PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 2. Ethics. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Examination of the concepts of morality, obligation, human rights and the
good life. Competing theories about the foundations of morality will be
investigated.

PHIL 4. Critical Thinking. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Critical Thinking (A3)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Study of the basic skills of good reasoning needed for the intelligent
and responsible conduct of life. Topics include: argument structure and
identification, validity and strength of arguments, common fallacies of
reasoning, use and abuse of language in reasoning, principles of fair play
in argumentation.

PHIL 6. Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, World and Self. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Representative selection of philosophical problems will be explored
in areas such as knowledge, reality, religion, science, politics, art and
moral values.

PHIL 21. First Year Seminar: Becoming an Educated Person. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Understanding
Personal Development (E)
Term Typically Offered: Fall only
Introduction to the nature and possible meanings of higher education,
and the functions and resources of the University. Designed to help
students develop and exercise fundamental academic success strategies
and to improve their basic learning skills. Students have the opportunity
to interact with fellow classmates and the seminar leader to build a
community of academic support and personal support.

PHIL 26. History of Philosophy. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Introduction to the history of philosophy, emphasizing such themes as
the foundations of knowledge, the nature of reality, the basis of a good
life and a just society, the existence of God, and the nature of self, and
tracing the development of these themes from antiquity to the modern
period.

PHIL 27. History of Early Modern Philosophy. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Examines the major developments in Western philosophy after the Middle
Ages, with emphasis on the period from Descartes to Kant. Attention
will be paid to the general historical and cultural setting within which the
philosophical theories developed.
PHIL 103. Business and Computer Ethics. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: GE AREA D
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Analytical treatment of controversial moral issues which emerge in the
business world, e.g., affirmative action, corporate responsibility, the
global economy, industry and environmental damage, social effects
of advertising, the computer threat to personal privacy, ownership of
computer programs. Discussion will focus on basic moral principles and
concepts relevant to these issues.

PHIL 104. Bioethics. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: GE AREA D
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Ethical dilemmas faced by professionals and patients in the field
of medicine, e.g., patient self-determination and informed consent,
discrimination in health care, euthanasia, abortion, surrogate
motherhood, genetic modification, and rights to health care. Emphasis is
on the well-reasoned application of general moral principles to practical
medical decisions.

PHIL 105. Science and Human Values. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+;
or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement
in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ
score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2),
Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Examination of the values implicit in a scientific culture and the problems
that arise as a commitment to the development of scientific knowledge
and technology. These problems include: distinguishing good scientific
practice from bad; the intrinsic value of scientific knowledge independent
of its benefits in application; the proper and improper applications of
scientific knowledge.

PHIL 112. History Of Ethics. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+;
or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement
in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ
score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2),
Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Investigation of the main approaches to ethics in Western moral

PHIL 115. Philosophy In Literature. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+;
or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement
in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ
score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2),
Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI)
Term Typically Offered: Spring only – even years

Study of selected works of fiction which focus on philosophically
controversial questions, e.g., basic moral dilemmas, the meaning of life,
alienation, nihilism, the existence of God.

PHIL 117. Existentialism. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+;
or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement
in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ
score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2),
Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI)
Term Typically Offered: Fall only

Study of the problem of the existing individual, or inner self – most
especially the problem of choice in the context of radical freedom and
finitude. Particular attention will be paid to the philosophical writings of
Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger and Sartre, through some major
literary works of these figures and others (Camus, Dostoevsky) will also
be considered.

PHIL 122. Political Philosophy. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

A philosophical examination of the individual, the community, and rights;
the conflict between individual rights and the common good; various
conceptions of justice, equality, liberty and the public good; and the
relationship of politics to ethics, economics, law; war and peace.

PHIL 123. Philosophy and Feminism. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring only – even years

Study of feminist perspectives on important philosophical questions.
Examples of the questions treated are: mind-body dualism; reason and
emotion; the fact/value distinction; the nature of the public and private
realms; equal rights; and whether knowledge is intrinsically "gendered." Differents feminist perspectives will be considered and compared with
traditional approaches to these questions.

PHIL 125. Philosophy Of Science. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Upper Division Further
Studies in Area B5
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Study of the philosophical problems that arise in the sciences: the nature
of scientific reasoning, the limits and styles of explanation, identifying
pseudoscience, values in science, unity and diversity of the sciences, and
science's impact on our world view.

PHIL 126. The Meanings Of Evolution. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Study of the philosophical basis of the biological sciences: the power
and limits of evolution as a scientific explanation; Darwinism, its
refinements, alternatives and critics; the origin and nature of life; the
scope of evolution as an explanation, including critical investigations of
evolutionary psychology and sociobiology.

PHIL 127. History of Ancient Philosophy. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 3 units in Philosophy.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Examination of the origins of Western philosophy, with emphasis on the
works of the Pre-Socratics, Plato, and Aristotle.

