PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 1305. Philosophy and Critical Thinking.
A study of universal philosophical problems and their solutions with a
view toward developing clear thinking about knowledge, belief, and value.
Approximately one half of this course will focus on the student’s critical
thinking skills. Credit cannot be given for both PHIL 1305 and PHIL 3301.
(WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Language, Phil & Culture Core|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 1301

PHIL 1320. Ethics and Society.
Study of ethics, its recent focus on social problems, and new fields of
inquiry, including environmental ethics, ethics in business, professions,
technology and sport. Also such global issues as poverty, minority rights,
and stem cell research. Emphasis on development and application of
principles of critical thinking and moral reasoning. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Language, Phil & Culture Core|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 2306

PHIL 1330. Critical Thinking.
Study of informal fallacies, valid argument forms, problem solving
strategies, language clarification, and application of analytic skills.
About Critical Thinking

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 2311

PHIL 2330. Elementary Logic.
A study of the nature and forms of correct reasoning, both deductive and
inductive.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 2303

PHIL 3301. Philosophical Issues.
The great philosophical concepts that have challenged the best thoughts
of people and have contributed to the fulfillment of the good life.
Emphasis upon the applicability of those concepts to human life in our
time and to the development of intellectual perspective. Approximately
one half of this course will focus on the student’s critical thinking skills.
Credit cannot be given for both PHIL 3301 and PHIL 1305. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 3301

PHIL 3314. American Philosophy.
Examination of contributions of Americans to perennial philosophical
issues. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 3314

PHIL 3315. Contemporary Philosophy.
Selected readings in late 19th and 20th century philosophy:
existentialism, positivism, analytic philosophy, phenomenology, and
pragmatism. Prerequisite: 3 hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or
consent of instructor. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 3315

PHIL 3316. Existentialism and Phenomenology.
A study of the nature of human experience and existence in the
philosophies of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre,
Merleau-Ponty, and Camus. Topics will include freedom, dread, emotion,
death, other minds, faith, and the past as experienced by the individual.
Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or
consent of the instructor. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: PHIL 3316
PHIL 3317. Science and Religion.
An examination of modern science and Western religion, and an analysis of the issues and ideas involved in the relationships between them. Prerequisites: 3 hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Science and Religion

PHIL 3318. Reason, God and Nature.
An analysis of the concept of God, terms predicated on God, and theological propositions. An attempt to determine the nature of religious utterances in comparison with those of everyday life, scientific discovery, morality, and imaginative expression. Prerequisite: 3 hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Reason, God and Nature

PHIL 3320. Ethics.
A study of classical and contemporary philosophical inquiries into our knowledge of the "good" and the grounds of moral obligation. May be repeated once for additional credit. (Capstone) Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Ethics

Contemporary Moral Problems. (3-0) Exploration of philosophical dimensions of contemporary moral problems such as abortion, euthanasia, poverty, animal rights, nuclear war, and privacy in a computer age. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. May be repeated once for additional credit. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Contemporary Moral Problems

PHIL 3322. Professional Ethics.
Study of major topics in business and professional ethics, including what a profession is, whether it differs from business, and what is involved with the moral education, social responsibilities, and ethical standards of professionals and business people. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Professional Ethics

PHIL 3323. Environmental Ethics.
Study of ethical issues associated with the environment including nature, use, preservation, and restoration of the environment.
about Environmental Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 3324. Meaning of Life.
Investigation of major theories of the meaning of life in Western and Eastern philosophies. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Meaning of Life

PHIL 3325. Philosophy of Sex and Love.
Critical survey of major thinking on sex and love from ancient to modern times. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy of Sex and Love

PHIL 3326. Philosophy and Sport.
Examines philosophical issues in sport, including the social significance of sport, ethical issues, gender equity, sport and race, mind and body in sport, aesthetics, sport and self-knowledge, and the connection of sport and philosophy. Prerequisite: 3 hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of instructor. (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy and Sport

