

PHILOSOPHY (PHILOS)

PHILOS 101 – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

3-4 credits.

Introduction to various philosophical questions and to the strategies that philosophers use to address these.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 104 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY FOR FRESHMEN

3 credits.

Selected topics addressing various philosophical questions and to the strategies that philosophers use to address these.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 106 – STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY

2-4 credits.

Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 1999

PHILOS 141 – THE MEANING OF LIFE

3-4 credits.

Introduces the subject of philosophy through a question that is familiar to nearly every person: What is the meaning of life? This question will be approached through reading both classical philosophical works and the works of contemporary philosophers.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2023

PHILOS 201 – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

3-4 credits.

Selected topics addressing various philosophical questions and the strategies that philosophers use to address these.

Requisites: Junior or senior standing only

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2015

PHILOS 206 – STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY

2-4 credits.

Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States.

Requisites: None

Course Designation: Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2001

PHILOS 210 – REASON IN COMMUNICATION

3-4 credits.

Argument in familiar contexts; emphasis upon developing critical skills in comprehending, evaluating, and engaging in contemporary forms of reasoning, with special attention to the uses of argument in mass communication media.

Requisites: MATH 96 or placement into MATH 141

Course Designation: Gen Ed – Quantitative Reasoning Part A Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 211 – ELEMENTARY LOGIC

3-4 credits.

The formal characteristics of logical truth and inference.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement

Course Designation: Gen Ed – Quantitative Reasoning Part B Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2023

PHILOS 220 – PHILOSOPHY AND THE SCIENCES

3-4 credits.

Emphasis will be on understanding the logic of scientific reasoning. Includes the ABCs of deductive logic and probability reasoning, and how to apply these to various central questions in philosophy of science, such as: How are causation and correlation different? What distinguishes science from pseudo-science, religion, and technology? What is a scientific explanation, and what makes one explanation better than another? How do moral issues arise in scientific research and how are they related to the question of whether a theory should be accepted? Philosophical consequences of scientific theories may also be discussed.

Requisites: MATH 96 or placement into MATH 141**Course Designation:** Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part A
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Fall 2020**PHILOS 241 – INTRODUCTORY ETHICS**

3-4 credits.

Nature of moral problems and of ethical theory, varieties of moral skepticism, practical ethics and the evaluation of social institutions.

Requisites: Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**PHILOS 243 – ETHICS IN BUSINESS**

3-4 credits.

Case studies of moral issues in business; types or reasons appealed to for settlement.

Requisites: Sophomore standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**PHILOS 304 – TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY: HUMANITIES**

3-4 credits.

Examination of selected topics in philosophy.

Requisites: Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**PHILOS 341 – CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES**

3-4 credits.

A philosophical study of some of the major moral issues in contemporary society, such as those concerning abortion, euthanasia, punishment, property, politics, sex, nuclear disarmament, and world hunger.

Requisites: Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**PHILOS/MED HIST 344 – FOOD ETHICS**

3 credits.

There are many ethical issues related to food production, distribution, consumption, and policy, including animal welfare, animal rights, vegetarianism and veganism, environmental impact, treatment of workers, prospects for agricultural reform, ethical responsibilities of corporate and industry actors, and labeling issues surrounding the use of genetically engineered foods. Some are more theoretical, such as which individuals affected by agriculture deserve direct moral consideration. Other are more practical, such as how to feed a growing global population. We will begin with a brief survey of ethical theories and methods of ethical reasoning, and then explore, from both personal and policy perspectives, several food ethics issues. Among the aims of the course are the goals of helping you think critically about the ethically relevant impacts of your own food choices and improving your understanding of ethical issues implicated in food systems.

Requisites: Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PHILOS 430 – HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY**

3-4 credits.

Various philosophers from the presocratics to the Stoics and Epicureans; particular emphasis on Plato and Aristotle.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**PHILOS 432 – HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

3-4 credits.

