum 13 credits