PHIL 3331. Philosophy of Law.
The major theses which have been set forth in the history of jurisprudence including foundations of law, natural law, legal positivism, and the judicial process. (Capstone) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy of Law

PHIL 3332. Social and Political Philosophy.
Critical examination of major theories concerning the organization of societies and governments. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social and Political Philosophy
PHIL 3333. Feminist Theory.
This course will examine major feminist theories including liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, radical feminism, and post-modernist feminism with an eye especially to revealing the complexity and diversity of contemporary feminist thought. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, WS 3376 or WS 3377, or permission of the instructor. (MC) (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive

PHIL 3340. Symbolic Logic.
Study of the logic of propositions through prepositional calculi, formal proofs, and first-order functional calculi. Also included is an investigation into the axiomatic method as used in logic and mathematics, including the concepts of completeness and consistency. Prerequisite: PHIL 2330, or MATH 2372, or consent of instructor.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 3351. Philosophy and Literature.
The course explores the relation between philosophy and literature. Prerequisite: Three hours lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of instructor. (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 3301. Applied Philosophy.
Practical application of methods and teaching of philosophy to religion, science, morality, politics, art, or literature. The study of one or more of these areas will demonstrate how philosophy contributes to the identification of issues as well as their resolution. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 3 hours of lower division PHIL, PHIL 3301, or consent of instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4302. Dialogue.
Study of literature about the nature, purpose, and significance of dialogue along with active participation in the dialogues of the Department of Philosophy's Dialogue Series. Prerequisite: PHIL 1305 or permission of the instructor. (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4303. Philosophy of Technology.
Study of philosophical and ethical dimensions of technology including the nature of technology and technological progress, the relation of humans to the technological environment, whether technology is value-laden, and the social character of technology. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4304. Philosophy of Science.
Study of the major theories concerning the nature and value of science and the scientific method. Repeatable for credit with different emphasis. Prerequisite: 3 hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4305. Philosophy of Education.
Study of major philosophical theories on nature, values, and purpose of education. (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4306. Philosophy of the Arts.
A critical and historical analysis of the nature of aesthetic experience and creative genius. Prerequisite: three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4307. Philosophy of Technology.
Study of the major theories concerning the nature and value of technology and the social character of technology. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (Capstone) (WI).
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHIL 4370. Metaphysics.
Systematic study of metaphysical problems by examination of classical and modern texts. Topics considered will involve being and unity, mind and matter, God, causation and necessity, free will and determinism. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4371. Asian Philosophy.
The course covers mainly Chinese and Indian philosophy, such as Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism. How do people in the orient look at the meanings of life, the nature of the world and their place in the world? This course shall shed light on these issues. May be repeated for credit. (MC) (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Multicultural Content Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4372. Latin American Philosophy.
Study of ancient Latin American thought, including Mayan, Aztec, Toltec, and Incan, pre- and post conquest Latin American philosophy, contemporary Latin American philosophy, and the thinking of Latin Americans in the U.S. Prerequisite: PHIL 1305 or permission of the instructor. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 4388. Problems in Philosophy.
Independent study of specific problems in philosophy. Open to students on an individual or small group basis by arrangement with the Department of Philosophy. Problem area, bibliography, and study paper outline are to be approved by the instructor. Prerequisite: Three hours of lower division philosophy, PHIL 3301, or consent of the instructor. May be repeated once for additional credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 5100. Practicum in Teaching Philosophy.
This course orients Instructional Assistants to the principles of teaching philosophy responsibly. Topics include grades, evaluation of written work, classroom management, academic values, and teaching style. This course is required for all new Instructional Assistants in Philosophy. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Repeatable with different emphasis. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

PHIL 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no credit (F) basis.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

PHIL 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no credit (F) basis.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

