

Philosophy (PHIL)

Courses

PHIL 1001. Moral Choices in Life. Units: 3

Fundamentals of ethical reasoning in the context of a first-year seminar. Introduction to moral theories and methods of moral decision making. Focus on such issues as ethics in the workplace, responsible citizenship, euthanasia, and responsibilities to the homeless, the environment and animals. Formerly offered as PHIL 101.

PHIL 1005. Critical Thinking Through Argument Analysis. Units: 3

Analysis of various kinds of reasoning employed in everyday life and in more specialized contexts to develop each student's skill in understanding and using carefully constructed arguments. Illustrations will include materials drawn from contemporary issues. Satisfies GE A3/1B.

PHIL 1011. Introduction to Philosophy. Units: 3

Prerequisites: Satisfaction of the GE Written Communication requirement
An introduction to philosophical thinking by means of reading, discussing and writing about selected philosophical works. Students are encouraged to develop their own philosophical views in a critical exchange with the views of the philosophers studied. Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation.

PHIL 1011H. Honors Introduction to Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Admission to the Honors Program; Satisfaction of GE 1A

An introduction to philosophical thinking by means of reading, discussing and writing about selected philosophical works. Students are encouraged to develop their own philosophical views in a critical exchange with the views of the philosophers studied. Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation. May be taken four time for four units.

PHIL 1012. Introduction to Ethics. Units: 3

An introduction to ethics and moral theory. Philosophical approaches to questions of right and wrong, duty and obligation, good and evil. Deals with both individual morality and social morality. Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation, Diversity and Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 1012H. Honors Introduction to Ethics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Admission to the Honors Program; Satisfaction of GE 1A

An introduction to ethics and moral theory. Philosophical approaches to questions of right and wrong, duty and obligation, good and evil. Deals with both individual morality and social morality. Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation, Diversity and Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 1013. Introduction to Philosophy of Religion. Units: 3

Introductory treatment of philosophical issues raised by religion and religious belief; discussion of issues such as relations between faith, belief and knowledge, arguments for the existence of god, the problem of evil, and immortality. Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation.

PHIL 1014. Introduction to Asian Philosophy. Units: 3

Introduction to the ways in which human life and reality is viewed from perspectives such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism and Confucianism. Satisfies GE C2/3B, G, WI designations, World Cultures and Diversity pathway.

PHIL 1015. Introduction to Knowledge and Reality. Units: 3

Inquiry into philosophical presuppositions underlying common sense and scientific views of knowledge and reality. Possible topics include: Was the universe created? Is the world as it appears to us? Are humans merely complex machines or do they have souls? How do we know what we know? What are moral values? Satisfies GE C2/3B; WI designation.

PHIL 1015H. Honors Introduction to Knowledge and Reality. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Admission to the Honors Program and satisfaction of GE 1A

Inquiry into philosophical presuppositions underlying common sense and scientific views of knowledge and reality. Possible topics include: Was the universe created? Is the world as it appears to us? Are humans merely complex machines or do they have souls? How do we know what we know? What are moral values? Satisfies GE C2/3B, WI designation.

PHIL 1016. Introduction to Latin American Philosophy. Units: 3

An introduction to Latin American philosophy through an examination of the philosophical traditions of Latin America and the study of Latin American philosophers. Satisfies GE C2/3B, DI, G, WI designations.

PHIL 2100. Critical Thinking Through Symbolic Logic. Units: 3

Introduction to logic and its application to everyday reasoning. Emphasis on formal methods and modern symbolic logic. Satisfies GE A3/1B.

PHIL 3006. Philosophy in Children's Literature. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of the GE 1A, 1B. Junior or senior standing

Examination of philosophical questions in children's literature. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation.

PHIL 3007. Philosophy in Young Adult Literature. Units: 3

Examination of philosophical questions in young adult literature. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3.

PHIL 3008. Philosophy in World Literature. Units: 3

Examination of philosophical questions in world literature. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3.

