

Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Acceleration Grant Collaboration Cohort Philosophy Final Report

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INTRODUCTION

The Philosophy Collaboration Cohort was among one of the first cohorts to conclude its work. This cohort was the smallest of the twenty-eight, consisting of just three colleges that were all working on the Philosophy Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T).

COLLABORATION COHORT PURPOSE

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) facilitated the work of the ZTC Acceleration Grant Philosophy Collaboration Cohort. Although this process was introduced to prevent the duplication of effort, it also provides a means to ensure the awareness of available OER and other sustainable means of achieving ZTC status, share OER development plans, and identify opportunities for collaboration across colleges. At the conclusion of the cohort process, the OERI will provide a report to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) that will document the work of the cohort, verify the absence of duplicative plans, and/or delineate how duplication will be prevented or minimized.

PHILOSOPHY COLLABORATION COHORT – MEMBER COLLEGES AND ZTC PATHWAYS

The Philosophy Collaboration Cohort consisted of the following colleges working on the indicated pathway:

- Cabrillo College – Philosophy Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T)
- Grossmont College – Philosophy AA-T
- Long Beach City – Philosophy AA-T

Although all six of the philosophy courses that are specified in the AA-T and have a C-ID designation have at least one available OER ([OER and the Philosophy TMC](#)) and there are numerous options for most of the courses in the degree, some of the colleges in the cohort reported relying heavily on unspecified locally curated resources, library resources, and textbook purchases.

Courses Specified in the Philosophy Transfer Model Curriculum

Required Core

| Course Title | C-ID | College | Status |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Symbolic Logic or Introduction (Intro) to Logic | PHIL 210 or PHIL 110 | Cabrillo, LBCC | ZTC |
| | | Grossmont, LBCC | |
| Intro to Philosophy or | PHIL 100 or | Cabrillo | Adopting existing OER or library resources |
| | | Grossmont | To be determined. |

| Course Title | C-ID | College | Status |
|------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | LBCC | ZTC |
| Introduction to Ethics | PHIL 120 | Cabrillo, LBCC | ZTC |
| | | Grossmont | To be determined. |

List A (one course)

| Course Title | C-ID | College | Status |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------|--|
| History of Ancient Philosophy or | PHIL 130 | Cabrillo, LBCC | ZTC |
| | | Grossmont | “We wish to construct an independent course ZTC for our unique population. We are HSI and have a large API population and queer population.” |
| Modern Philosophy | PHIL 140 | Cabrillo | ZTC |

List B (two courses)

| Course Title | C-ID | College | Status |
|--|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Western Civilization I | HIST 170 | Cabrillo | To be determined. |
| Western Civilization II | HIST 180 | Cabrillo | To be determined. |
| Introduction to Philosophy of Religion | No C-ID | Cabrillo | ZTC |

Any course not selected from List A or any courses articulated as lower division major preparation for the Philosophy major at a CSU campus.

List C (one course)

- Any course not selected from List A or List B
- Any CSU transferable course that has been articulated to fulfill Cal-GETC Area 3B

CONCLUSIONS

This cohort benefitted from resource sharing during a Zoom meeting on April 8, 2024. Following the meeting, additional information was gathered regarding the plans of each of the colleges. No opportunities for collaboration were identified.

APPENDIX 1 – COURSES SPECIFIED IN THE PHILOSOPHY TRANSFER MODEL CURRICULUM

Required Core

- Symbolic Logic (C-ID PHIL 210) or Introduction to Logic (C-ID PHIL 110)
- Introduction to Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 100) or Introduction to Ethics (C-ID PHIL 120)

List A

- History of Ancient Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 130) or Modern Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 140)

List B (two courses)

- Any course not selected from List A
- Western Civilization I (C-ID HIST 170)
- Western Civilization II (C-ID HIST 180)
- Introduction to Philosophy of Religion
- Any courses articulated as lower division major preparation for the Philosophy major at a CSU campus.

