

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 1101. Problems of Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Topics may include skepticism, proofs of God, knowledge of the external world, induction, free-will, the problem of evil, miracles, liberty and equality. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1102. Philosophy and Logic. (3 Credits)

Techniques for evaluating inductive and deductive arguments; applications to specific arguments about philosophical topics, for example the mind-body problem or free will vs. determinism. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1103. Philosophical Classics. (3 Credits)

Discussion of selections from such philosophers as Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, and Hume. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1104. Philosophy and Social Ethics. (3 Credits)

Topics may include the nature of the good life, the relation between social morality and individual rights, and practical moral dilemmas. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

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PHIL 1105. Philosophy and Religion. (3 Credits)

Topics may include proofs of the existence of God, the relation of religious discourse to other types of discourse, and the nature of religious commitment. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1106. Non-western and Comparative Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Classic non-Western texts on such problems as the nature of reality and of our knowledge of it, and the proper requirements of social ethics, along with comparison to classic Western approaches to the same problems. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities, CA4INT: Div & Multi Intl

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1107. Philosophy and Gender. (3 Credits)

Topics concern social ethics and gender, such as gender equality and the impact of gender norms on individual freedom. Specific topics are examined in light of the intersections between gender and race, ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation. CA 1. CA 4.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities, CA4: Diversity & Multicultural
Topics of Inquiry: TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst
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PHIL 1108E. Environmental Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Philosophical issues raised by humanity's interaction with its environment. Topics may include ethical and policy ramifications of the use of non-human animals for food, medicine, and scientific inquiry; whether the natural world has a status calling for its protection or preservation; obligations to future generations; environmental justice; and movements such as deep ecology, ecofeminism, and social ecology. CA 1.

Skill Codes: COMP Environmental Literacy

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI4: Environmental Literacy

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PHIL 1109. Global Existentialism. (3 Credits)

An exploration of existential philosophy from a global, multicultural perspective. Focus will be on existentialists from the Global South in conversation with those in the Global North. CA 1. CA 4-INT.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities, CA4INT: Div & Multi Intl

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 1165W. Philosophy and Literature. (3 Credits)

Philosophical problems raised by, and illuminated in, major works of literature. CA 1.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011.

Skill Codes: COMP Writing Competency

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

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PHIL 1175. Ethical Issues in Health Care. (3 Credits)

Theories of ethics, with specific application to ethical issues in modern health care. CA 1.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI5: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 2170W. Bioethics and Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as HRTS 2170W.) Philosophical examination of the ethical and human rights implications of recent advances in the life and biomedical sciences from multiple religious and cultural perspectives. CA 1.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open to sophomores or higher.

Skill Codes: COMP Writing Competency

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TOI2: Cultural Dimen Human Exp, TOI3: Div, Equity, Soc Just

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PHIL 2205. Aesthetics. (3 Credits)

The fundamentals of aesthetics, including an analysis of aesthetic experience and judgment, and a study of aesthetic types, such as the beautiful, tragic, comic and sublime. Recent systematic and experimental findings in relation to major theories of the aesthetic experience.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2208. Epistemology. (3 Credits)

Theories of knowledge and justification. Topics may include skepticism, induction, confirmation, perception, memory, testimony, a priori knowledge.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2210. Metaphysics. (3 Credits)

Fundamental questions about the nature of things. Topics may include universals and particulars, parts and wholes, space and time, possibility and necessity, persistence and change, causation, persons, free will.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2210W. Metaphysics. (3 Credits)

Fundamental questions about the nature of things. Topics may include universals and particulars, parts and wholes, space and time, possibility and necessity, persistence and change, causation, persons, free will.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 2211Q. Symbolic Logic I. (3 Credits)

Systematic analysis of deductive validity; formal languages which mirror the logical structure of portions of English; semantic and syntactic methods of verifying relations of logical consequence for these languages.

Enrollment Requirements: At least one of LING 1010, POLS 1002, or one three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

Skill Codes: COMP. Quantitative Competency

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PHIL 2212. Philosophy of Science. (3 Credits)

Issues concerning the nature and foundations of scientific knowledge, including, for example, issues about scientific objectivity and progress.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2212W. Philosophy of Science. (3 Credits)

Issues concerning the nature and foundations of scientific knowledge, including, for example, issues about scientific objectivity and progress.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 2215. Ethics. (3 Credits)

Judgments of good and evil, right and justice, the moral 'ought' and freedom; what do such judgments mean, is there any evidence for them, and can they be true?

