

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

## PHIL 1200 Introduction to Philosophy 6 cr

An introduction to five main areas of philosophy. Topics are logical thinking; the criteria and limits of human knowledge; and three of: God, right and wrong, free will and the nature of consciousness, scientific inquiry, and social justice. May not be held with PHIL 1500, PHIL 1520, PHIL 1540, PHIL 1511, the former PHIL 1510, or the former PHIL 1261.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 1261, PHIL 1510, PHIL 1511

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1500, PHIL 1520, PHIL 1540

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1290 Critical Thinking 3 cr

A course which helps students to think clearly and critically, and to present, defend, and evaluate arguments. The instructor will discuss good and bad reasoning, everyday fallacies, some specific argument forms such as the categorical syllogism, and ways and means of defining words. Students may not hold credit for PHIL 1290 and any of: PHIL 1291 or the former PHIL 1320 or PHIL 1321.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 1291

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1320, PHIL 1321

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1300 Introduction to Logic 3 cr

A course which helps students to think clearly and critically, and to present, defend and evaluate arguments. The course deals with definition, fallacy, modern symbolic logic and scientific method. May not be held with the former PHIL 1320 or PHIL 1321.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1320, PHIL 1321, PHIL 1330

**Attributes:** Humanities, Mathematics Requirement, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1420 Philosophy as a Way of Life 3 cr

This course explores various texts and traditions that offer visions of the good life and focuses on connecting philosophical arguments with contemporary issues and day-to-day decision making. The goal is to think deeply and rigorously about foundational questions like how should we live, does life have a meaning, what justifies our beliefs, what obligations do we have to each other, and how to make rational decisions.

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1500 Persons, Minds, and Bodies 3 cr

This course will introduce students to central philosophical topics concerning the nature of the self, the mind, consciousness and personhood. Topics to be discussed include the following: What is the relationship between the mind and the body? Do we have a free will? What constitutes personal identity? Could there be life after death? Students can expect to develop skills in critical reasoning and argumentation, and the ability to reason about, scrutinize, and defend various philosophical positions. May not be held with PHIL 1200.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1200

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1520 Goodness, Beauty, and Justice 3 cr

An introduction to philosophy, focused on ethics, aesthetics, and political philosophy. Students will learn about problems in these areas and the methods that philosophers use to address them. May not be held with PHIL 1200.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1200

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 1540 Philosophical History of Ideas 3 cr

The course offers a historical introduction to philosophy by examining some of the most influential philosophical texts, from antiquity to our times. Emphasis will be given on ideas and theories that shaped our scientific, religious, political, and moral thought, and on the arguments used to defend these ideas. May not be held with PHIL 1200.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 1200

**Attributes:** Humanities, Recommended Intro Courses

## PHIL 2140 Theory of Knowledge 3 cr

This course challenges and investigates our view of knowledge and rationality. Problems dealt with normally include: the nature of knowledge, sense experience, truth and necessary truth, the analytic-synthetic distinction, memory, induction, etc. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2140 and the former PHIL 2760.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2760

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2150 Mind and Body 3 cr

An introduction to theories of the mind and body, including dualism, identity theory and functionalism. The course deals with topics such as consciousness, thought, and desire.

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2160 Fundamentals of the Philosophy of Language 3 cr

An introduction to theories of language, including those of Gottlob Frege and Bertrand Russell. The course deals with a variety of linguistic phenomena pertaining to names, definite descriptions, demonstratives, identity sentences, and belief reports.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [six credit hours of 1000-level philosophy] or [successful completion of 30 hours of university credit].

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2170 Special Topics 3 cr

Topics and content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2190 Philosophy and Sexuality 3 cr

This course examines various moral and legal issues related to sexuality. Topics may include: casual sex, monogamy, love, and commitment; the definition of marriage; the meaning of gender; the nature of consent; the moral and legal status of prostitution and pornography; the scope of sexual privacy and other moral challenges presented by new technology. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2190 and PHIL 2170 when titled "Sexuality."

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2350 History of Modern European Political Philosophy 3 cr

A philosophical examination of the view and methods of European political philosophers of the modern period, such as Thomas Hobbes, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, John Locke, John Stuart Mill, and Karl Marx. Topics will include their conceptions of human nature, political justification, freedom, equality, and justice. May not be held with the former PHIL 2300 or the former PHIL 2301.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2300, PHIL 2301

**Attributes:** Humanities

## PHIL 2400 AI, Robot, and Cyborg Ethics 3 cr

An introduction to ethical issues that arise in our use of AI, robot, and cyborg technologies. Topics covered include the use of automation in warfare, the use of automation in caregiving, and whether we should enhance our cognition or moral capabilities. May not be held with PHIL 2170 when titled "Robot, AI and Cyborg Ethics."

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2410 Applied Ethics 3 cr**

The course offers an examination of contemporary ethical theories and their application to controversial moral issues. Possible topics include: the ethics of affirmative action/reverse discrimination; the censorship of hate speech; and our obligations to the global poor. Students will learn how to think critically about ethical issues and how to develop and defend their own moral position. May not be held with any of: the former PHIL 2290, the former PHIL 2531, PHIL 2740, PHIL 2741, PHIL 2750, or PHIL 2751.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2290, PHIL 2531, PHIL 2740, PHIL 2741, PHIL 2750, PHIL 2751

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2420 Applied Ethics 2 3 cr**