PHIL 128. History of Modern Philosophy. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 3 units in Philosophy.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Examination of the major developments in Western philosophy after the
Middle Ages with emphasis on the period from Descartes to Kant.
PHIL 131. Philosophy Of Religion. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Summer only

Introduction to philosophical theology, the philosophical study of religious assertions, arguments, and beliefs: the existence and nature of God; the rationality of religious belief; the relation of faith to reason; the problem of evil; immortality and resurrection; the possibility of miracles; the meaning of religious language. Includes both traditional and contemporary approaches.

PHIL 136. Philosophy Of Art. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Arts (Area C1)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Inquiry into the nature of art, beauty and criticism, with critical consideration of representative theories.

PHIL 145A. Chinese Philosophy. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+; or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI), Humanities (Area C2)
Term Typically Offered: Spring only

Survey of the major philosophical traditions of China and Japan, focusing on concepts of nature, man, society, freedom and knowledge. Special attention will be given to Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and recent philosophical movements. Taught alternate semesters with PHIL 145B.

PHIL 145B. Philosophies Of India. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): GWAR certification before Fall 09; or WPJ score of 80+; or 3-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W; or 4-unit placement in ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W and co-enrollment in ENGL 109X; or WPJ score 70 or 71 and co-enrollment.
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Humanities (Area C2), Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI)
Term Typically Offered: Fall only

Survey of the major schools of Indian philosophical development. The emphasis will be on the Hindu and Buddhist traditions, with consideration given to competing notions of the self, consciousness, the origin of human suffering, and the possibility of transcendence.

Note: Taught alternate semesters with PHIL 145A.

PHIL 151. Philosophy Of Mind. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 3 units in philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall only

Rival theories of the nature of the mind and mental activity, including dualism, materialism, functionalism. Difficulties in achieving a theoretical understanding of familiar psychological concepts such as belief, sensation, emotion, intention.

PHIL 154. Philosophy Of Language. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall only

Study of philosophical issues concerning language: theories of the nature of linguistic meaning, in particular those involving the concepts of sense, reference, truth conditions, intention, convention, speech act, and force. Topics include the relation between meaning and reference to objects, and between meaning and mental processes. Emphasis on contemporary views, including views on the promise of a theory of language to shed light on fundamental philosophical problems in metaphysics and the philosophy of mind.

PHIL 155. Philosophy Of Law. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring only

Theories of the nature of law, e.g., natural law, legal positivism, legal realism. Selected controversies in contemporary law will also be studied, such as the justification of punishment, the legislation of morality, judicial activism vs. judicial restraint.

PHIL 160. Deductive Logic II. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): CSC 28 or PHIL 60 or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Spring only

Further study of deductive logic. Topics include: principles of inference for quantified predicate logic; connectives; quantifiers; relations; sets; modality; properties of formal logical systems, e.g. consistency and completeness; and interpretations of deductive systems in mathematics, science, and ordinary language.

PHIL 161. Inductive Logic II. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Phil 61 Inductive Logic I or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Further study of inductive logic. Topics include: the nature of uncertainty, probability and inductive rationality, Bayes' Theorem, the nature of utility, expected value theory, decisions under uncertainty, game theory, strict and weak dominance, decision-theoretic paradoxes, pure and mixed strategy Nash equilibria.

PHIL 176. Twentieth Century Anglo-American Philosophy. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring only

Rise of the analytic tradition in contemporary Anglo-American philosophy represents a turn toward common sense, science, language, logic and rigor. Readings will cover the philosophical movements of common sense, logical atomism, logical positivism, ordinary language philosophy and more recent analytical philosophy.

PHIL 180. Knowledge and Understanding. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Examines the concept of knowledge. Representative topics include: the role of sense perception and memory, the importance of certainty, the justification of belief, philosophical skepticism, the concept of truth and the nature of philosophical inquiry. Emphasis is on contemporary formulations.

PHIL 181. Metaphysics. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Examines arguments concerning the nature of reality. Representative topics include: substance, space, time, God, free will, determinism, identity, universals. Emphasis is on contemporary formulations.
PHIL 189. Senior Seminar in Philosophy. 1 Unit
Prerequisite(s): Philosophy majors (any concentration), 21 upper-division units in Philosophy, and graduating semester; or instructor permission.
Corequisite(s): Philosophy major (any concentration) and graduating semester; or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
A required capstone experience in the philosophy major. The course involves: completion of a senior essay under direction of a faculty member; preparation for knowledge and skills examination; submission of written critiques for three public events in philosophy; completion of departmental assessment questionnaire.

