

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy (3 credits)

The nature, scope, methods, basic problems and major types of philosophy. Meets Gen Ed - Philosophical and Religious Perspectives.

PHIL 102 Ethics (3 credits)

The nature of ethical judgments, the meaning of moral concepts, the conditions of moral responsibility and the methodological presuppositions of ethical theories in philosophy and religion. Meets Gen Ed - Philosophical and Religious Perspectives.

PHIL 105 Happiness and Meaning in Life (3 credits)

The first part of this course considers different conceptions of happiness (aka well-being) by critically examining ancient and contemporary theories of happiness such as hedonism, desire satisfaction theory, and objective theories of human welfare. By studying this material we learn that being happy does not necessarily entail living a meaningful life. The second part of the course explores the differences between happiness and meaning in life by examining contemporary theories of meaning in life, such as Richard Taylor's subjectivist theory and Susan Wolf's fitting fulfillment theory.

PHIL 106 Logic (3 credits)

The forms of deductive and inductive argument in traditional logic, the fundamentals of modern formal logic. Meets Gen Ed - Philosophical and Religious Perspectives.

PHIL 200 History of Ethics (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. A historical survey of major ethical theories in the Western philosophical tradition, from ancient times to the present.

PHIL 202 Ethics and Business (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106; RELG 100. A study of the meaning of morality in the modern world of business. Course contains balance of theory and practice as it examines behavior of business against background of conflicting ethical theory.

PHIL 204 Philosophical Issues in Biomedical Ethics (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. A study of moral decision making in regard to specific moral problems arising in such areas of contemporary medical research and practice as experimentation on human subjects, euthanasia, abortion, information rights of patients, and eugenic sterilization. Mutually Exclusive with MEDH 204.

PHIL 206 Philosophical Issues in Law and Justice (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. An examination of philosophical approaches to current issues related to law and justice. Close attention will be paid to one or more of the following specific issues: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, gay rights, reproductive rights, or civil disobedience and political protest.

PHIL 212 Social and Political Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The nature of society and the state, their relation to each other and to the individual, and an evaluation of some main political and social ideals.

PHIL 214 Ethics of Love, Sex and Desire (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. An exploration of the ethical issues related to human sexuality and/or intimate relationships. The focus in this course is on conflicts and/or problem areas related to love, sex and desire and the ways ethicists address them. Ethical issues to be discussed include: monogamy, promiscuity, gay marriage, abstinence education, transgender identity, pornography, prostitution, and sexual abuse.

PHIL 231 American Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The major American philosophers and philosophical movements with emphasis on Peirce, James, Royce, and Dewey.

PHIL 233 Contemporary Philosophers (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The major movements in contemporary philosophy, studied through writings of leading exponents.

PHIL 237 Asian Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. This course introduces students to the major movements and thinkers in Asian philosophy. It acquaints students with Asian philosophical interpretations of experience and reality found in both classical and contemporary Confucianism, Mohism, Daoism, Buddhism, and Hinduism in Eastern cultures. Offered as PHIL 137 through Winter 2013. To become PHIL 237 effective Spring 2013. Meets Gen Ed - Global Cultural Perspectives. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

PHIL 239 Existentialism (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The major themes and concepts of existentialism in selected writings of the existentialist philosophers.

PHIL 260 Philosophies of Art (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The major philosophies of art in the history of Western thought. The conceptual network of ideas of the thinker in question will be delineated, and connections shown between the thinker and the philosophical and artistic themes of that period.

PHIL 262 Philosophy of Religion (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. The nature and shape of religious experience, criteria for meaning within religious thought and language; metaphysical and epistemological implications of such questions as the nature and existence of god, and the possibility of life after death.

PHIL 264 Critical Reasoning and Arguments (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. An intermediary level course concentrating upon argumentation and rhetorical devices as they actually function in everyday conversation, philosophical discussion, forensic debate, etc. Arguments will be examined with an eye to penetrating purely formal structure and discovering the underlying dynamics which contribute to cogency in a given context.

PHIL 266 Philosophy of Science (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. The epistemological character of scientific thought and the relevance of scientific findings for the clarification and eventual resolution of traditional philosophical issues.

PHIL 270 Philosophy of Mind (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Philosophical issues arising from the study of mental processes including the relation of a person to the body, life after death, and the possible reduction of consciousness to a brain process.

