

PHILOSOPHY (PHILSPHY)

Courses

PHILSPHY 101 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

An introduction to philosophical thought. Representative philosophers and representative issues, such as the nature of ethical reasoning, rival theories of knowledge, and the individual's relation to society, are considered. The emphasis is on argument and analysis, and on issues which are relevant to philosophical problems.

PHILSPHY 121 TRUTH AND THE MEDIA 3 Units

There is a vast array of media outlets, political talking heads, and mass-marketed paraphernalia that claim to know what you should know, how you should feel about it, and what the best things are for you. We live thoroughly media-ted. This course critiques our current media culture on the veracity/rationality of their epistemic claims.

PHILSPHY 131 PHILOSOPHY AND FILM 3 Units

In this course, we will view films with philosophical themes and pair them with readings that help us consider them more deeply. Philosophical themes we will examine include: adulthood, aesthetic taste, the relation between the mind and the body, artificial intelligence, perspective-taking, and nihilism.

PHILSPHY 245 CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES 3 Units

An analysis and critical examination of contemporary moral issues related to business, science, and social policy as developed by current participants in the debate and moral philosophers of various periods and philosophical perspectives.

PHILSPHY 246 BUSINESS ETHICS 3 Units

This course offers a critical examination and discussion of ethical issues and problems which arise within all areas of business. Topics include but are not limited to: workers' rights, harassment and discrimination in the workplace, whistleblowing, and consumer ethics.

PHILSPHY 247 BIOETHICS 3 Units

This course introduces key ethical approaches such as Kantian ethics, utilitarianism, and feminist ethics and addresses their application to issues in health care. Ethical issues to be addressed may include: end of life decisions, family planning, genetic technology, access to health care, and the role of health care professionals.

PHILSPHY 248 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS 3 Units

A critical examination of ethical issues and problems arising from human interaction with non-human animals and the natural environment. Topics, such as the moral status of non-human animals, the moral bases of an environmental ethics, biodiversity, and sustainable development, will be considered by examining the writing of philosophers representing various perspectives.

PHILSPHY 251 LOGIC 3 Units

In this course, students will develop skill in recognizing, constructing, and evaluating arguments, both deductive and inductive. Methods include identifying formal and informal fallacies, techniques for determining the validity of deductive arguments, and symbolizing English arguments.

PHILSPHY 261 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS 3 Units

The first half of this course studies major ethical theories, offering students some frameworks for moral reasoning. The second half of the course applies those theories to a variety of current moral issues of immediate relevance to the students' lives.

PHILSPHY 271 INTRODUCTION TO AESTHETICS 3 Units

An analysis and discussion of problems as to the nature of art, artistic truth or insight, aesthetic appreciation, evaluation of works of art, creativity, and the role of the artist in society.

PHILSPHY 281 SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

A discussion of ideas that are basic to thinking about society, its purposes, and its structure. Such ideas as justice, equality, rights, obligations and freedom are examined.

PHILSPHY 310 KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY 3 Units

This course examines key philosophical positions and figures regarding knowledge (epistemology) and reality (metaphysics). We will ask questions such as: What do we know? How do we know? What is reality? Why is there a world? What is space? What is time? and What is social ontology?

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

PHILSPHY 320 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE 3 Units

Science is an important human enterprise. This course is designed to provide a more philosophical understanding of science so that one can critically assess claims people make about evidence, confirmation, theory, model, simulation, causation, etc. It presupposes no previous knowledge of philosophy or any particular science, only a serious curiosity about them.

PHILSPHY 341 ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

An introduction to the major figures in Greek philosophy, including representative pre-Socratic philosophers, Plato, and Aristotle, focusing on Classical sources of philosophy of science, ethics, political philosophy, and theory of knowledge.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STATUS OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

PHILSPHY 342 MODERN PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

This course concentrates on the main movements in philosophy from Descartes through Kant. Principal works from the major philosophers will be read.