PHIL 190. Selected Philosophers. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
An examination of the works of one or more important philosophers in different philosophical areas such as ethics, political philosophy, metaphysics, logic and epistemology.
Note: This course can be repeated for credit once if the second iteration focuses on a different philosopher than the first.

PHIL 192B. Topics in Bioethics. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units of Philosophy or instructor permission
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Advanced in-depth study of an ethical dilemma faced by professionals and patients in the field of medicine, such as patient self-determination and informed consent, discrimination in health care, euthanasia, abortion, surrogate motherhood, genetic modification, or rights of health care.

PHIL 192D. Space and Time. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in philosophy or instructor permission
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Introduction to significant philosophical issues involving space and time. An investigation into the current state of these issues.
Note: No background or work in mathematics or physics is required. Cross-listed: HRS 205; only one may be counted for credit.

PHIL 192E. Topics in Epistemology. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Topics include: the nature of inquiry, knowledge, explanation, understanding, rationality, judgment, and decision.
Note: This course can be repeated for credit once if the second iteration focuses on a different specific topic within Epistemology.

PHIL 192F. Topics in Ethics. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Topics include: animal rights, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, poverty, race, gender, same-sex marriage, war and humanitarian intervention, environmental ethics, ethics of science or technology, and other advanced topics in bioethics.
Note: This course can be repeated once for credit if the second iteration focuses on a different specific topic within Ethics

PHIL 192L. Topics in Philosophy Language. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Advanced topics in the philosophy of language. Topics may include: sense and reference, meaning and force, intentions vs. conventions, conditions for sameness of sense, conditions for successful reference, propositional content, indexical and demonstrative reference, and the semantics of propositional attitude and perceptual reports, linguistic pragmatics.

PHIL 192M. Topics in Philosophy of Mind. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in philosophy or instructor permission.
Topics in Philosophy of Mind. Topics may include: Artificial Intelligence; Qualia; functionalism; philosophy of neuroscience; property dualism; eliminative materialism; or specific theories of consciousness. Emphasis is on contemporary formulations.

PHIL 192O. Topics in Contemporary Metaphysics. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Contemporary topics in metaphysics. Topics may include: Ontology; realism and anti-realism; universals; individuals; substance; identity through time and change; kinds and degrees of necessity; physicalism; moral realism; realism regarding social entities. Emphasis is on contemporary formulations.

PHIL 192P. Topics in Social and Political Philosophy. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Topics include: specific theories such as anarchism, libertarianism, and contractualism; feminist theories; critical race theory; philosophy of education; and other concepts such as authority, justice, rights, equality, and freedom.
Note: This course can be repeated for credit once if the second iteration focuses on a different specific topic within Social and Political Philosophy.

PHIL 192R. Topics in Philosophy of Religion. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units of Philosophy or instructor permission.
Topics may include: The problem of evil, atheism, modal arguments for God’s existence, design arguments for God’s existence, reformed epistemology, recent work in natural theology, divine hiddenness, skeptical theism, or Molinism. Emphasis is on contemporary formulations.

PHIL 192S. Topics in Philosophy of Science. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units of Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Topics include: Issues in the epistemology and ontology of science; special problems in the philosophy of mathematics, physics, chemistry, cognitive science, and biology; naturalistic and non-naturalistic approaches to understanding scientific inquiry.
Note: This course can be repeated for credit once if the second iteration focuses on a different specific topic within the Philosophy of Science.
PHIL 192T. Topics in Philosophy of Social Science. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 units in Philosophy or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Topics include: the ontology of social kinds, social construction, individualism vs. structuralism, philosophy of economics, explanations of social injustice, critical theory, methodology of social sciences, and categorization and measurement in the social sciences.

Note: This course can be repeated for credit once if the second iteration focuses on a different specific topic within the Philosophy of Social Science.

PHIL 195. Philosophy Internship. 1 - 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Supervised work experience in an approved office or organization where significant philosophical issues are raised. The student must write regular reports on these issues. Supervision is provided by the faculty instructor and a managing official in the work situation. Open to majors only.

Credit/No Credit

PHIL 196. Experimental Offerings in Philosophy. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Experimental offerings will be scheduled as needed.

PHIL 197. Honors Thesis. 1 Unit
Prerequisite(s): Admission into Philosophy Department Honors Concentration.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Capstone seminar for Honors Program students in Philosophy major. Student will propose, research, write, and present an honors thesis; student will also provide comments and criticism of other honors theses.

PHIL 199. Special Problems. 1 - 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Special projects calling for independent philosophical investigation under the supervision of an individual faculty member.

Note: Requires prior approval of the faculty member under whom work is to be conducted.

Credit/No Credit

PHIL 299. Special Problems. 1 - 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Special projects calling for independent philosophical investigation under the supervision of an individual faculty member.

Note: Requires graduate status and prior approval of the faculty member under whom work is to be conducted.

Credit/No Credit