

PHILOSOPHY (PHILOS)

Courses

PHILOS 210 Introduction to Philosophy Credits: 3

An introduction to many of the central problems of philosophy. The various dimensions of philosophy are examined as it related to our relationships with each other, our understanding of our world and our understanding of ourselves. Connections between classical philosophers and contemporary issues are explored as philosophy is considered as a deeply personal and also as a social phenomenon.

PHILOS 221 Contemporary Moral Issues Credits: 3

This course offers a philosophical examination of ethical issues in contemporary society. Topics for discussion include ethical conflicts arising in business and technology, engineering, healthcare, politics, and the environment. Moral concerns addressed may include reproductive rights and technologies, warfare, capital punishment, pornography, privacy, consumerism, euthanasia, sexuality, and animal welfare.

PHILOS 222 Foundations Of Logic and Scientific Reasoning Credits: 3

This course introduces the basic concepts and methods of modern logic, beginning with premise, inference, conclusion, and argument, with emphasis on understanding and reconstructing complex patterns of reasoning, and analysis and construction of valid arguments.

PHILOS 250 Special Readings In Philosophy Credits: 3

An investigation of readings on a topic, a philosophical movement, or a philosopher to be selected by the instructor. The course is designed to meet the needs of students who are interested in a specific issue or person in philosophy but do not yet possess the necessary background and skill demanded of those who have taken work beyond the introductory course (s) in philosophy.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210 or PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 250A Special Readings In Philosophy Credits: 3

PHILOS 310WI Ancient Philosophy Credits: 3

A survey of the central figures of classical philosophy: the pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, the Epicureans and other philosophers of antiquity. The contributions of major philosophers to the development of science, religion, and social and political theories are studied.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent), RooWriter.

PHILOS 320WI History of Modern Philosophy Credits: 3

A survey of the central figures of modern philosophy: Rene Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, G.W. Leibniz, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, George Berkeley, David Hume and Immanuel Kant. In addition to the philosophical issues of the period, cultural, historical and political matters are considered. A secondary goal is the establishment of the pedigree of contemporary philosophical problems.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, or PHILOS 222 (or equivalent), RooWriter.

PHILOS 321 Ethics Credits: 3

Attention is given to the nature of ethical ideas and the development and history of ethical theory.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 221, or PHILOS 222.

PHILOS 322 Philosophy of Literature Credits: 3

A close study of the ancient problems at the intersection of philosophy and literature: what sort of truth, if any, do we find in literature? Does literature have ethical content? What makes a literary text beautiful? How do "literary" texts differ from philosophical and other kinds of texts? Should literary texts influence our thinking about politics and other social issues? We will study classic philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche, great literary writers such as Sappho, Dante, Goethe, Dostoevsky, and Rilke, and harder to categorize figures like Freud. The class will include the study of several recent philosophers who worked specifically on the subject of the "philosophy of literature," such as Bakhtin, Benjamin, Lacan, Szondi.

PHILOS 325 Aesthetics Credits: 3

The basic problems of aesthetics are examined, with special emphasis on the character of the work of art, the aesthetic response of the viewer, the creative process of the artist, and the nature of aesthetic criticism. These topics are discussed in light of conflicting aesthetic theories.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 329 American Philosophy Credits: 3

The main trends of American thought are covered, with special emphasis on the philosophies of Peirce, James and Dewey.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210 or PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 332 Existentialism Credits: 3

A study of the development of existentialism. Selections from the works of such thinkers as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, Heidegger, Camus and other related philosophers are considered. Special attention is devoted to the existential movements in literature, social science and medicine.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 333 Social And Political Philosophy Credits: 3

A consideration of representative views of the place of man in contemporary society. Contributions in psychology, political theory, economics, sociology and anthropology are investigated philosophically with a view toward offering a critical appraisal of the nature of man in the human community.

PHILOS 335 Philosophy Of Mind Credits: 3

A study of problems arising in connection with such topics as mental phenomena, the relation of mind to body, free will and determinism, the self and personal identity, and "thinking" machines. Classical and contemporary treatments of such concepts as "mind," "intention," "sensation," "perception," "stimulus," etc., and their relation to action and behavior are considered.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 337 Philosophy Of History Credits: 3

A discussion of methodological and substantive issues, including the nature of historical explanation, whether history can be a science, and various theories of history such as those of Vico, Hegel, Marx, and Collingwood.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 340 Philosophy Of Law Credits: 3

An analysis of major philosophies of law, including methods of justifying legal systems through natural law, legal positivism, sociological jurisprudence, theology, etc. Contemporary legal theories are critically analyzed.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 370 Environmental Ethics And Policy Credits: 3

Various philosophical approaches to issues such as the value of nature, human obligations to non-human animals, species, ecosystems and future generations; environmental justice; restoration; resource use; environmental politics; and the relation between environmental issues, policy and ethics will be discussed critically.

