2025-2026 Philosophy (PHL) 1

PHILOSOPHY (PHL)

PHL 103 - An Inquiry Into Values (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: HU

Major value issues addressed by the world's most influential philosophers.

PHL 130 - The Three Teachings: An Introduction to the Chinese Traditions (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: GP,HU,WC

Introduction to the three great intellectual and spiritual traditions of China: Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. Examination of values, ethical reflection, modes of moral and spiritual cultivation, and metaphysical reasoning presented in the foundational sources of these traditions.

PHL 201 - Philosophy Proseminar I (3.0 hours)

An overview of the history of philosophy from Thales to William of Ockham. An introduction to doing philosophical research and writing. Prerequisite: Philosophy major or minor; or permission of the instructor.

PHL 202 - Philosophy Proseminar II (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: WI

An overview of the history of philosophy from Francis Bacon to recent thought. A workshop for cultivating philosophical writing and research skills

Prerequisite: Philosophy majors or minors or consent of instructor.

PHL 203 - Logic (3.0 hours)

Develop skills in analysis and evaluation of reasoning in everyday situations; improves insights into argument construction and exact methods of proof.

PHL 300 - Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3.0 hours)

Development of ideas having a significant influence on Western thought during ancient and medieval times.

PHL 304 - Renaissance and Modern Philosophy (3.0 hours)

Development of ideas having a significant influence on Western thought during the Renaissance and modern periods, terminating with the philosophy of Hegel.

PHL 306 - Recent Philosophy (3.0 hours)

Development of ideas having a significant influence on Western thought during the 19th and 20th centuries.

PHL 307 - Classical Political Philosophy (3.0 hours)

Systematic political thought in Western philosophy during ancient and medieval times. Cross listed as PLS 307.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

PHL 308 - Modern Political Philosophy (3.0 hours)

From the beginning of the modern period through the 19th century. Cross listed as PLS 308.

Prerequisite: junior standing.

PHL 311 - Existentialism (3.0 hours)

Philosophical meaning of existentialism and its relation to literature, theology, psychology, and psychiatry.

Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy or religious studies, or consent of instructor.

PHL 320 - Symbolic Logic (3.0 hours)

Logical systems: propositional and predicate calculi. Truth tables, proofs, tautologies, principles of inference, Boolean algebra, DeMorgan's Laws, quantifiers, representations, and set theory. Cross-listed as CS 320. Prerequisite: MTH 120.

PHL 344 - Philosophy of Religion (3.0 hours)

Nature of religion; function and validity of religious concepts in the modern world. Cross listed as RLS 344.

Prerequisite: 3 hours of religious studies or philosophy.

PHL 347 - Ethics (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: HU

Major ethical theories as they provide insights into our existence as moral beings; how we exhibit this in moral decision and behavior.

PHL 350 - Art in Human Experience (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: FA

Detailed examination and explanation of various forms of visual, musical, literary, and dramatic arts; function of artistic creation in offering direct experience and appreciation of the essence of human feeling. Background in the arts recommended.

PHL 360 - Topics in Philosophy (3.0-6.0 hours)

A specific philosophical theme or broader topic of multidisciplinary interest will be addressed. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 semester bours

Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy or consent of the instructor

PHL 403 - Seminar in Philosophy (3.0 hours)

Advanced study of a particular thinker, system, work, or movement in philosophy. Repeatable to 9 semester hours.

Prerequisite: 6 hrs. in philosophy or consent of instructor.

PHL 551 - Reading in Philosophy (1.0-3.0 hours)

Directed individual study.

Prerequisite: 6 hours in philosophy; senior or graduate standing; consent of department chair.

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