PHIL 5301. Applied Philosophy.
Practical application of methods and teaching of philosophy to such major areas of human experience as religion, science, morality, politics, art, or literature. The study of one or more of these areas will demonstrate how philosophy contributes to the identification of issues as well as their resolution. May be repeated twice for credit.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 5302. Dialogue.
Study of literature about the nature, purpose, and significance of dialogue along with active participation in the dialogues of the Department of Philosophy’s Dialogue Series.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 5303. Philosophy of Technology.
Study of philosophical and ethical dimensions of technology including the nature of technology and technological progress, the relation of humans to the technological environment, whether technology is value-laden, and the social character of technology.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

PHIL 5304. Philosophy of Language.
This course will examine the nature, structure, and uses of language and its role in conceptualizing and attempting to solve perennial philosophical problems. Features of language such as meaning, reference, truth, verification, and speech acts will be investigated and applied to issues of metaphysics and ontology, epistemology, and theory construction.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
PHIL 5306. Foundation Studies.
Foundation Studies in Philosophy.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Foundation Studies

PHIL 5314. American Philosophy.
This course is an examination of contributions of Americans to perennial philosophical issues, including the tradition of American Pragmatism.
about American Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about American Philosophy

PHIL 5320. History of Ethics.
This course is a survey of major ethical theories in the Western philosophical tradition.
about History of Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about History of Ethics

PHIL 5322. Professional Ethics.
Study of major topics in business and professional ethics, including what a profession is, whether it differs from business, and what is involved with moral education, social responsibilities, and ethical standards of professional and business people. May be repeated for credit.
about Professional Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Professional Ethics

PHIL 5323. Environmental Ethics.
Study of ethical issues associated with the environment including the nature, use, preservation, and restoration of the environment.
about Environmental Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Environmental Ethics

PHIL 5324. Meaning of Life.
Investigation of major theories of the meaning of life in Western and Eastern philosophies.
about Meaning of Life
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Meaning of Life

PHIL 5325. Philosophy of Sex and Love.
Critical examination of major philosophical theories on sex and love from ancient to modern times.
about Philosophy of Sex and Love
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy of Sex and Love

PHIL 5326. Philosophy and Sport.
An examination of the philosophical issues that arise in sport. Topics include the social significance of sport, amateurism, the ethics of competition, the meaning of violence within sports, and other related issues.
about Philosophy and Sport
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy and Sport

PHIL 5327. Medical Ethics and Bio-ethics.
Study of ethical issues, dilemmas, codes of conduct, and social responsibilities of health care professionals and bio-researchers.
about Medical Ethics and Bio-ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Medical Ethics and Bio-ethics

PHIL 5328. Major Work or Theme in Ethics.
This course examines in detail a single significant work, theme or issue in ethics. May be repeated with a different focus.
about Major Work or Theme in Ethics
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Major Work or Theme in Ethics

PHIL 5351. Philosophy of Education.
Study of major philosophical theories on nature, value, and purpose of education.
about Philosophy of Education
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophy of Education

PHIL 5355. Philosophical Theory of Science.
An examination of some of the fundamental concepts in science, including relevant evidence, induction, explanation, and commitments when accepting a scientific theory.
about Philosophical Theory of Science
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophical Theory of Science

PHIL 5356. Philosophical Theory of Knowledge.
The course will consist of a close examination of topics in the philosophical theory of knowledge, such as skepticism, defining knowledge, the nature of justification, perception, and truth.
about Philosophical Theory of Knowledge
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Philosophical Theory of Knowledge

PHIL 5388. Problems in Philosophy.
Independent study open to students on individual or small group basis. May be repeated for credit.
about Problems in Philosophy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Problems in Philosophy
PHIL 5395. Internship in Applied Philosophy.
Structured practical experience in applied philosophy at a private or public setting. Supervision will be provided both by a member of the graduate faculty and by a key individual in the workplace. Permission of instructor required. Graded on a credit (C), no credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

PHIL 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until student has completed the thesis on PHIL 5399B.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

PHIL 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

PHIL 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollment. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no credit (F) basis.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

PHIL 7323. Environmental Ethics and Sustainable Aquatic Resources.
Examination of the ethical implications of environmental use and management policies and practices, with emphasis on sustainable aquatic resources.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

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