

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL S101 *Introduction to Logic and Reasoning

3 credits (3+0)

GER. Analyzes argumentation and informal fallacies; introduces deductive logic, and examines inductive evidence in scientific and practical reasoning.

PHIL S201 *Introduction to Philosophy

3 credits (3+0)

GER. Basic concepts, problems and methods as reflected in writings of historical and contemporary philosophers.

PHIL S301 *Ethics

3 credits (3+0)

GER. An introduction to classical and contemporary theories in philosophical ethics and to the problems those theories are designed to solve. Students will develop skills to help them understand and think through situations in which moral factors play a significant role.

Prerequisite: WRTG S111 (C 2.00 or better).

PHIL S313 Eastern Philosophy

3 credits (3+0)

An exploration of the principal traditions in Eastern philosophical thought including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism. Attention will be given to the concept of the self in various Eastern traditions, to understand differences in the methodologies employed in Eastern and Western philosophical approaches, and to examine the influences of Eastern philosophy on Western culture.

Prerequisite: WRTG S111.

PHIL S314 Existentialism: The Search for Meaning

3 credits (3+0)

Addresses principle questions of existentialism concerning life, death, freedom, individualism, and authenticity as they present themselves in an industrialized and scientifically governed world in which many of the traditional answers have become less convincing. In addition to philosophy, we will study literary texts, novels, and films that deal with existentialism, including works by Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Dostoyevsky, Sartre, Beauvoir, and others.

Prerequisite: WRTG S111 (C 2.00 or better).

PHIL S371 Perspectives on the Natural World

3 credits (3+0)

Explores the concepts of nature and wilderness from historical and contemporary perspectives of both Western and non-Western cultures, and addresses questions concerning the relationship between humans and the natural world. Special consideration is given to issues relating to outdoor and adventure recreation. Requires participation in overnight class outings.

Prerequisite: WRTG S110 (C 2.00 or better) or instructor permission.

PHIL S390 Selected Topics in Philosophy

3 credits (3+0)

Focused study of a particular philosopher, philosophical problem or area of philosophical thought. Specific topic is announced in the semester course schedule. May be repeated for credit when the content varies.

Prerequisite: WRTG S111 (C 2.00 or better).

PHIL S491 Internship: