

PHILOSOPHY (PHL)

PHL 101Y - Introduction to Philosophy. 3 Credits.

(R-12) Offered yearly. An introduction to philosophy through examination of the thought of selected great philosophers or traditional positions on classical philosophical problems.

Gen Ed Attributes: Lit & Artistic Studies (L), Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

PHL 102Y - Topical Intro to Philosophy. 3-4 Credits.

(R-9) Offered yearly. An introduction to philosophy through examination of a selected topic (such as existentialism, philosophy of film, technology and the good life, science and society, philosophy of religion).

Gen Ed Attributes: Lit & Artistic Studies (L), Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

PHL 110E - Introduction to Ethics. 3.000 Credits.

Offered every term. An examination of the Western vision of morality through the careful study of selected writings from Aristotle, Kant and Mill. Additional works in ethics may supplement primary readings.

Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course

PHL 112E - Intro Ethics and Environment. 3.000 Credits.

Offered intermittently. An introductory-level ethics course with a special interest in the natural environment. The course will (a) introduce students to the three classical traditions in ethics - virtue, Kantianism, and utilitarianism, (b) ground these theories in questions about the moral status of non-humans and our moral duties to non-humans, (c) include an applied section that covers animal welfare, biotechnology, and other current topics.

Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course

PHL 114E - Intro to Political Ethics. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. An examination of the issues of political ethics through the careful study of selected writings from the three great Western political traditions: classical natural law theory, modern individualism, and contemporary distributive justice.

Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course

PHL 191 - Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

PHL 198 - Internship. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services Office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. A maximum of 6 credits of Internship (198, 298, 398, 498) may count toward graduation.

PHL 210E - Moral Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered autumn and spring. Prereq., philosophy major or minor, WRIT 101 (or higher) or equivalent or consent of instr. An examination of leading approaches to moral philosophy through a careful reading of classical texts in the Western tradition. A more thorough treatment of the material offered in PHL 110E. Intended primarily for philosophy majors and minors.

Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course, Writing Course-Intermediate

PHL 233 - Intro to Logic: Deduction. 3 Credits.

Offered autumn and spring. Understanding general principles of reasoning and the habits of clear and correct thinking. Emphasis on the analysis of the logical structure of claims in natural language and the skills of elementary deductive inference.

PHL 235 - Intro to Logic: Induction. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., PHL 233 or equivalent, or consent of instr. A study of the formal principles of reasoning from evidence.

PHL 241N - Hist & Philosophy of Science. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. The epistemological and metaphysical developments of natural philosophy or science. The origins of science in ancient Greece, and its subsequent developments during the scientific revolution. Developments in biology, especially Darwinism and genetics, and developments in physics.

Gen Ed Attributes: Historical Studies, Natural Science Course (N)

PHL 261Y - History of Ancient Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered yearly. Introduction to the central works of Plato and Aristotle, with an overview of Presocratic philosophy.

Gen Ed Attributes: Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

PHL 262Y - History of Modern Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered spring. A survey of the history of philosophy from Descartes to Kant, which includes other continental rationalists and the British Empiricists.

Gen Ed Attributes: Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

PHL 291 - Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

PHL 291L - Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

Gen Ed Attributes: Lit & Artistic Studies (L)

PHL 292 - Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student.

PHL 298 - Internship. 1-6 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. A maximum of 6 credits of Internship (198, 298, 398, 498) may count toward graduation.

PHL 301 - Knowledge and Reality. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. Selected topics in one or more of the following areas: epistemology (the study of knowledge), philosophy of science, metaphysics. Intended primarily for non-majors.

PHL 311 - The Good, Right, Beautiful. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. Selected topics in one or more of the following areas: ethics, philosophy of mind/action, aesthetics. Intended primarily for non-majors.

PHL 316 - Historical Figures in Phil. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. Study of one or more historically significant philosophers. Intended primarily for non-majors.

PHL 317E - Law and Morality. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. An examination of moral issues that arise in legal contexts, such as: justifications of state power to punish wrong doing, justifications for rights to private property or privacy, the nature of human rights.

Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course, Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

PHL 321E - Philosophy & Biomedical Ethics. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. An examination of ethical problems raised by the practice of medicine and by recent developments in medically-related biological sciences. Gen Ed Attributes: Ethical & Human Values Course

PHL 323 - Ethics of Climate Change. 3 Credits.

This course examines some of the fundamental issues raised by global climate change and considers how environmental ethics might help to address these issues. Students will become acquainted with the essential elements of climate change science and be provided with an introduction to contemporary approaches to environmental ethics that have developed out of the primary ethical traditions of western thought: deontological (Kantian) ethics, utilitarian ethics, and virtue ethics. In addition, the course examines alternative understandings of the appropriate relationship between humans and the natural world including: ?Deep Ecology? and Native American perspectives.

PHL 351 - Philosophy and Feminism. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. Study of what distinguishes feminist from traditional approaches to ethics. May also examine other relevant areas of philosophy, including epistemology, political theory, philosophy of science and environment.

PHL 363H - Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Examination of the thought of the philosophers of Greece and Rome as expressed in original works read in English translation. Ancient philosophy studied within its historical, linguistic and cultural setting.

Gen Ed Attributes: Historical Studies

PHL 370 - Philosophy of Religion. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing or consent of instr. An examination of one or more of the classic problems of Western philosophy of religion, such as the traditional arguments for and against the existence of God, the relationship of faith and reason, the status of religious experience, the problem of evil, and the problem of reconciling divine omniscience with human freedom.

PHL 390 - Research. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Directed individual research and study appropriate to the background and objectives of the student.

PHL 391 - Special Topics. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

PHL 392 - Independent Study. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student.

PHL 394 - Seminar. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. A review and discussion of current research. Topics vary.

PHL 398 - Internship. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. A maximum of 6 credits of Internship (198, 298, 398, 498) may count toward graduation.

PHL 403 - Early Wittgenstein. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 233, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected early works of Wittgenstein.

PHL 404 - Later Wittgenstein. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 233, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected later works of Wittgenstein.

PHL 407 - Epistemology. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E and PHL 233, or consent of instr. Examination of philosophical issues involving knowledge and justified belief.

PHL 408 - Philosophy of Mind. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E and PHL 233, or consent of instr. Examination of philosophical issues concerning the relation between mind and body.

PHL 412 - Ethics and Public Affairs. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 110E or PHL 112E or PHL 114E or PHL 210E, or consent of instr. Examination of morally relevant issues in government, journalism, education and other social institutions. Issues considered may include just war theory, deception, confidentiality, conflict of interest, privacy, paternalism responsibilities in conflict with other institutions, and responsibilities across national boundaries, among others.

PHL 422 - Environmental Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered once every two years. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 110E or PHL 112E or PHL 114E or PHL 210E, or consent of instr. Critical exploration of selected philosophical and literary texts pertinent to the ethics of human relationships with the natural environment.

PHL 427 - Topics in Philosophy of Art. 3-4 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division or consent of instr. Examination of philosophical problems related to particular arts and discussion of the nature of the arts. Topics considered may include music, visual arts, literature, and film.

PHL 429 - Philosophy in Literature. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 110E or PHL 112E or PHL 114E or PHL 210E, or consent of instr. Philosophical thought in selected works of literature.

PHL 445 - Central Issues in Philosophy of Science. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 233, or consent of instr. A consideration of philosophical issues relating to the nature of modern physical science: method, explanation, theory, progress, space/time, causality, relation of science to philosophy.

PHL 449 - History of Moral and Political Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 210E, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected writings in the history of moral philosophy and/or political philosophy.

PHL 450 - Contemporary Moral/Political Theory. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 210E, or consent of instr. Recent theories in ethics and their implications; recent work in political theory, emphasizing contemporary liberalism and its critics.

PHL 455 - Philosophy of Society and Culture. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing and PHL 110E or PHL 112E or PHL 114E or PHL 210E, or consent of instr. A philosophical examination of cultural forces shaping modern society, forces such as science, technology, or domesticity.

PHL 462 - Early Modern Philosophy. 3 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 262Y, or consent of instr. Intensive study of the work of one or more of the major philosophers from the early modern period (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume).

PHL 464 - Kant. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 262Y, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected works.

PHL 465 - Plato. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 261Y, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected works.

PHL 466 - Aristotle. 3 Credits.

Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 261Y, or consent of instr. Reading and interpretation of selected works.

PHL 467 - 19th Century Continental Philosophy. 3 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 262Y, or consent of instr. Intensive study of the work of one or more 19th century continental philosophers (such as Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Marx, Nietzsche).

PHL 468 - 20th Century Continental Philosophy. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., upper-division standing, PHL 210E, and PHL 262Y, or consent of instr. Intensive study of the work of one or more 20th century continental philosophers (such as Heidegger, Husserl, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, Ricoeur, Derrida) or several texts representing a major movement in 20th century continental thought (such as Phenomenology, Existentialism, Hermeneutics, Post-structuralism).

PHL 490 - Research. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Directed individual research and study appropriate to the background and objectives of the student.

PHL 491 - Special Topics. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics.

PHL 492 - Independent Study. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student.

PHL 494 - Seminar. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. A review and discussion of current research. Topics vary.

PHL 498 - Internship. 1-6 Credits.

(R-6) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. A maximum of 6 credits of Internship (198, 298, 398, 498) may count toward graduation.

PHL 499 - Senior Seminar. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered spring. Prereq., WRIT 101 or equivalent, one intermediate writing course, senior standing and philosophy major or philosophy minor, or consent of instr. Research in problems in philosophy.
Gen Ed Attributes: Writing Course-Advanced

PHL 501 - Philosophy of Technology. 3 Credits.

(R-6) Offered once every two years. Reading and interpretation of selected writings that address central issues in the philosophy of technology. Level: Graduate

PHL 502 - Topics in Value Theory. 3 Credits.

(R-6) Offered once every two years. Reading and interpretation of selected writings in value theory. Level: Graduate

PHL 504 - Topics in Environmental Philosophy. 3 Credits.

(R-9) Offered once every two years. Same as ENST 504. Critical study/discussion of current (as well as benchmark) texts and issues in environmental ethics, environmental politics, and the philosophy of ecology. Interdisciplinary; open to interested students from all disciplines. Level: Graduate

PHL 505 - Issues in the Anthropocene. 3 Credits.

(R-6) Offered once every two years. Reading and interpretation of selected writings in contemporary environmental philosophy. Level: Graduate

PHL 507 - Philosophical Foundations of Ecology. 3 Credits.

Offered once every two years. In this seminar we will look at some of the key papers in philosophy of ecology (and perhaps, more broadly, environmental philosophy). Some of the topics covered will be: whether nature can be thought to be in balance, the complexity-stability debate, the role and nature of models in ecology, whether there are laws of ecology, whether communities and ecosystems are "super-organisms" or simple aggregates, what biodiversity is and why we should care about it. Level: Graduate

PHL 510 - Phil Forum Colloquium. 1 Credit.

(R-3) Offered autumn and spring. Prereq., graduate standing. Discussion and further exploration of issues presented at the weekly Philosophy Forum. Level: Graduate

PHL 590 - Research. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Directed individual research and study appropriate to the background and objectives of the student.

PHL 591 - Special Topics. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Experimental offerings of visiting professors, experimental offerings of new courses, or one-time offerings of current topics. Level: Graduate

PHL 592 - Independent Study. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student. Level: Graduate

PHL 593 - Professional Paper. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of instr. Course material appropriate to the needs and objectives of the individual student. Level: Graduate

PHL 594 - Seminar. 1-9 Credits.

(R-9) Offered intermittently. A review and discussion of current research. Topics vary. Level: Graduate

PHL 598 - Internship. 1-12 Credits.

(R-12) Offered intermittently. Prereq., consent of faculty supervisor and the Internship Services office. Extended classroom experience which provides practical application of classroom learning during placements off campus. Level: Graduate

PHL 599 - Thesis. 1-6 Credits.

(R-9) Offered every semester. Prereq., approval of a thesis proposal by the student's thesis committee. Level: Graduate