## Texas A&M University

## Marketable Skills

Program:	Philosophy
Degree:	BA
Department:	Philosophy & Humanities
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Outcome	Master the depth of knowledge required for a degree	
Marketable	<ul> <li>Demonstrating mastery of relevant texts.</li> </ul>	
Skills	<ul> <li>Locating relevant information through independent research.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Articulating philosophical or scholarly problems.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Formulating clear and significant philosophical theses.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Constructing valid arguments and defend their premises.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Organizing a philosophical or scholarly essay.</li> </ul>	

Demonstrate critical thinking
<ul> <li>Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.</li> <li>Identifying and questioning assumptions and framing problems in multiple ways.</li> <li>Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.</li> <li>Being comfortable in the face of ambiguity, subtle differences, problems with multiple solutions and problems with no solutions.</li> </ul>

Outcome	Communicate effectively
Marketable	Communicating information and ideas in speaking and writing so others will
Skills	understand.
	Distinguishing between essential and non-essential information, and organizing
	information into coherent, systematic lines of thought.
	Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand
	the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at
	inappropriate times.

Outcome	Practice personal and social responsibility
Marketable	<ul> <li>Working independently, taking initiative and managing one's own time.</li> </ul>
Skills	<ul> <li>Taking responsibility for one's beliefs, words and actions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Articulating values and reasons supporting those values.</li> </ul>

Outcome	Demonstrate social, cultural, and global competencies
Marketable	<ul> <li>Anticipating and appreciating other points of views.</li> </ul>
Skills	• Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
	<ul> <li>Recognizing the connections between specific events and larger social forces.</li> </ul>

Outcome	Prepare to engage in life-long learning
Marketable	<ul> <li>Recognizing the limits of one's current knowledge and methodologies.</li> </ul>
Skills	• Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.
	<ul> <li>Nurturing curiosity and creativity in oneself and others.</li> </ul>

Outcome	Work collaboratively
Marketable	<ul> <li>The ability to work with and motivate others.</li> </ul>
Skills	<ul> <li>Adapting when confronted with new or contradictory points of view.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Identifying common ground and reconciling differences.</li> </ul>