PHIL 3010. Truth, Lies and Bullshit. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of the GE 1A, 1B. Junior or senior standing

Investigation of the nature of truth, lies and (the related concept) bullshit, with application to contemporary topics. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation, and Diversity & Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3011. Philosophy of Race. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Inquiry into the nature of race and racial injustice through contemporary philosophical theories of these topics. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, DI, WI designations, Diversity and Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3012. Philosophy of Gender. Units: 3

Study of philosophical theories of gender and critical analysis of gender-related issues. Topics include the sex/gender distinction, analyses of gender and oppression, and the intersection of gender with other social identities like race and sexual orientation. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, G, WI designations, and Diversity & Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3013. Human Rights & Global Citizenship. Units: 3

Examination of the tension between respecting cultural traditions and the idea of universal human rights. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, G, WI designations.

PHIL 3014. Environmental Ethics. Units: 3

Study of moral principles in application to the environment. Topics to be discussed include the value of the natural world, our moral obligations towards non-human life and our environment, and a variety of applied topics (for example, climate change, environmental justice, and technology and the environment). Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation, and Environmental Sustainability pathway.

PHIL 3015. Roots and Results of Democracy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Philosophical theories and movements leading to and emerging from democratic institutions. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation, Big Ideas that Change the World: Exploring Ideas, Innovations, Discoveries pathway.

PHIL 3016. Real Ethics in a Virtual World. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Examination of ethical issues arising with development of modern electronic media. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation, Digital Life pathway.

PHIL 3017. Scientific Revolutions. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Philosophical examination of major scientific revolutions. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation, Big Ideas that Change the World: Exploring Ideas, Innovations, Discoveries pathway.

PHIL 3018. Biomedical Ethics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A and junior or senior standing

Examination of ethical issues as they arise in the area of medicine and health care; including such topics as euthanasia, abortion, cloning, allocation of medical resources, genetic engineering, human trials and experimentation, and organ donation. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, G, WI designations.

PHIL 3019. Happiness. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A and junior or senior standing

What is happiness? Should we strive to be happy? Does everyone strive to be happy? What is the relationship between a happy life and a meaningful life? How do we measure and evaluate the happiness and well-being of ourselves and others? In this course, we investigate these questions on the nature of happiness by considering discussions about them from ancient Greek authors to the present. In addition, we aim to connect philosophical discussions of happiness and well-being to recent empirical work. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, G, WI designations.

PHIL 3020. Philosophy of Hip Hop. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Inquiry into the aesthetic, epistemic, moral and political features of hip hop music through contemporary philosophical work from aestheticians, epistemologists, ethicists, political philosophers and philosophers of race. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, DI, WI designations, and Diversity & Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3025. Marginalized in America. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Philosophical study of oppression and marginalization. Analysis of the variety of ways in which oppression or marginalization impacts the lives and psychologies of marginalized peoples in the United States. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3 DI, WI designations, Diversity and Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3026. Philosophy of Disability. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Study and critical analysis of ability and disability. Topics include social and medical models of disability, perspectives in critical disability studies, and disability as identity. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, DI, WI designations, Diversity and Social Justice pathway.

PHIL 3040. Philosophy and Film. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1A, 1B, and junior or senior standing

Study of philosophical themes as they arise in works of film. Satisfies GE C4/UD-3, WI designation.

PHIL 3100. Predicate Logic. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: PHIL 2100 or consent of instructor. Quarter

Prerequisite: PHIL 200 or consent of instructor

Introduction to the standard predicate calculus. Some metatheory. This course requires some basic mathematical or logical background. Formerly PHIL 300.

PHIL 3110. Alternative Logics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: PHIL 2100 or consent of instructor. Quarter

Prerequisite: PHIL 200 or consent of instructor

Logics alternative to the classical predicate calculus. Topics include logics extending or contrasting with the classical approach. May be repeated for credit two times as topics change for a total of 6 units. Formerly known as PHIL 308.

PHIL 3210. Ancient Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course or consent of instructor

Introduction to the origin of Western philosophy, as represented in the works of the Pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Epicureans, Skeptics and Mystics. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3225. Medieval Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of the GE (A3) Critical Thinking requirement and a GE category C (C2, C3 or C4) Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

A study of philosophical issues from Augustine to Descartes. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3230. Classical Arabic Philosophy. Units: 3

This course offers an introduction to the Arabic philosophical tradition, focusing on the period one might call the "classical" age of Arabic thought from al-Kindi and the transmission of Greek philosophy (9th century) to Averroes (12th century). Topics to be considered include the eternity of the world; the theory of soul and intellect; the relation between philosophy and religion; the attitude taken towards Greek philosophical texts, especially Aristotle, by Muslim philosophers; the problem of divine attributes; the nature of God as a cause; and the problem of free will. Satisfies DI, G, and WI designations.