List C (one course)

- Any course not selected from List A or List B
- Any CSU transferable course that has been articulated to fulfill Cal-GETC Area 3B

APPENDIX 2 – RESOURCES IN USE OR IDENTIFIED BY PHILOSOPHY COLLABORATION COHORT COLLEGES

| Resource | Course(s) | College(s) |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------|
| The Carnap Book (CC BY) | Symbolic Logic (C-ID PHIL 210) | Cabrillo |
| Thinking Well: A Logic and Critical Thinking Textbook (CC BY) | Introduction to Logic (C-ID PHIL 110) | Grossmont |

APPENDIX 3 – AVAILABLE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR PHILOSOPHY ZERO TEXTBOOK COST ASSOCIATE OF ARTS FOR TRANSFER

The following list provides examples of existing OER that can be used for the indicated courses. The structure presented here aligns with the [Philosophy Transfer Model Curriculum](#). Access curated collections of resources for philosophy at [Open Educational Resources and Philosophy](#) and [OER and the Philosophy TMC](#).

Core Courses

Symbolic Logic ([PHIL 210](#)) or *Introduction to Logic* ([PHIL 110](#))

Symbolic Logic

- [The Carnap Book \(Leach-Krouse and Ehrlich, 2024\) \(CC BY\)](#)
- [forallx: Calgary, An Introduction to Formal Logic \(Magnus, 2020\) \(CC BY\)](#)
- [Open Logic Text \(Open Logic Project, 2021\) \(CC BY\)](#)
- [Symbolic Logic: An Accessible Introduction to Serious Mathematical Logic \(Ray, 2021\) \(CC BY-NC-SA\)](#)

Introduction to Logic

- [Logic & Critical Thinking: An Open Educational Resource \(Levin and Sheley, 2019\) \(CC BY-NC-ND\)](#)
- [Logical Reasoning \(Dowden, 2020\) – LibreTexts \(CC BY-NC-SA\)](#)
- [Thinking Well: A Logic & Critical Thinking Textbook \(ver 3.2\) \(Lavin, 2022\) \(CC BY\)](#)

Introduction to Philosophy ([PHIL 100](#)) or *Introduction to Ethics* ([PHIL 120](#))

Introduction to Philosophy

- [Introduction to Philosophy \(Smith, N., et al, 2023\) – OpenStax \(CC BY\)](#)
- [Introduction to Philosophy Reader: An Open Educational Resource \(Levin, 2020\) – LibreTexts \(CC BY-SA\)](#)
- [The Originals: Classic Readings in Western Philosophy \(McLaughlin, 2017\) \(CC-BY\)](#)

Introduction to Ethics

- [Introduction to Ethics: An Open Educational Resource \(Levin, 2019\) – LibreTexts \(CC-BY\)](#)
- [Ethics for A-Level \(Dimmock and Fisher, 2017\) – LibreTexts \(CC BY\)](#)
- [Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics \(Matthews, 2020\) \(CC BY\)](#)

List A – One of the following

Any course not selected from the Core

History of Ancient Philosophy ([PHIL 130](#))

- [Ancient Philosophy Reader: An Open Educational Resource \(Levin, 2018\) \(CC BY-SA\) – LibreTexts](#)

History of Modern Philosophy ([PHIL 140](#))

- [Modern Philosophy \(Ott and Dunn, 2013\) – LibreTexts \(CC BY-NC-SA\)](#)

Any course that is articulated as lower division major preparation for the Philosophy major at a CSU, UC, or other accredited university.

List B – Two of the following

Any course not selected from List A

Western Civilization I ([HIST 170](#))

See full list with descriptions, comments, and licensing on the [OER and History](#) page

- [Western Civilization I \(McKinney and Shapard\) \(CC BY-NC-SA\)](#)

Western Civilization II ([HIST 180](#))

- [European History \(CC BY-SA\) – A PDF with a date of 2015](#)

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

- [Philosophy of Western Religions: An Open Educational Resource \(Levin, 2019\) – LibreTexts \(CC BY\)](#)
- [Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophy of Religion \(Branson, 2021\) \(CC-BY\)](#)

Any course that is articulated as lower division major preparation for the Philosophy major at a CSU.

List C – One of the following

Any course not selected from List A or List B

Any CSU transferable course that has been articulated as preparation for the Philosophy major

Any CSU transferable course that has been articulated to fulfill Area C2.