PHIL 271 Philosophy of Sport (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Survey of the philosophical aspects of sport along with development of philosophical ideas about sport from the origins of competitive sport to the present. Special attention will be paid to such classic issues as the ontological status of games, sport as moral education, and athletics as substitutes for war.

PHIL 280 Philosophy of Technology (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. An examination of what technology is, how we relate to it, and how it affects our lives. The investigation draws upon core subfields of philosophy—ethics, political philosophy, epistemology, and metaphysics—as well as specific philosophical theories of technology.

PHIL 288 Introduction to Cognitive Science (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): ANTH 100 or CSIT 111 or LNGN 210 or PHIL 100 or PSYC 101. An introduction to the multidisciplinary field of cognitive science. Topics include: the mind-body problem, thought as computation and the computer model of the mind, the role of representation in mental activity. Emphasis will be upon the methodological approaches found in artificial intelligence, cognitive psychology, cognitive anthropology, cognitive neuroscience, linguistics, and philosophy. Mutually Exclusive with CSIT 288, LNGN 288, and PSYC 288.

PHIL 290 Special Topics in Fields in Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 291 Special Topics in Fields of Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 292 Special Topics in Fields of Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 293 Special Topics in Fields of Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 295 Special Topics in Periods and Movements (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 297 Special Topics in Periods and Movements (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 310 Knowledge, Belief and Truth (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. The major issues and theories concerning the relationship between knowledge, experience and reality.

PHIL 312 Existence and Reality (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. An examination of major philosophical theories concerning the nature of reality.

PHIL 316 Philosophy of Law (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. An introduction to the philosophical issues of jurisprudence. Close attention is given to the status and nature of law, the concept of equality and the limits of law.

PHIL 324 Legal Reasoning (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or PHIL 206 or PHIL 212 or departmental approval. Theoretical foundations for developing models and methods of addressing legal problems. Principles of legal reasoning and argument in the Anglo-American common law tradition. Models of legal reasoning and methodology for resolving legal problems as developed within evolving social and philosophical notions of justice and fairness. Meets the Graduation Writing Requirement for majors in Jurisprudence, Law & Society. Mutually Exclusive with JURI 324.

PHIL 330 Philosophy and Death (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. Seminar devoted to philosophical, mainly ethical and metaphysical, questions about death.

PHIL 331 History of Philosophy: Ancient Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. The major philosophical systems and movements from the pre-Socratics to Plotinus with special emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Meets the Graduation Writing Requirement for majors in Philosophy.

PHIL 333 History of Philosophy: Modern Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. The major philosophical systems and movements from the Renaissance to Kant. Meets the Graduation Writing Requirement for majors in Philosophy.

PHIL 337 Analytic Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. The development of the analytic tradition in twentieth century philosophy; the logical and linguistic techniques employed.

PHIL 339 Contemporary Continental Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course or GLQS 201 or GSWS 301. This course surveys the four main movements of the continental (European) philosophical tradition: (1) 19th century German philosophy, (2) Marxism/critical theory, (3) phenomenology/existentialism, and (4) post-structuralism/postmodernism. This philosophical tradition runs from the 19th Century to the present day. Continental philosophy stands in contrast to the dominant, Anglo-American, "analytic" philosophical tradition. This course gives students the opportunity to examine the ways in which continental philosophers approach issues in the core subfields of philosophy, such as epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics. Students will also have the opportunity to explore similarities to and differences from the analytic philosophical tradition.

PHIL 376 Feminist Jurisprudence (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or GSWS 200 or GSWS 201. An examination of the philosophical basis of legal doctrines as they apply to women and feminist issues. The course will explore the legal arguments feminists have made for social and political equality. It will also examine whether gender bias is built into traditional jurisprudential theories. Women's rights and women's legal status in politics, employment, education, and the family will be explored. Mutually Exclusive with JURI 376 and GSWS 376.

PHIL 390 Special Topics in Fields of Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 395 Special Topics in Periods of Movements (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 397 Special Topics in Periods of Movements (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 200-level PHIL course. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 424 Seminar in Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Cooperative research seminars in major movements, problems, philosophers or works. Topic announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 426 Seminar in Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Cooperative research seminars in major movements, problems philosopher, or works. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 444 Independent Study in Philosophy (3 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 446 Independent Study in Philosophy (3-12 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 447 Independent Study in Philosophy (3-12 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.

PHIL 449 Independent Study in Philosophy (3-12 credits)

Prerequisite(s): Any 300-level PHIL course. Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12 credits.