Covers various philosophers from the 17th century through early 20th century.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

PHILOS/JEWISH/RELIG ST 435 – JEWISH PHILOSOPHY FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

3 credits.

A survey of major philosophers and philosophical currents within Judaism from antiquity through the seventeenth century.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 440 – EXISTENTIALISM

3-4 credits.

Feeling like life is absurd, that existence is meaningless? Worried that you aren't living authentically? Then a course in Existentialism is just what you need. Study the classic texts of this intellectual movement that expressed despondency about Western civilization, its decadence, and its values.

Along the way you'll meet the likes of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, and De Beauvoir.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS/ENVIR ST 441 – ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

3-4 credits.

Adequacy of ethical theories in handling such wrongs as harm to the land, to posterity, to endangered species, and to the ecosystem itself. Exploration of the view that not all moral wrongs involve harm to humans. Inquiry into the notion of the quality of life and the ethics of the "lifeboat" situation.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2023

PHILOS/JEWISH 442 – MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE HOLOCAUST

3 credits.

Selected moral and philosophical issues raised by the Holocaust such as when and whom to rescue; includes issues arising after the annihilation such as forgiveness and reconciliation.

Requisites: Sophomore standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities

Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 454 – CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHERS

3 credits.

One or more classical philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 481 – JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR

3 credits.

One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study.

Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors – Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 482 – JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR

3 credits.

One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study.

Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors – Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS/RELIG ST 501 – PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

3-4 credits.

Analysis of religious experience and activity, and examination of principal religious ideas in light of modern psychology, philosophy, science, and anthropology.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHILOS/RELIG ST 502 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

3 credits.

One or more topics selected from among the following: religious discourse, God, evil, survival, great philosophers of religion, etc. Variable content.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2013

PHILOS 503 – THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

3 credits.

A survey of problems concerning the nature, sources, and limits of human knowledge, including such topics as scepticism, the concept of knowledge, sensory perception, evidence, justified belief, induction.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 504 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

3 credits.

One or more special topics in the Theory of Knowledge or one or more major theories of knowledge. Variable content.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/MED HIST 505 – JUSTICE AND HEALTH CARE

3 credits.

Examines ethical issues in the distribution, financing, and delivery of health care (primarily in the United States). Explores key issues in U.S. health policy and forms the empirical foundation for the rest of the class. Engages in ongoing debates in moral and political philosophy over putative entitlements to health and health care. Investigates the nature, justifiability, and methods of health care rationing (including bedside rationing by doctors) and the myriad issues implicated by the near-universally shared goal of health care cost containment.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHILOS 506 – STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY

2-4 credits.

Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2001

PHILOS 511 – SYMBOLIC LOGIC

3 credits.

Propositional and predicate logic, with emphasis on metatheory; independence of rules and completeness theorems; discussion of technical and philosophical limitations of classical logic.

Requisites: PHILOS 211

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 512 – METHODS OF LOGIC

3 credits.

Selected topics in philosophical logic and in the various applications of logic to philosophical problems. Variable content.

Requisites: PHILOS 211

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS/MED HIST 515 – PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS

3 credits.

Focuses on ethical issues implicated in a population-level approach to disease prevention and health promotion. Explores prominent theoretical approaches to public health ethics and engages with several ethical tensions. Example issues include: the use of coercive or intrusive public health; the justification of paternalistic measures in societies; the extent to which societies should hold individuals responsible for their health conditions; the need to decide who receives life-saving treatment or vaccination; and climate changes and intergenerational justice; ethical issues in international pharmaceutical research.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 516 – LANGUAGE AND MEANING

3 credits.

The nature and function of language, theories of meaning, semantic and syntactic paradoxes, proper names, private languages, rules, and linguistic relativity.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 520 – PHILOSOPHY OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES

3 credits.

Nature and functions of science; the logic of scientific method; clarification of such concepts as cause, law, theory, probability, determinism, teleology.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 521 – PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

3 credits.

