



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.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Learn about group behaviors
- Read about historical events
- Researching
- Working with others
- Advocacy work
- Social justice
- Civil rights
- Public policy issues



SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- 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
- Complex problem solving

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

The Philosophy major is housed in the Economics/Jewish Studies/Philosophy Department at Los Angeles Valley College. This major teaches students how to study ideas and issues. Students pursue fundamental truths, a comprehensive understanding of the world and explore the nature of morality. LAVC offers the following degrees:

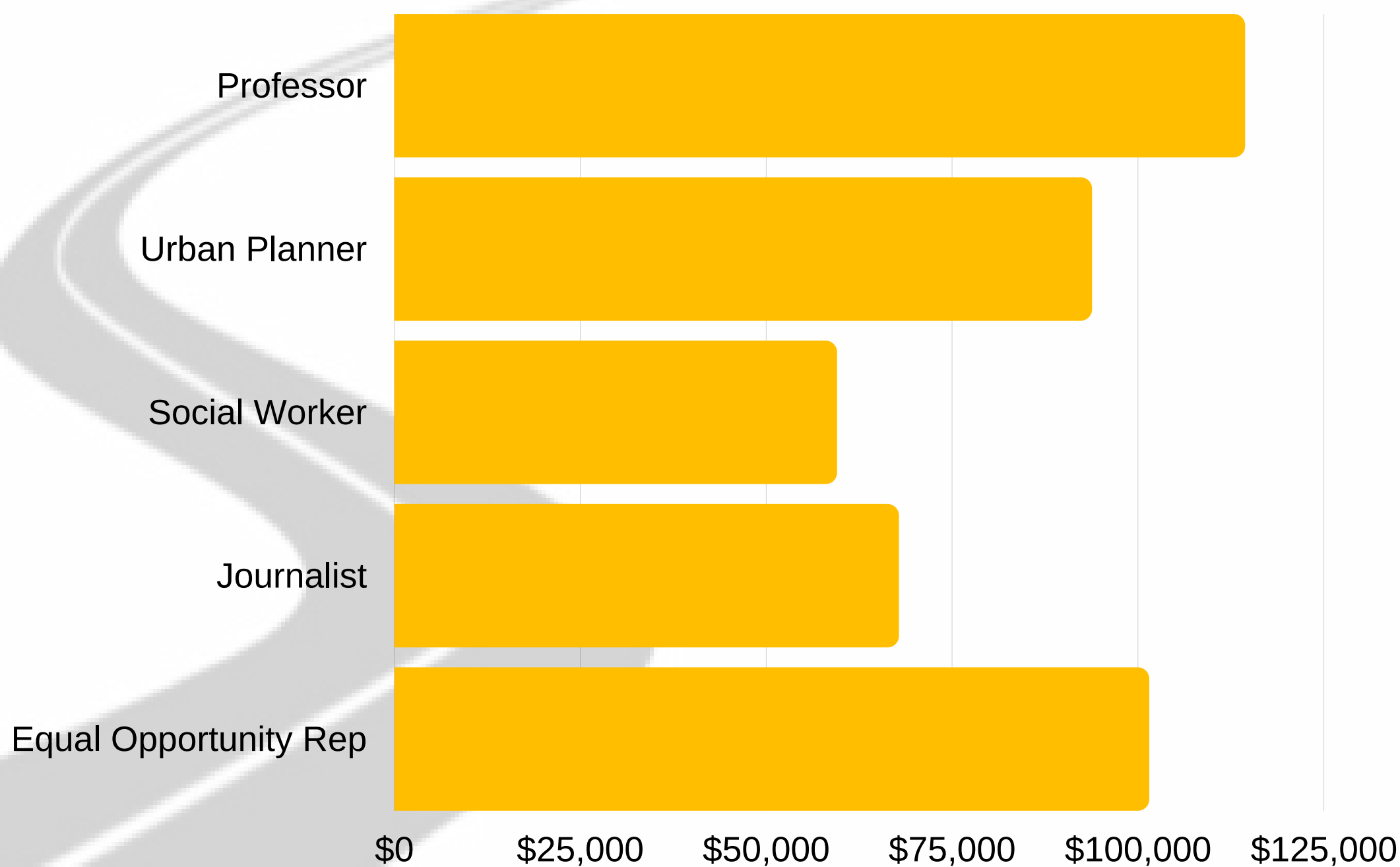
- Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Philosophy
- Associate of Arts (AA) in Philosophy

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- San Diego State University: Philosophy
- CSU East Bay: Philosophy
- CSU East Bay: Philosophy- Religious Studies
- CSU Fullerton: Philosophy - Social Moral & Legal Philosophy for the Professions
- CSU Bakersfield: Philosophy
- CSU Bakersfield: Philosophy - Law Justice & Social Policy
- CSU Long Beach: Philosophy
- CSU Los Angeles: Philosophy
- CSU Northridge: Philosophy
- Cal Poly Pomona: Philosophy
- UC Riverside: Philosophy
- UC Berkeley: Philosophy
- UC Davis: Philosophy
- UC Irvine: Philosophy
- UC Santa Barbara: Philosophy
- UC Los Angeles: Linguistics & Philosophy
- UC Los Angeles: Philosophy
- UC Santa Barbara: Philosophy



EARNINGS\*



\*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [www.lavc.edu/transfer](http://www.lavc.edu/transfer)
- [www.lavc.edu/Philosophy-Economics-Department/Philosophy-Economics.aspx](http://www.lavc.edu/Philosophy-Economics-Department/Philosophy-Economics.aspx)
- [www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html](http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/majors/default.html)
- [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- [www.eureka.org](http://www.eureka.org)
- [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)
- [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- [https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate\\_majors\\_list.pdf](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf)

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Instructor/Teacher/Professor
- Urban planning
- Missionary
- Grant/proposal writer
- Researcher
- Social worker
- Environmental researcher
- Fundraising advocate
- Journalist
- Equal opportunity representative



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Federal government
- Peace corps
- Non-profit organizations
- Public relations firms
- Research institutes
- Social service agencies
- Universities and colleges
- Religious affiliated schools, colleges, and universities
- Political action committees
- Local, national, and international mission fields

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