PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
AN EXAMINATION OF MAJOR PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, FREEDOM AND DETERMINISM, MORAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS, AND THE NATURE AND LIMITS OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE.
TCCNS: PHIL 1301

PHIL 2303 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
BASIC PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES USED IN UNDERSTANDING, CONSTRUCTING, AND EVALUATING ARGUMENTS. TOPICS COVERED MAY INCLUDE FORMAL METHODS OF ANALYZING ARGUMENTS, INFORMAL FALLACIES, SCIENTIFIC REASONING, AND MORAL ARGUMENTS.
TCCNS: PHIL 2303

PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
3 Semester Credit Hours
THIS COURSE INCLUDES A STUDY OF ETHICAL THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES, AND APPLICATION OF THOSE THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES TO ETHICAL ISSUES.
TCCNS: PHIL 2306

PHIL 3306 History of Eastern Philosophy I
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
AN HISTORICAL AND CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF TRADITIONAL INDIAN PHILOSOPHICAL AND RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS (SUCH AS VARIOUS VERSIONS OF HINDUISM, JAINISM, AND BUDDHISM) AND THEIR RELEVANCE FOR CONTEMPORARY PEOPLE AND SOCIETIES.

PHIL 3307 History of Eastern Philosophy II
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A HISTORICAL AND CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF SOME OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS DEVELOPED IN CHINA, TIBET, AND JAPAN (SUCH AS VARIOUS SCHOOLS OF MAHAYANA BUDDHISM, TAOISM, CONFUCIANISM, AND ZEN BUDDHISM).

PHIL 3327 American Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

PHIL 3342 Philosophy of Love and Sex
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
THIS COURSE IS A STUDY OF THE ETHICS OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS. TOPICS INCLUDE FRIENDSHIP, ROMANCE, MARRIAGE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, ADULTERY, PROMISCUITY, SEXUAL CONSENT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, RAPE, PORNOGRAPHY, AND PROSTITUTION.

PHIL 3343 Philosophy of Law
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE LAW, SUCH AS THE NATURE OF LAW, RELATIONS BETWEEN LAW AND MORALITY, THEORIES OF LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE ROLE OF LAW IN SOCIETY.
PHIL 4305 Truth, Knowledge, and Justification
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
In this course, we will discuss the following questions among others: What is the nature of truth? Should truth be understood as correspondence with reality? What is it to know something? Is knowledge of the external world possible at all? Can I conclusively rule out the possibility that I might be dreaming right now, or that I might be just a brain in a vat? Are there any privileged beliefs that can be said to constitute the foundation for all of our knowledge? Are the standards for rationality and justification absolute or rather relative to cultural norms? Can there be rational disagreement between equally intelligent people who share the same body of evidence?

PHIL 4321 Ancient Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A survey of the ancient Western philosophical tradition, including the presocratics, Plato, Aristotle, and the Hellenistic philosophers.

PHIL 4322 Modern Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A study of some of the major philosophical developments of the 17th - 20th centuries, focusing on topics such as the relation between mind and body, religious belief and the problem of evil, rationalism and empiricism, and the limits of human knowledge.

PHIL 4323 Contemporary Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A course on important trends in contemporary philosophy beginning with the Fregean linguistic turn, and examining the major works of philosophers such as Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Quine, Davidson, Dummett, Putnam, Kripke, and Lewis.

PHIL 4330 Philosophy and History of Science and Technology
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An exploration of important issues concerning the natural and formal sciences from the standpoint of historical disputes and technological advances. Issues include the nature of science and of scientific progress, the justification of scientific theories, the possibility of objective knowledge of the world, the distinction between science and pseudo-science, and the relationship between faith and science.

PHIL 4331 Issues in Philosophy of Religion
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Standard philosophical methods will be used to explore issues such as the existence and nature of God, the problem of evil, and the relationship between morality and religion.

PHIL 4332 Moral Issues in Contemporary Medicine
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An examination of moral issues that arise in medicine, focusing on topics such as euthanasia, genetic interventions, medical research involving vulnerable subjects, and the distribution of medical resources.

PHIL 4333 Environmental Ethics
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
An examination of our ethical obligations with respect to animals, plants, and environmental systems, and of the foundations of environmental law and policy. Can be cross listed with ESCI 4490, BIOL 4590 or BIMS 4590.

PHIL 4335 Moral Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A study of moral theories, and of moral issues such as whether morality is subjective, whether there are moral facts, and the justification of practices such as capital punishment and abortion.

PHIL 4336 Advanced Seminar in Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
In-depth exploration of philosophical topics, designed for philosophy majors, with emphasis on student research and presentations.

PHIL 4337 Philosophy of Language
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
A philosophical investigation into the nature of language. Topics include meaning, truth, theories of mediated reference, theories of direct reference, and speech acts.

PHIL 4338 Topics in Philosophy
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)
Study of important philosophical themes and figures. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Topics may include, for example, minds and machines, eastern philosophy, ancient philosophy, environmental ethics, American philosophy, and moral issues in contemporary medicine.

PHIL 4390 Directed Individual Study
1-3 Semester Credit Hours
See College Description.