Problems in applying methods and concepts of science to the study of social behavior.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2015

PHILOS 522 – SPECIAL TOPIC

3 credits.

Selected from logic of theory construction, theoretical entities, models, applied mathematics, nature of laws, conventionalism, probability, etc. Variable content.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2020

PHILOS/ENVIR ST 523 – PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

3 credits.

Problems raised by genetics, evolutionary theory, and taxonomy: patterns of explanatory force and dispensability of teleology; objectivity of taxonomy.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/ECON 524 – PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

3 credits.

Economics examined from the viewpoint of the philosophy of science. Normative and positive aspects of economic theory. Deterministic and statistical explanation. Arrow impossibility theorem. Radical economics.

Requisites: Sophomore standing and 3 credits of PHILOS or ECON

Course Designation: Breadth – Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 530 – FREEDOM FATE AND CHOICE

3 credits.

An examination of the philosophical problems associated with free will.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS/MED HIST 534 – ETHICS AND THE BRAIN

3 credits.

In-depth analysis of ethical issues arising from the practices and advances of brain science in clinical, research, legal, and consumer contexts. Includes a foundation in ethical theory and philosophical methodology.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities

Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 541 – MODERN ETHICAL THEORIES

3 credits.

Ethical theories and problems as discussed in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 543 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN ETHICS

3 credits.

Intensive study of ethical theory, or of one or more ethical theories or moral philosophers of the present or modern period. Variable content.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/ED POL 545 – PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTIONS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

3 credits.

Examination and analysis of conceptions of teaching and learning in classical philosophical works and in contemporary literature in the philosophy of education.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 549 – GREAT MORAL PHILOSOPHERS

3 credits.

Major themes of moral philosophy, from Plato and Aristotle to Bentham and Mill, with critical study of outstanding works.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS/ED POL 550 – PHILOSOPHY OF MORAL EDUCATION

3 credits.

Critical examination of classical and contemporary conceptions of moral education.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Summer 2021

PHILOS 551 – PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

3 credits.

Nature of mind (mental states such as thinking and feeling) and its relation to physical states, with emphasis on recent advances in philosophy and psychology.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 553 – AESTHETICS

3 credits.

Analysis of current philosophies of art and of criticism.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2016

PHILOS 555 – POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Philosophical doctrines involved in justification of political decisions; analysis of some fundamental concepts, e.g. the common good, authority, justice, natural law, natural rights.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 556 – TOPICS IN FEMINISM AND PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Topics from historical and contemporary feminist thought; attention to one or more feminist philosophers, historical movements, philosophical frameworks, or sets of philosophically related issues.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHILOS 557 – ISSUES IN SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Specific topics in social and political philosophy such as war and peace, property and industry, individualism and collectivism, freedom and justice.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Social Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHILOS/MED HIST 558 – ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE

3 credits.

Ethical issues apparently created by new biomedical technologies, such as genetic screening, prenatal diagnosis, prolongation of life, treatment of severe birth defects, in vitro fertilization, behavior modification, psychosurgery, and transplantation.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities

Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 560 – METAPHYSICS

3 credits.

Major problems in metaphysics, such as: existence, universals and particulars, space and time, individuals, categories, substance and attribute, necessity.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 562 – SPECIAL TOPICS IN METAPHYSICS

3 credits.

An intensive study of one or more topics such as: existence, universals and particulars, space and time, individuals, individuation, categories, substance and attribute, necessity, events and processes.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC/MED HIST 565 – THE ETHICS OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY

3 credits.

An in-depth study of a selection of ethical issues arising from the application of modern biotechnology to microorganisms, plants, non-human animals, and human beings. We will aim at a discussion that is informed by empirical research and by work done in ethical theory, political philosophy, and other relevant disciplines, and whose character is rigorous, clear, nuanced, and unbiased.

Requisites: Junior standing

Course Designation: Breadth – Humanities Level – Intermediate

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 566 – PHILOSOPHY OF ACTION

3 credits.

