

Program Highlights



MA and PhD curricula offer an Integral Ecology Track. The track focuses on ecology in the context of a transdisciplinary vision, recognizing that the key factor determining the health of the Earth's biosphere is the behavior of human beings, and therefore many of the most important issues in the study of a truly integral ecology lie in the areas of human thought, psychology, and culture. Students explore vital links between ecology and philosophy, religion, psychology, and cosmology, and learn strategies for a sustainable future in a creative community of planetary citizens.



Admissions

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For information on application requirements and procedures, or to complete an online application, please visit www.ciis.edu/admissions.



Financial Aid

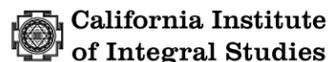
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For information about our financial aid programs, including federal student loans, private loans, grants, and student employment, please visit www.ciis.edu/financialaid.



About CIIS

California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) is an internationally recognized leader in integral education. CIIS has an enrollment of more than 1,500 students pursuing degrees in a variety of academic programs in its schools of Consciousness and Transformation, Professional Psychology and Health, Undergraduate Studies, and American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM). In addition, CIIS hosts a vibrant art exhibition program through The Arts at CIIS and offers a dynamic array of events through its Public Programs division, including workshops, lectures, and certificate programs. The University provides affordable mental health and acupuncture services to the San Francisco Bay Area through its eight award-winning clinics. CIIS is accredited by the Western Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM).



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Program Description

Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness (PCC) is a graduate program dedicated to reimagining the human species as a mutually enhancing member of the Earth community.

The heart of the PCC program is its focus on knowledge that is transformative—of ourselves and of our civilization. It attracts intellectually engaged individuals who are, to varying degrees, dismayed by what they see happening in industrial societies and who are striving to find meaningful ways to develop their

gifts to serve the future of the world. The program supports those called to meet the Earth community's unprecedented evolutionary challenge by offering students a rigorous and supportive learning community in which to find their voice and vision as leaders.

MISSION

The PCC program is committed to shaping the leadership necessary for profound, progressive transformation of social institutions and individual consciousness.

The faculty has constructed a multidisciplinary course of study to help accelerate each student's journey into the student's particular leadership role within this work.



FORMAT

PCC offers the MA and the PhD in both residential and online formats. The MA curriculum consists of one foundational course, 15 units of PCC electives, 15 units of general electives, and a culminating Integrative Seminar. The PhD curriculum consists of 36 units of coursework, two comprehensive exams, and a dissertation.

AVAILABLE



Classroom



Online



Weekdays



Occasional
Weekends

Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness

MA and PhD in Philosophy and Religion with a Concentration in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness

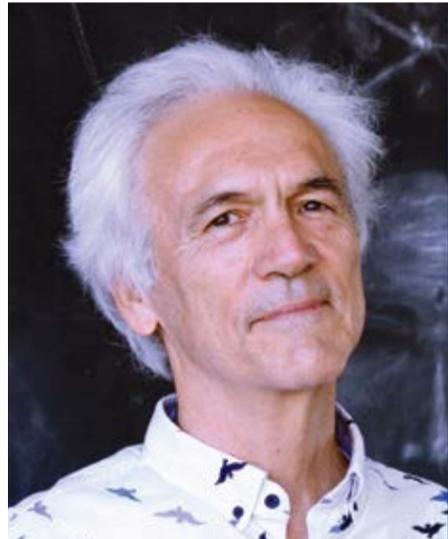
School of Consciousness and Transformation



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Faculty



BRIAN THOMAS SWIMME, PhD
Core Faculty

“ If you intuit that Earth is alive and is enveloped by an intelligent universe, if you feel called to assist in the transformation of our broken world, if you feel—even down to the marrow of your bones—that a qualitatively new form of consciousness is emerging all around our planet, it may be that you will find your creative destiny when you join the adventure that is the Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness program. ”

“ The most exciting learning happens when students take theories and insights from the classroom; meld them with their own histories, expertise, and creativity; and apply them to novel situations. Whether through their community-based environmental practicum placements, in the establishment of consultancies and arts initiatives, or in their public writing and presentations, PCC students and alums are contributing innovation and generosity to address the many ecosocial-spiritual challenges the Earth community faces. ”



ELIZABETH ALLISON, PhD
Core Faculty



Graduates of the PCC program seek to make a difference by taking their studies with them into their lives and careers. Recent alumni are working in multiple fields and diverse occupations, and include among them:

- [1] Scholars, researchers, and educators in universities, colleges, and research organizations
- [2] Teachers and administrators in primary, secondary, and higher education
- [3] Artists, filmmakers, and writers
- [4] Activists, leaders, and community organizers in environmental, social justice, and other nonprofit organizations
- [5] Authors, coaches, workshop leaders
- [6] Wilderness guides
- [7] Counselors, healers, doctors

Course of Study/Curriculum

The MA requires 36 units of coursework. The following sample MA course of study includes the two required courses, plus example elective courses. Students typically complete the program in two years.

The PhD requires 36 units of coursework before beginning the comprehensive exams and dissertation. Students with an MA from the PCC program can apply to take 18 units of coursework instead of 36 units for the PhD.

1st Semester	Units
Introduction to PCC	3
Cosmological Powers	3
Aurobindo, Teilhard, Steiner	3
2nd Semester	Units
Nature and Eros	2
Psyche and Cosmos I	3
A Brief History of Western Thought	1
General Elective (from any program in the School of Consciousness and Transformation)	3
3rd Semester	Units
Environmental Ethics	3
Advanced Seminar: A. N. Whitehead's <i>Process and Reality</i>	3
Romanticism and Philosophy	3
4th Semester	Units
Integrative Seminar	3
Science, Ecology, and Contested Knowledges	3
General Elective (from any program in SCT)	3

Students



LAURA MICHETTI
PhD Student

“ The PCC program represents the pinnacle of my lifelong journey to make meaning and find purpose in a world that is beautiful and destructive, filled with hope and struggle. Our inspiring faculty members attract students who are among the most creative and encouraging scholars that I have known. In addition to stellar classes that challenge constrictive paradigms and a nurturing environment that welcomes a diverse group of learners, PCC's most valuable gift is its fundamentally integral and intellectually vibrant community. ”

“ I had told myself I would only go back to graduate school if I found a program that not only explored abstract principles, but also insisted on bringing nourishing societal structures to life. Through the coursework and community of the PCC program, I am not only resolving lifelong questions, but also being provoked to ask better questions and create better solutions in the context of a wise, evolving universe. I feel challenged to become more informed, wiser, and more useful. ”



ELIZABETH JENNINGS
PhD Student