PHIL Philosophy

PHIL 2010 Introduction to Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
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Cross Listing(s): PHIL 2010H, PHIL 2010S.

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PHIL 2010S Introduction to Philosophy
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Cross Listing(s): PHIL 2010H.

PHIL 2020 Critical Thinking
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is an introduction to the concepts and skills necessary for identifying, evaluating, and constructing good arguments. Topics will include strategies that are used to strengthen or weaken an argument, spot fallacious ways of reasoning, and identify hidden assumptions. The course also studies the basic elements of deductive reasoning.

PHIL 2030 Introduction to Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is an introduction to the main concepts of philosophical ethics such as virtue, duty, utility, rights, and liberty. The course also introduces philosophers whose ethical theories have been historically the most influential, such as Aristotle, Kant, and Mill.

PHIL 2131 Classical Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is an introduction to classical political theory in the West, with a focus on philosophers such as Aristotle, Cicero, and Machiavelli.

PHIL 3030 Selected Topics in Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics.

PHIL 3030S Selected Topics in Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
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PHIL 3131 World Religions
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The teachings concerning people and their relations to God and the world found in the major world religions. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Confucianism, Jainism, and Buddhism are among the religions studied.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 3131.

PHIL 3230 Modern Political Thought
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The course in modern political thought is concerned with the differentiation of politics as an activity distinct from, and independent of, religion. Political thinkers in the modern period are distinguished by their turn to scientific and other modern modes of rationality as foundations for the analysis of politics. Central concerns include delineating the rights and powers of the individual and establishing a secular basis for a just society.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 3230.

PHIL 3232 Philosophy of Law
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of major topics in the philosophy of law, all of which concern the relationship of law to morality and justice—including the nature of law in general; the importance of the rule of law and of limiting the rule of law; and some theory and practice of criminal law.
Cross Listing(s): POLS 3232.

PHIL 3330 Introduction to Art and Beauty
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A critical study of the philosophical theories about the nature of art and beauty drawing from both traditional and contemporary thinkers. Topics include defining art and beauty justifying aesthetic judgments, analyzing artistic creation, and determining the value of art.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3330H, PHIL 3330S.

PHIL 3330H Intro to Art & Beauty (Honors)
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Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3330, PHIL 3330H.

PHIL 3332 Contemporary Moral Problems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A course in applied ethics which provides a philosophic discussion of the most salient ethical problems of the day. Typically the course will cover such topics as abortion, animal rights, euthanasia, capital punishment, and suicide.

PHIL 3334 Environmental Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the moral relations between human beings and their natural environment. The course examines theories of valuing nature, applies ethical analysis to environmental problems, and explores the underlying causes of environmental degradation.
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 1030 or PHIL 2010.

PHIL 3431 Ancient Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The main ideas of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, the Epicureans, Plotinus, and St. Augustine and a consideration of how those ideas apply to our lives.
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Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3431.

PHIL 3432 Modern Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The main ideas held by philosophers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, tracing many of the positions that lead us to think as we do today. Thinkers included are Bacon, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant, Galileo, Kepler, and Newton.
PHIL 3433 Nineteenth Century European Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the Continental philosophers of the nineteenth century and their ideas regarding the nature of knowledge, truth, reality, God, religion, society, and humanity. Philosophers studied include Hegel, Marx, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche.
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PHIL 3434 Contemporary Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A survey of the main philosophical movements of the twentieth century, primarily in the English-speaking world. The course will stress the importance of language in thinking about some of the traditional problems of philosophy, such as what can be known and what exists. Readings will include selections from Russell, Wittgenstein, Moore, and others.

PHIL 3531 Theory of Knowledge
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the main theories concerning the nature of knowledge and belief. Topics will include problems of scepticism, the reliability of perception and memory, and the sources of justification.

PHIL 3532 Metaphysics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the main theories concerning the nature of reality. Topics will include what things exist, the nature of space, time, matter, self, freedom, infinity, and God.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3532S.

PHIL 3532S Metaphysics
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Cross Listing(s): PHIL 3532.

PHIL 3635 Existentialism
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
A study of the existentialist movement in philosophy from its origins to the present, showing how and why the movement began, what its authors advocate, and how it has been assessed by contemporary critics. Readings will include selections from Kierkegaard, Jaspers, Heidegger, Sartre, and others.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 3635.

PHIL 4130 Feminist Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the main topics in Feminist Philosophy to include the adversary method and the 'maleness' of philosophy; dualities of mind and body, male and female, self and other; women's ways of knowing; caring and maternal thinking; and ecofeminism. Feminist philosophy addresses these ideals and assumptions in the western philosophic traditions that have oppressed women and other subordinate groups.
Cross Listing(s): WGST 4130.

PHIL 4233 Introduction to Formal Logic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Fundamentals of propositional and predicate logic. Emphasis will be placed on construction of proofs in formal systems.

PHIL 4333 20th Century Ethical Theory
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Main trends in twentieth century normative ethical theory in the Western World, to include Intuitionism, Emotivism, Prescriptivism, Act and Rule Utilitarianism, and Contractarianism.

PHIL 433 The Irish Philosophical Tradition
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course focuses on the history of Irish Philosophy, from the Irish Augustine, a seventh-century monk, to contemporary philosophers working in Ireland today. Special emphasis is placed on the Irish contribution to Empiricism in the work of Robert Boyle, William Molyneux, and George Berkeley.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 4433.

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PHIL 4434 Focus on the Philosopher
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
The work of a great philosopher warrants a more detailed study than a survey course can allow. This advanced course is a detailed, semester-long study of the work of an important philosopher. The philosophers covered may vary from semester to semester, and from instructor to instructor.

PHIL 4532 Philosophy of Emotions
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course is designed to help students understand the nature of emotions, and to enable students to become better equipped to understand their own emotions. Students will study and critically evaluate the major contemporary theories of emotion as well as historical accounts of emotion.

PHIL 4533 Philosophy of Mind
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An introduction to the most important questions in the philosophy of mind. The course will ask what minds are, whether statements about minds can be replaced by or reduced to statements about brains, what consciousness is, and whether there can be artificial intelligence.

PHIL 4534 Philosophy in Film
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
This course investigates philosophical issues that are raised in film, as well as the effectiveness of film as a philosophical medium. Films are analyzed for their philosophical content. This content is then investigated in further detail.

PHIL 4632 Philosophy of Religion
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
An in-depth examination of religious teachings and basic philosophical problems associated with them. Topics considered will include creation, salvation, life after death, the origin of evil, religious experience, and God.
Cross Listing(s): RELS 4632.

PHIL 5030 Selected Topics in Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics in Philosophy. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 5030G, PHIL 5030S.

PHIL 5030S Selected Topics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Hours. 0 Lab Hours.
Selected Topics in Philosophy. Graduate students will be given an extra assignment determined by the instructor that undergraduates will not be required to do.
Cross Listing(s): PHIL 5030, PHIL 5030G.