PHILOS 431 Aristotle Credits: 3

Selected portions of Aristotle's works on logic, metaphysics, science, ethics, politics, and poetics are studied with a view to understanding Aristotle's philosophy and its position in the world of Greece and antiquity. Aristotle's philosophy is examined with reference to its place in the Western tradition and in modern philosophy.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 436 Kant Credits: 3

A study of selected writings of Immanuel Kant, with particular emphasis on the epistemological, metaphysical and ethical aspects of Kant's philosophy; an examination of Kant's significance within contemporary thought.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 445 20Th-Century Philosophy Credits: 3

A study of the development of philosophy in the 20th-Century, treating such movements as Idealism, Realism, Logical Positivism, Existentialism, Phenomenology, Pragmatism, and Analytic Philosophy.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210 or PHILOS 222.

PHILOS 448 Recent Ethical Theories Credits: 3

An analysis and investigation of modern and contemporary ethical theories. Among the theories considered are ethical relativity, the emotive theory, utilitarianism, neo Kantianism, and situation ethics.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 321.

PHILOS 451 History and Philosophy of Bioethics Credits: 3

This course will provide an overview of the history of medicine and bioethics from antiquity to the present. In addition to key historical events, the course will provide an overview of foundational ethical theories. The course will explore key events in bioethics and the responses to them in the bioethics literature.

PHILOS 452 Healthcare Law and Policy Credits: 3

This course will focus on basic issues in healthcare law and public policy. Issues such as confidentiality, informed consent, healthcare financing, and end-of-life decision making will be covered. In addition to key historical events, the course will provide an overview of foundational ethical theories. The course will explore key events in bioethics and the responses to them in the bioethics literature.

PHILOS 453 Clinical Ethics and Case Consultation Credits: 3

This course will focus on classic cases in bioethics and will expose students to contemporary trends in healthcare ethics consultation.

PHILOS 480 Selected Topics Credits: 1-3

Each time this course is offered a particular philosopher or particular area of philosophy will be the topic of discussion. The course may be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS 480A Selected Topics Credits: 1-3

PHILOS 480B Selected Topics Credits: 1-3

PHILOS 480E Selected Topics Credits: 1-3

PHILOS 490 Special Topics And Readings Credits: 1-3

Intensive reading and/or research in an area selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. By permission only. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 222, PHILOS 310WI, PHILOS 320WI, PHILOS 321.

PHILOS 490B Special Topics And Readings Credits: 1-3

Intensive reading and/or research in an area selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. By permission only. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 222, PHILOS 310WI, PHILOS 320WI, PHILOS 321.

PHILOS 490F Special Topics and Readings Credits: 1-3

Intensive reading and/or research in an area selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. By permission only. May be repeated for credit when the topic varies.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 222, PHILOS 310WI, PHILOS 320WI, PHILOS 321.

PHILOS H310 Ancient Philosophy - Honors Credits: 3

PHILOS H320 Descartes To Hume - Honors Credits: 3

PHILOS H321 Honors: Introduction To Ethics Credits: 3

PHILOS H332 Existentialism Credits: 3

A study of the development of existentialism. Selections from the works of such thinkers as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, Heidegger, Camus and other related philosophers are considered. Special attention is devoted to the existential movements in literature, social science and medicine.

Prerequisites: PHILOS 210, PHILOS 222 (or equivalent).

PHILOS H333 Social And Political Philosophy Credits: 3

A consideration of representative views of the place of man in contemporary society. Contributions in psychology, political theory, economics, sociology and anthropology are investigated philosophically with a view toward offering a critical appraisal of the nature of man in the human community. No prerequisites.

PHILOS H370 Environmental Ethics And Policy Credits: 3

Various philosophical approaches to issues such as the value of nature, human obligations to non-human animals, species, ecosystems and future generations; environmental justice; restoration; resource use; environmental politics; and the relation between environmental issues, policy and ethics will be discussed critically.