PHILSPHY 346 19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

This course concentrates on the main movements in 19th century philosophy. Selections from principal works of major philosophers of the period, such as Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Marx, Husserl, Peirce, and James, will be critically examined.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR 3 UNITS OF PHILOSOPHY

PHILSPHY 347 20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

This course concentrates on the main movements in 20th century philosophy. Selections from principal works of major philosophers of the period, such as Ayer, Wittgenstein, Quine, Carnap, Heidegger, Sartre, Irigaray, Lyotard, and Derrida will be critically examined.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR 3 UNITS OF PHILOSOPHY

PHILSPHY 350 PHILOSOPHY OF MIND 3 Units

This course explores conceptual issues including: how mental activities correlate with brain activities, how the mind relates to action, how the mind's attention can be gripped by the physical world, and how research in A.I. informs our understanding of the nature of the mind.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING

PHILSPHY 351 SEXUAL ETHICS 3 Units

This course covers a range of moral issues surrounding sex and sexuality through the lens of contemporary analytic philosophy. Topics include but are not limited to: gender identity, gender equality, discrimination, sexual exploitation, consent, prostitution, and pornography. PHILSPHY 261: Introduction to Ethics is recommended but not required.

PHILSPHY 355 ETHICS OF GAMING 3 Units

The course uses central ethical theories to investigate gaming. We will focus on questions such as "What is a game?" "What is cheating?" "How is my identity and agency within a game related to my identity and agency outside of a gaming environment?" "What distinguishes esports from non-esports?" "How can we ethically treat professionals in the gaming industry?"

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING

PHILSPHY 360 THEORIES OF THE SELF 3 Units

Humans begin to recognize persisting objects at 18 - 24 months old but don't develop a substantial conception of self until 3 - 4 years old, and that conception then evolves throughout the rest of our lives. Drawing insights from multiple disciplines-- philosophy, psychology, literature, Zen, etc.-- this course provides students with tools to conceptualize who they are in the midst of their desires, emotions, reasoning, social interactions, and work. Students will also confront the question of whether, and to what extent, it is meaningful to conceive of their life as a narrative.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING

PHILSPHY 364 EXISTENTIALISM 3 Units

Existentialism is the philosophy of the individual - existing, concrete individual, As a reaction against totalizing systems that leave individuals as small cogs in the wheel of history. Existentialists tackle questions about what it means to be an individual and the struggle of living in freedom - and so shall we.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR 3 UNITS OF PHILOSOPHY

PHILSPHY 381 PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER AND RACE 3 Units

This course examines the philosophical assumptions underlying concepts of gender and race. Topics include: historical and contemporary arguments about race and gender as biological categories; the relationship between the use of these categories and the persistence of sexism and racism; and race and gender in theories of subjectivity.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

PHILSPHY 390 FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY 3 Units

An introduction to feminist philosophy including its relation to other philosophical traditions, its historical development, and its relevance to concerns in areas such as ethics, theory of knowledge, political philosophy, and philosophy of religion.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STANDING OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

PHILSPHY 490 WORKSHOP *Repeatable* 1-3 Units

Variable topics. Group activity oriented presentations emphasizing 'hands on' and participatory instructional techniques. Repeatable

PHILSPHY 493 INTERNSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY *Repeatable* 1-12 Units

Study and work with a government unit or in some area of public affairs under the direction of a faculty supervisor. Students will have the opportunity to combine academic learning with practical experience in government and politics. Repeatable for a maximum of 12 credits in major/degree.

PHILSPHY 494 SEMINAR *Repeatable* 1-3 Units

Variable topics. Group activity. An advanced course of study in a defined subject matter area emphasizing a small group in intense study with a faculty member. Repeatable

PHILSPHY 496 SPECIAL STUDIES *Repeatable* 1-3 Units

Variable topics. Group activity. Not offered regularly in the curriculum but offered on topics selected on the basis of timeliness, need, and interest, and generally in the format of regularly scheduled Catalog offerings. Repeatable

PHILSPHY 497 EXCHANGE STUDY *Repeatable* 1-12 Units

Variable topics.

PHILSPHY 498 INDEPENDENT STUDY *Repeatable* 1-3 Units

Study of a selected topic or topics under the direction of a faculty member. Repeatable