APPENDIX 4 – ANTICIPATED NEW OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Unclear. Grossmont's action plan for History of Ancient Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 130) suggested either the creation of a new resource or the refinement of an existing one.

APPENDIX 5 – ZTC ACCELERATION GRANT PHILOSOPHY COLLABORATION COHORT MEMO



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Cohort Participants and Data Collection

The following colleges participated in the Philosophy Collaboration Cohort:

- Cabrillo College – Philosophy AA-T
- Grossmont College – Philosophy AA-T
- Long Beach City College (LBCC) – Philosophy AA-T

The ASCCC OERI collected course level data for each of the pathways including current ZTC status, adopted resources, and plans to convert a course to ZTC to identify overlap and areas of potential collaboration. Since all colleges are converting the Philosophy AA-T, the courses were grouped using the Philosophy TMC to identify commonalities.

Cohort Convening

The Philosophy Collaboration Cohort convened synchronously via Zoom on April 8. The ASCCC OERI presented the group with the results of the data collection process and asked for clarity where data were missing. In addition, the ASCCC OERI presented available OER for the cohort's consideration.

Findings

The status and plans for the required Philosophy AA-T courses are listed below. The Philosophy TMC requires student to take at least one course from each grouping below:

Core Course 1

Symbolic Logic (C-ID PHIL 210) – Offered by Cabrillo and LBCC

Cabrillo: This course is currently ZTC

LBCC: This course is currently ZTC

Introduction to Logic (C-ID PHIL 110) – Offered by Grossmont and LBCC

Grossmont: Developing problem sets and performing local tailoring of existing OER

LBCC: This course is currently ZTC

Core Course 2

Introduction to Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 100) – Offered by Cabrillo, Grossmont, and LBCC

- Grossmont: Exploring available OER.
- LBCC: Currently ZTC
- Cabrillo: Will adopt existing OER with little to no modifications or library resources.

Introduction to Ethics (C-ID PHIL 120) – Offered by Cabrillo, Grossmont, and LBCC

- Cabrillo: Currently ZTC
- Grossmont: Considering adopting library resources. No OER creation is planned.
- LBCC: Currently ZTC

List A

History of Ancient Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 130) – Offered by Cabrillo, Grossmont, and LBCC

- Cabrillo: Currently ZTC
- Grossmont: Plans to construct a locally tailored course to support their unique population.
- LBCC: Currently ZTC

History of Modern Philosophy (C-ID PHIL 140)

- Cabrillo: Will adopt library resources to convert course to ZTC
- Grossmont: Plans to construct a locally tailored course to support their unique population.
- LBCC: Currently ZTC

The Philosophy discipline largely uses a combination of materials in the public domain, locally curated resources, and library resources. Cabrillo and LBCC's Core and List A courses are either already ZTC or they will adopt existing materials without modification. Grossmont is considering OER adoption and will develop locally relevant materials and ancillaries for Introduction to Logic. Grossmont also intends to tailor existing materials to meet the needs of their unique student population for History of Ancient and Modern Philosophy courses. Since the other cohort participants do not intend to partake in OER creation for these courses, Grossmont's plans will not be duplicative.

Additional Courses Requiring Conversion to ZTC

- Philosophy of Art – Grossmont
- Bioethics – Grossmont
- Social and Political Theory – Grossmont
- Latin American Philosophy – Grossmont
- Philosophy of Religion – LBCC

- Western Civilization I (C-ID HIST 170) – Cabrillo and LBCC
- Western Civilization II (C-ID HIST 180) – Cabrillo

Western Civilization I and II are the only additional courses that cohort participants indicated they needed to convert with a C-ID descriptor. Cabrillo College will be adopting existing OER or acquiring library resources for both courses with little to no modifications. LBCC intends to create a local remix for Western Civilization I. The remaining courses are local courses which require unique approaches.

The ASCCC OERI recommends that the cohort participants continue to share any resources they adopt or adapt. There is no evidence for duplication of efforts amongst the proposed plans and no similarity between projects to warrant collaboration.