PHIL 3250. Early Modern Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3B Philosophy course

Major philosophical developments in Western philosophy from c 1600 to 1800. Figures examined may include: Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant, Reid, Rousseau, Hobbes, Malebranche, Wollstonecraft, Newton, and Clarke. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3290. Topics in the History of Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course or instructor consent

Study of a specially-selected figure, movement, problem, or theory in the history of philosophy. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3310. Ethics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course or consent of instructor

The nature of the meaningful life and its relation to concepts of right and wrong explored through various moral theories. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3312. Free Will and Moral Responsibility. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course or consent of instructor

A study of the nature of free will and its relation to moral responsibility and ethical obligation. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3315. Moral Psychology. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and lower division Philosophy course

A survey of major themes central to the philosophical study of moral psychology, including moral motivation, emotions and moral judgment, moral reasoning, and character formation. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3317. Aesthetics: Philosophy of Art and Beauty. Units: 3

'Aesthetics' derives from the Greek word for sensation or perception, 'aisthesis,' and refers to the philosophy of art and artistic experience. In this course, we will analyze and evaluate the main approaches in the philosophy of art: representational theory, formalism, expressionism, contextualism, and postmodern theory. We aim to highlight the rich diversity of art to convey the difficulty of coming up with unified theories, especially in light of the expanding mediascape of digital culture. We also aim to explore the nature of beauty, taste, and the connection between art and morality. Readings will be drawn from classical Greek sources to contemporary works in the philosophy of art. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3320. Latin American Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and lower division Philosophy course

Inquiry into Latin American philosophy through exploring current and historical philosophical views from and about Latin America. Satisfies the GE DI, G, WI designations.

PHIL 3330. Social and Political Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

An examination of major perspectives on how societies should be organized. Study of central issues such as legitimacy of government, and rights versus obligations; or of major concepts such as justice, equality, rights, class, patriarchy and power. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3350. Philosophy of Law. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

A study of philosophical problems raised by the law, such as the obligation to obey the law; concepts of justice; and justifications for legal rights. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3355. Jurisprudence. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Addresses the classic question, "What is law?" and considers whether the criteria for identifying valid legal rules in a legal system refer exclusively to their origin or pedigree or whether they must also satisfy valid moral principles. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3390. Topics in Value Theory. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a GE 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Consideration of select problems in moral and political theory. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3410. Philosophy of Religion. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Problems arising in contemporary philosophy of religion. These may include those arising from consideration of the nature or existence of God, the rationality of belief in God, the problem of evil, the hiddenness of God, the relation between justified belief and religious experience, and God's relation to the world. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3450. Asian Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Study of various philosophical issues that arise within non-Western world views such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism. Satisfies G, WI designations.

PHIL 3510. Theory of Knowledge. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Problems concerning acquiring and justifying knowledge, including the roles of sense perception and reason, the distinction between knowledge and belief, the nature of evidence, and the concepts of truth and certainty. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3520. Philosophy of Science. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Foundations of science, including the nature of scientific methodology, explanation, concept formation, and the structure of theories, using case studies from the natural sciences and social sciences. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3530. Social Epistemology. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and any lower-division Philosophy course

Inquiry into how knowledge and belief relate to social phenomena such as gender and racial injustice. Satisfies the GE DI, WI designations.

PHIL 3540. Feminist Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of the GE (A3) Critical Thinking requirement and a GE category C (C2, C3 or C4) Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

This course addresses feminist philosophy as a distinctive field of philosophy. Students will learn the philosophical concepts and skills needed to understand key feminist theoretical paradigms and arguments. This course will address a variety of topics in feminist philosophy, such as sex and gender; embodiment; oppression and domination; objectification; and more. Satisfies WI and DI designations.