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2215W. Ethics. (3 Credits)

Judgments of good and evil, right and justice, the moral 'ought' and freedom; what do such judgments mean, is there any evidence for them, and can they be true?

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 2217. Social and Political Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Conceptual, ontological, and normative issues in political life and thought; political obligation; collective responsibility; justice; liberty; equality; community; the nature of rights; the nature of law; the justification of punishment; related doctrines of classic and contemporary theorists such as Plato, Rousseau, John Rawls.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2221. Ancient Greek Philosophy. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as CAMS 3257.) Greek philosophy from its origin in the Pre-Socratics through its influence on early Christianity. Readings from the works of Plato and Aristotle. May include related ancient philosophical traditions.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2221W. Ancient Greek Philosophy. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as CAMS 3257W.) Greek philosophy from its origin in the Pre-Socratics through its influence on early Christianity. Readings from the works of Plato and Aristotle. May include related ancient philosophical traditions.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 2222. Early Modern European Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Central philosophical issues as discussed by philosophers such as Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 2222W. Early Modern European Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Central philosophical issues as discussed by philosophers such as Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP: Writing Competency

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PHIL 2410. Know Thyself. (3 Credits)

Nature, value and limitations of self-knowledge; introspection, unconscious phenomena, self-deception, affective forecasting, interaction of neurophysiological and psychological explanations of behavior. Western as well as non-Western (specifically Buddhist) perspectives on the self. Readings from classical and contemporary sources. CA 1.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TO15: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 3200. Philosophical Issues in Contemporary Life. (3 Credits)

Philosophical dimensions of problems in contemporary life. Topics vary by semester.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; open to juniors or higher.

May be repeated for credit

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PHIL 3202. Data Ethics. (3 Credits)

Ethical and epistemological questions encountered in collecting, interpreting, inferring from and acting upon data—including when these activities are automated or carried out on large observational data sets. Issues may include data privacy and ownership; informed consent; algorithmic bias, equity, and transparency; the theory-ladenness of data; the logic of scientific inference; corporate and institutional responsibility; and implications for democratic and other social values.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 3212E. Philosophy and Global Climate Change. (3 Credits)

Ethical, epistemological, and conceptual issues raised by global climate change. The nature of scientific inquiry; role of models in scientific explanation; sources of uncertainty in climate projections; objectivity and values in science; decision-making under risk and uncertainty; obligations to future generations; global justice and burden sharing; individual versus collective responsibility for carbon emissions; the ethics of geoengineering.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100-level.

Skill Codes: COMP: Environmental Literacy

Topics of Inquiry: TO14: Environmental Literacy

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PHIL 3214. Symbolic Logic II. (3 Credits)

Logical concepts developed in Philosophy 2211 applied to the study of philosophical issues in the foundations of mathematics.

Enrollment Requirements: PHIL 2211Q.

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PHIL 3216E. Environmental Ethics. (3 Credits)

Ethical questions concerning human interaction with the natural world. Topics may include the moral standing of animals, plants, species, and ecosystems; the value of wilderness and biodiversity; obligations to future generations; environmental racism and justice; ecofeminism and deep ecology; and ethical dimensions of environmental policy.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

Skill Codes: COMP: Environmental Literacy

Topics of Inquiry: TO14: Environmental Literacy, TO15: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 3218. Feminist Theory. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as WGSS 3218.) Philosophical issues in feminist theory.

Topics may include the nature of gender difference, the injustice of male domination and its relation to other forms of domination, the social and political theory of women's equality in the home, in the workplace, and in politics.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100-level or any three-credit 1000 or 2000-level WGSS course.

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PHIL 3219W. Topics in Philosophy and Human Rights. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as HRTS 3219W.) What are human rights? Why are they important? Topics may include the philosophical precursors of human rights, the nature and justification of human rights, or contemporary issues bearing on human rights.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy or instructor consent; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011; open to juniors or higher.

