PHI: PHILOSOPHY

College of Arts and Humanities

Courses

PHI 501. Graduate Proseminar. 3 Credits.
An introduction to graduate work in Philosophy, emphasizing philosophical methodologies and current professional practices in the field. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 502. History of Western Ethics. 3 Credits.
This course involves the study of the branch of philosophy called ethics, and will pay specific attention to the development of ethical ideas and approaches in Western thought throughout its' history. The course will cover some of the major contributions to moral thought by Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, and Mill, as well as other vital figures. These figures will cover the four major ethical approaches of Virtue Theory, Natural Law Theory, Deontology, and Consequentialism. Restricted to those with minimal preparation in Philosophy. Distance education offering may be available. Typically offered in Summer.

PHI 510. Ethical Theories. 3 Credits.
An inquiry into the meaning, interpretations, and function of ethical theory in our lives. The course will explore some combinations of classic, modern, and contemporary ethical theories. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 512. Ethical Theories. 3 Credits.
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PHI 513. Aesthetic Theories. 3 Credits.
A study of aesthetics, as seen in classic interpretations. Psychological and sociological origins of art; the role of art works in the enrichment of life. Typically offered in Spring.

PHI 514. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Credits.
A study of the religious world, and the role of religion in our lives. The course will explore some combinations of classic, modern, and contemporary religious theories. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 515. Existentialism. 3 Credits.
Background and themes of current existentialism, as reflected in Kierkegaard, Jaspers, Marcel, Heidegger, and Sartre. Evaluation of existentialism and its impact on contemporary literature, drama, art, and society. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 520. Philosophy of Mind. 3 Credits.
The human mind, according to representative views. Presuppositions and implications, both scientific and philosophic, traced and analyzed. The mind-body problem, perception, memory, and the implications of depth psychology. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 521. Philosophy of Law. 3 Credits.
Consideration of the philosophical foundations of law. Topics may include the nature of law and its' relation to rights, liberties, duties, liability, and responsibility, and privacy; the nature of judicial reasoning; concepts of responsibility and liability; theories of punishment; causation in the law; discrimination and equality; the relation of law and morality; and civil disobedience. Pre / Co requisites: PHI 521 requires a prerequisite of 3 hours of Philosophy or permission of instructor. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 522. Philosophy of Science. 3 Credits.
The course begins with case studies in science and derives general principles from them. Scientific law, analogy, models, variant theories, confirmation, and interpretation. Typically offered in Fall.

PHI 525. Epistemology. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide an introduction to the major issues in contemporary analytic epistemology. Though epistemology has a long history in philosophy, contemporary epistemology has brought the modern scientific worldview and psychological accounts of the mind to bear on articulating the nature and justification of knowledge and belief. Moreover, in the 20th century many philosophers began to investigate the social factors (including race and gender) and values on our understanding of knowledge. Among the topics we will examine are skepticism, epistemic contextualism, defining knowledge, foundationalism, and coherenceism, epistemic externalism, naturalized epistemology, and feminist and social epistemology. Typically offered in Spring.
PHI 600. Thesis I. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to guide a student through the early stages of writing a graduate thesis. Under the direction of their faculty adviser, the student completes the requirements to establish the necessary research foundation. This course will include 1) selection of a appropriately narrow topics, 2) a comprehensive literature review, and 3) drafting a formal thesis proposal.
Typically offered in Fall, Spring & Summer.

PHI 610. Thesis. 3-6 Credits.
Thesis.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

PHI 640. Seminar. 3 Credits.
Study and evaluation of the major works of one philosopher, such as Plato, Aquinas, Kant, or Wittgenstein.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.