PHIL 3550. Metaphysics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Problems relating to existence. Includes issues such as realism and anti-realism, the nature of modal truth, free-will and determinism, the mind-body problem, and the nature of identity. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3560. Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Philosophical issues raised by logic and mathematics, such as the nature of mathematical and logical truth, the nature of logical consequence, the relation between logic, mathematics and the world, and justification of logical and mathematical systems. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3580. Philosophy of Language. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Inquiry into the syntactic, semantic and pragmatic dimensions of language, focusing on different theories of these components, and the philosophical implications of these theories. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3590. Topics in Metaphysics and Knowledge. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a 3A/3B Philosophy course, or consent of instructor

Consideration of select problems in metaphysics, philosophy of language, theory of knowledge and philosophy of science. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3610. Phenomenology. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a lower-division Philosophy course

A study of core themes in phenomenology, such as subjectivity, consciousness, embodiment, and lived experience. This course also includes phenomenological analyses of particular kinds of lived experiences (for example, gendered embodiment). Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3620. Existentialism. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a lower-division Philosophy course

Exploration of core existentialist themes of freedom, subjectivity, despair, death, and ethics in the works of 19th and 20th century philosophers and application of these themes to contemporary topics. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3630. Continental Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Satisfaction of GE 1B and a lower-division Philosophy course

A survey of intellectual traditions comprising 20th-century Continental philosophy, including post-structuralism, and the works of Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Foucault and others, as well as contemporary applications of Continental thought (e.g., in contemporary Black existentialism and feminist theories of embodiment). Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 3900. Topics in Philosophy. Units: 3

Study of a specially-selected figure, movement, problem, or theory in philosophy. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Satisfies WI designation.

PHIL 4100. Advanced Issues in Logic. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: PHIL 3100 or consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: PHIL 300 or consent of instructor

Discussion of issues such as axiomatic logic, proofs of soundness and completeness, the incompleteness of arithmetic and set theory. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Formerly PHIL 400.

PHIL 4200. Advanced Issues in History of Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: At least two 3000-level philosophy courses.

Quarter Prerequisite: at least two 300-level philosophy courses

An intensive study of one or more philosophical figures or topics in the history of philosophy. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Formerly PHIL 410.

PHIL 4300. Advanced Issues in Value Theory. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: At least two 3000-level philosophy courses

Intensive study of topics in ethics, social philosophy and/or political philosophy. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Formerly PHIL 460.

PHIL 4500. Advanced Issues in Metaphysics and Knowledge. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: At least two 3000-level philosophy courses.
 Quarter Prerequisite: at least two 300-level philosophy courses
 Intensive study of topics in metaphysics, philosophy of language, theory of knowledge and/or philosophy of science. May be repeated for credit as topics change. Formerly PHIL 485.

PHIL 4900. Advanced Topics in Philosophy. Units: 3

Intensive study of a specially selected figure, movement, problem, or theory in philosophy. May be repeated for credit as topics change.
 Formerly PHIL 490.

PHIL 5751. Internship in Philosophy. Unit: 1

Semester Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: consent of instructor
 Supervised intensive work of an applied nature that requires advanced skills in philosophy. A total of six internship units may be applied toward graduation; a total of three internship units may be applied to the major. Graded credit/no credit. Formerly PHIL 575B.

PHIL 5752. Internship in Philosophy. Units: 2

Semester Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: consent of instructor
 Supervised intensive work of an applied nature that requires advanced skills in philosophy. A total of six internship units may be applied toward graduation; a total of three internship units may be applied to the major. Graded credit/no credit. Formerly PHIL 575C.

PHIL 5753. Internship in Philosophy. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: consent of instructor
 Supervised intensive work of an applied nature that requires advanced skills in philosophy. A total of six internship units may be applied toward graduation; a total of three internship units may be applied to the major. Graded credit/no credit. Formerly PHIL 575D.

PHIL 5951. Independent Study. Unit: 1

Semester Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
 Intensive study of topics not offered in other existing philosophy courses. No more than six units of independent study can apply towards the philosophy major without departmental approval. Formerly PHIL 595B.

PHIL 5952. Independent Study. Units: 2

Semester Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
 Intensive study of topics not offered in other existing philosophy courses. No more than six units of independent study can apply towards the philosophy major without departmental approval. Formerly PHIL 595C.

PHIL 5953. Independent Study. Units: 3

Semester Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Quarter Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
 Intensive study of topics not offered in other existing philosophy courses. No more than six units of independent study can apply towards the philosophy major without departmental approval. Formerly 595D.