Human beings, and perhaps other kinds of creatures, are agents: we can make things happen. We do things intentionally, guide our behavior in light of our reasons, exhibit self-control, and plan for the future. What is it to be an agent, and what makes an event an intentional action? As Wittgenstein put the question, "What is left over if I subtract the fact that my arm goes up from the fact that I raise my arm?" Emphasis on contemporary readings, including Donald Davidson and G.E.M. Anscombe.

Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

PHILOS 567 – TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

One or more specific topics in contemporary philosophy bridging two or more areas such as epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, or moral philosophy.

Requisites: Junior standing and completion of 3 credits in PHILOS

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/MATH 571 – MATHEMATICAL LOGIC

3 credits.

Basics of logic and mathematical proofs; propositional logic; first order logic; undecidability.

Requisites: (MATH 234 or 375), (MATH 320, 340, 341, or 375), and (MATH 341, 375, 421, 467, or 521), or graduate/professional standing or member of the Pre-Masters Mathematics (Visiting International) Program

Course Designation: Breadth – Natural Science

Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 581 – SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR

3 credits.

Individual study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Senior standing and declared in an Honors program

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors – Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2016

PHILOS 582 – SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR

3 credits.

Individual study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Senior standing and declared in an Honors program

Course Designation: Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors – Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 599 – DIRECTED STUDY

1-3 credits.

Independent study as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level – Advanced

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 681 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS

1-3 credits.

Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 682 – SENIOR HONORS THESIS

3 credits.

Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 691 – SENIOR THESIS

3 credits.

Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2018

PHILOS 692 – SENIOR THESIS

3 credits.

Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2019

PHILOS 698 – DIRECTED STUDY

2-3 credits.

Independent study as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: No

PHILOS 699 – DIRECTED STUDY

2-3 credits.

Independent study as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 701 – READING SEMINAR

3 credits.

An examination of select topics in philosophy.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 799 – DIRECTED STUDY

1-3 credits.

Independent study as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS/CLASSICS 830 – ADVANCED HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Seminar on the history of philosophy focusing on a period or figure(s).

Requisites: Graduate/professional standing

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2023

PHILOS 835 – ADVANCED HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Seminar on the history of philosophy focusing on a period or figure(s).

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 902 – PROSEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY

3 credits.

Survey of various texts with an emphasis on close reading and developing writing skills.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: No

Last Taught: Fall 2022

PHILOS 903 – SEMINAR: EPISTEMOLOGY

3 credits.

Seminar on epistemology.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program

Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions

Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 904 – TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

1 credit.

Focuses on the conceptual and ethical recognition of the importance of good teaching, and skills and knowledge drawn from up-to-date pedagogical research. Engages with complex questions about the purposes of higher education and your role in it to better understand your own beliefs, attitudes, and values regarding higher education. Use best practices in teaching and learning in a low-stakes environment to practice and receive feedback on your performance of those skills.

Requisites: Declared in a Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2022**PHILOS 911 – SEMINAR-LOGIC**

3 credits.

Seminar on logic.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2022**PHILOS 916 – SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

Seminar on philosophy of language.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PHILOS 920 – SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE: CAUSATION, EXPLANATION & PROBABILITY**

3 credits.

Seminar on philosophy of science.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Fall 2022**PHILOS 941 – SEMINAR-ETHICS**

3 credits.

Seminar on ethics.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**PHILOS 951 – SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF MIND**

3 credits.

Seminar on philosophy of mind.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**PHILOS 955 – SEMINAR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

3 credits.

Seminar on social and political philosophy.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2022**PHILOS 960 – METAPHYSICS SEMINAR**

3 credits.

Seminar on metaphysics.

Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**PHILOS 990 – RESEARCH AND THESIS**

2-9 credits.

Individual mentored study for graduate students completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2023**PHILOS 999 – INDEPENDENT WORK**

2-9 credits.

Individual mentored study for graduate students, as arranged with a faculty member.

Requisites: Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Summer 2023