

Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 101. Introduction to Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Basic problems, concepts, and methods of philosophy.

PHIL 111. Professional Responsibility and Ethics. 3 Credits.

The ethical responsibilities of professionals are examined in light of the major ethical theories, such as Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Relativism.

PHIL 210. Ethics. 3 Credits.

Overview of different types of approaches to ethical dilemmas such as theistic ethics, naturalistic ethics, and situational ethics. Covers the ethical issues confronted in personal, public, and professional life.

PHIL 215. Contemporary Moral Issues. 3 Credits.

Many contemporary moral issues, such as the developed world's duties to the developing world, war, ethical technology, and gender issues are examined in light of the major ethical theories, such as Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Relativism.

PHIL 216. Business Ethics. 3 Credits.

Many of the central moral issues of business, such as consumer rights, advertising, employee rights, and business competition, are examined in light of the major ethical theories, such as Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Relativism.

PHIL 257. Traditional Logic. 3 Credits.

Study of the art and science of critical thinking; scientific method emphasized.

PHIL 321. Ancient Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Greco-Roman philosophy from pre-Socratics to the Stoics and Epicureans.

PHIL 322. Medieval Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Western philosophy from St. Augustine to Ockham and Marsilius of Padua.

PHIL 323. Modern Philosophy. 3 Credits.

Western philosophy from Descartes to Kant.

PHIL 324. Contemporary Philosophy. 3 Credits.

An overview of the main philosophical thinkers and positions in the contemporary period.

PHIL 356. Ancient Philosophy. 3 Credits.

An overview of the main philosophical thinkers and positions in the ancient world. Among the key thinkers addressed are Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle.

PHIL 357. Augustine. 3 Credits.

Study of Augustine's thought, especially philosophical, in its historical context.

PHIL 359. Thomas Aquinas. 3 Credits.

The philosophy of Thomas Aquinas as a perennial philosophy. Prereq: Junior standing.

PHIL 369. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Credits.

An introduction of the philosophical analysis of the core concepts of religion, focusing on the possible existence and nature of God, understood philosophically as the maximally perfect being.

PHIL 370. Social and Political Philosophy. 3 Credits.

An overview of the key social and political philosophical theories in the western tradition.

PHIL 425. Environmental Ethics. 3 Credits.

An investigation of ethics and the environment, including but not limited to ecofeminism, economics as environmental policy, and deep ecology. Prereq: PHIL 210 or PHIL 215 or PHIL 216. {Also offered for graduate credit - see PHIL 625.}.

PHIL 450. Metaphysics. 3 Credits.

Historical and systematic philosophical study of fundamental principles of reality, especially as concerns the human person.

PHIL 451. Epistemology. 3 Credits.

A detailed study of the philosophical analysis of the nature of knowledge and associated concepts. Prereq: PHIL 257.

PHIL 476. History of Philosophy: Modern Period. 3 Credits.

An overview of the main philosophical thinkers and positions in the modern period of western civilization. Among the thinkers addressed are Descartes, Leibniz, Locke, Hume, and Kant.

PHIL 486. Philosophy & Literature. 3 Credits.

Philosophical elements of selected works from Western literature, such as those of Dante, More, Milton, and Newman. Prereq: PHIL 101.

PHIL 487. Aesthetics. 3 Credits.

Principles of aesthetics as revealed by artists, writers, and philosophers.

PHIL 491H. Seminar. 3 Credits.

PHIL 625. Environmental Ethics. 3 Credits.

An investigation of ethics and the environment, including but not limited to ecofeminism, economics as environmental policy, and deep ecology. {Also offered for undergraduate credit - see PHIL 425.}.