May be repeated for credit

Skill Codes: COMP: Writing Competency

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PHIL 3220W. Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights. (3 Credits)

(Also offered as HRTS 3220W.) Ontology and epistemology of human rights investigated through contemporary and/or historical texts. CA 1.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP: Writing Competency

Content Areas: CA1: Arts & Humanities

Topics of Inquiry: TO15: Indiv Values Soc Inst

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PHIL 3224. Nineteenth-Century Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Readings from philosophers such as Kant, Hegel, Marx and Engels, Bentham, Mill Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Kierkegaard; topics such as the debate between individualism and collectivism in the nineteenth century.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 3225W. Analysis and Ordinary Language. (3 Credits)

The reaction, after Russell, against formal theories and the belief in an ideal language, and the turn to familiar common-sense "cases" and everyday language in judging philosophical claims. Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein, Ryle and Strawson.

Enrollment Requirements: ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011; At least one from PHIL 2210, 2221 or 2222.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 3226. Philosophy of Law. (3 Credits)

The nature of law; law's relation to morality; law's relation to social facts; the obligation to obey the law; interpreting texts; spheres of law; international law; the justification of state punishment; the good of law; related doctrines of contemporary theorists such as Herbert Hart and Ronald Dworkin.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level, which may be taken concurrently.

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PHIL 3228. American Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Doctrines advanced by recent American philosophers.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; open to juniors or higher.

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PHIL 3231. Philosophy of Religion. (3 Credits)

Various religious absolutes, their meaning and validity, existentialism and religion, the post-modern religious quest.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 3241. Philosophy of Language. (3 Credits)

Philosophical issues raised by language. Topics may include the nature and functions of language; theories of meaning, reference, and truth; speech acts; the evolutionary origin of language; and language's relation to thought, gender, race, and politics.

Enrollment Requirements: At least one three-credit 2000-level or above course in Philosophy or Linguistics.

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PHIL 3247W. Philosophy of Psychology. (3 Credits)

Conceptual issues in theoretical psychology. Topics may include computational models of mind, the language of thought, connectionism, neuropsychological deficits, and relations between psychological models and the brain.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 2000-level or above; or one three-credit 1000-level course in Philosophy and at least one of COGS 2201, PSYC 2400, 2500, 2501, 3500, 3501, or 3502; or instructor consent; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 3250. Philosophy of Mind. (3 Credits)

Contemporary issues in the philosophy of mind. Topics may include the nature of the mental; the mind-body problem, the analysis of sensory experience, the problem of intentionality, and psychological explanation.

Enrollment Requirements: At least one 2000 level, three credit philosophy course.

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PHIL 3250W. Philosophy of Mind. (3 Credits)

Contemporary issues in the philosophy of mind. Topics may include the nature of the mental; the mind-body problem, the analysis of sensory experience, the problem of intentionality, and psychological explanation.

Enrollment Requirements: At least one 2000 level or above, three credit, philosophy course or consent of instructor; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 3263. Asian Philosophy. (3 Credits)

The historical, religious, and philosophical development of Asian systems of thought.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level; open to juniors or higher.

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PHIL 3264. Classical Chinese Philosophy and Culture. (3 Credits)

Classical Chinese philosophy, including such works as The Analects of Confucius and the works of Chuang Tzu, and their influence on Chinese culture.

Enrollment Requirements: One three-credit course in Philosophy at the 1100 level.

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PHIL 3295. Special Topics. (1-6 Credits)

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

May be repeated for credit

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PHIL 3298. Variable Topics. (3 Credits)

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary.

May be repeated for credit

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PHIL 3299. Independent Study. (1-6 Credits)

Advanced and individual work.

May be repeated for credit

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PHIL 4293. Foreign Study. (1-6 Credits)

Special topics taken in a foreign study program. Consent of Department Head required, preferably prior to the student's departure.

Enrollment Requirements: Department consent.

May be repeated for a total of 6 credits

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PHIL 4297W. Senior Thesis in Philosophy. (3 Credits)

Independent study authorization form required.

Enrollment Requirements: Twelve credits in Philosophy at the 2000 level or above, three of which may be taken concurrently; ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011.

Grading Basis: Honors Credit

Skill Codes: COMP. Writing Competency

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PHIL 4995. Special Topics. (1-6 Credits)

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary; Open only to juniors or higher.

May be repeated for credit

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PHIL 4998. Variable Topics. (3 Credits)

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisites and recommended preparation vary; Open only to juniors or higher.

May be repeated for credit

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