

Philosophy

PH 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Current philosophizing, including its roots in the past and in what is good or bad, right or wrong, true or false, meaningful or meaningless, existent or nonexistent. Recommended for students taking only one philosophy course. Faith and Reflection.

PH 195, 295, 395, 495 Special Topics

Topics and credit vary. See course schedule. Writing intensive.

PH 202 Logic

Identification of valid argument forms and increased precision of reasoning skills. Formal logic, informal and formal fallacies, propositional calculus, predicate calculus. Mathematical Reasoning.

PH 206 Ethics

Critical examination of normative systems and criteria for evaluating acts as morally right or wrong and situations as good or bad. Some attention to metaethical concerns. Faith and Reflection.

PH 303 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Synoptic investigation of philosophic thought from Thales through Ockham. Writing intensive. Faith and Reflection.

PH 304 Modern Philosophy

Principal systems of thought from the Renaissance through the 19th century. Writing intensive.

PH 307 Philosophy of Religion

Identical with RE 307. Survey and analysis of religious experience, existence of God, good and evil, logic of religious discourse. Writing intensive. Faith and Reflection. Every third year.

PH 312 Philosophy of Science

Systematic analysis of natural science, its development, methodology, presuppositions, value commitments, relationships with other disciplines. Writing intensive. Interconnected: Humanities/Fine Arts. Every third year.

PH 313 Political Philosophy

Identical with PS 313. Acquaintance with theoretical views of political organizations influential in the Western world and major contributors, such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Mill, Marx. Writing intensive. Interconnected: Social Science. Every third year.

PH 375 Knowledge and Evidence

Survey of contemporary theories of knowledge with emphasis upon perceptual knowledge, justification, skepticism. Writing intensive.

PH 399 Supplemental Instruction: Philosophy (½ course credit)

Teaching practicum in a specific area of study. Student SI leaders participate in leader training, attend classes for which they serve as leaders, prepare and lead study sessions that reinforce course content, model and teach effective study strategies. P/D/F only.

PH 407 Existentialism

Main developments in existentialism and phenomenology. Key thinkers, such as Kierkegaard, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Ricoeur. Writing intensive.

PH 409 Analytic Philosophy

Survey of the dominant Anglo-American philosophical school of the 20th century. Primary emphasis upon philosophy of language. Figures such as Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein, Carnap, Ryle, Quine, Strawson. Writing intensive.

PH 460 Special Problems

Independent study. Research in a special area of philosophic study under guidance of instructor. Writing intensive.

PH 470 Senior Thesis

Research in a philosophic area determined with thesis adviser. Major paper defended before a three-member faculty committee, including thesis adviser. P/D/F only. Prerequisite: fourth-year standing and philosophy major.