An examination of several issues in applied ethics. Possible topics include: our duty to take action against climate change; the ways we justify punishing people who break the law; the moral responsibilities of corporations; our obligation as a society to compensate historically victimized individuals and communities; how we should respond to individuals and countries guilty of war crimes. May not be held with any of: the former PHIL 2290, the former PHIL 2531, PHIL 2740, PHIL 2741, PHIL 2750, or PHIL 2751.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: PHIL 2410.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2290, PHIL 2531, PHIL 2740, PHIL 2741, PHIL 2750, PHIL 2751

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2580 Metaphysics 3 cr**

A study of some fundamental problems relating to the nature of reality, e.g., mind and body, cause and effect, human freedom, and the problem of universals. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2580 and the former PHIL 2450.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: six credit hours of Philosophy at the 1000 level.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2450

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2612 A Philosophical History of Science 3 cr**

A philosophical study of the evolution of science and scientific methodology from the ancient Greeks to the present. A background in science is not required. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2612 and the former PHIL 2610.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2610

**Attributes:** Humanities, Written English Requirement

**PHIL 2614 Philosophy of Science 3 cr**

A critical study of the nature of scientific knowledge. A background in science is not required. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2614 and the former PHIL 2610.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2610

**Attributes:** Humanities, Written English Requirement

**PHIL 2630 Continental Rationalism 3 cr**

A study of the great Continental philosophers, Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz, who viewed reason, rather than experience, as the key to knowledge of the universe. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2630 and PHIL 2631.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2631

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2640 British Empiricism 3 cr**

The course surveys and analyzes the theories of the great British empiricists, Locke, Berkeley, and Hume, on the nature and foundations of human knowledge and its relation to experience. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2640 and PHIL 2641.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2641

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2650 Plato 3 cr**

An examination of Plato's views on knowledge, reality, human nature, politics, and morals through a study of his most significant dialogues. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2650 and the former PHIL 2651.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2651

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2660 Aristotle 3 cr**

A study of Aristotle's most important views on reality, knowledge, human nature, morals, and politics. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2660 and PHIL 2661.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2661

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2710 Twentieth-Century European Philosophy: Existentialism 3 cr**

This course will be devoted to a study of existentialist themes as they appear in the philosophical writings of some of the following: Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Camus, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Buber, Hadot, Foucault, R.D. Laing, and others. Students may not hold credit for PHIL 2710 and any of: the former PHIL 2820 or the former PHIL 2821.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2820, PHIL 2821

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2730 Fundamentals of the Philosophy of Religion 3 cr**

A critical study of some fundamental problems in the philosophy of religion, such as the existence and nature of God, the justification of religious beliefs, the status of mystical and other religious experiences, and the significance of religious discourse. Students may not hold credit for PHIL 2730 and any of: PHIL 2701 or the former PHIL 2700.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2700, PHIL 2701

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2740 Ethics and Biomedicine 3 cr**

An examination of some contemporary ethical theories and their application to a few important ethical issues in contemporary medicine and biology. Examples of topics to be covered include: euthanasia and medically assisted suicide, human reproductive cloning, and human enhancement. Students may not hold credit for PHIL 2740 and any of: PHIL 2741 or PHIL 2290 or PHIL 2531.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2741

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2290, PHIL 2410, PHIL 2420, PHIL 2531

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2750 Ethics and the Environment 3 cr**

An examination of some important ethical issues connected with environmental pollution and resource depletion. Examples to be covered include: the ideal of liberty and environmental limits; scarcity and the ideal of justice; growth vs. steady-state economics; animal rights, and survival ethics vs. welfare ethics. Students may not hold credit for PHIL 2750 and any of: PHIL 2751 or PHIL 2290 or the former PHIL 2531.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2751

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2290, PHIL 2410, PHIL 2420, PHIL 2531

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2770 Philosophy of Art 6 cr**

An introductory analysis of some contemporary aesthetic theories and an examination of such problems as the relation between art and morality, meaning and expression in art, the nature and functioning of criticism, and the justification of standards of aesthetic evaluation.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2790 Moral Philosophy 6 cr**

An introduction to moral philosophy and influential moral philosophers of the past and present. The main emphasis will be on the nature and justification of moral judgement. Philosophers such as Sidgwick, Kant, Rawls, Scanlon, and Ross will be discussed.

**Attributes:** Humanities, Written English Requirement

**PHIL 2800 Contemporary Political Philosophy 3 cr**

An examination of recent theories about whether there should be political authority, who should wield it, what is its proper scope and what are the duties and rights of citizens. The course will deal with representatives of such positions as anarchism, communism, conservatism, liberalism. May not be held with the former PHIL 3710.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2830 Business Ethics 3 cr**

The course will explore the application of ethical theory to business. Topics to be discussed will normally include: theories of justice, corporate responsibility, the ethics of advertising, consumer and environmental protection, and preferential hiring. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2830 and PHIL 2831.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2840 The Ethics of War and Peace 3 cr**

A study of the ethical issues connected with war and the securing of peace, as articulated in the writings of major philosophers and selected political and military thinkers. Relevant moral theories, such as non-violence, holy war, the just war, the ethical reasoning underlying policies of deterrence, will be critically examined in historical and contemporary context. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2840 and PHIL 2841.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2860 Philosophy of Law 3 cr**

An introduction to the philosophy of law and to rule systems generally. Sample topics include the concept of law (law and religion; natural law; and the "laws of the books"); the connection, if any, between law and morality; and the politics of law in Canada and elsewhere. Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2860 and PHIL 2861.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 2870 Philosophy and Law 3 cr**

An inquiry into the philosophy of law, on issues not covered in PHIL 2860. Students will examine such topics as: guilt and responsibility; theories of punishment; the right to dissent; legal reasoning; and, "professional ethics." Students may not hold credit for both PHIL 2870 and PHIL 2871.

**Equiv To:** PHIL 2871

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3000 Intermediate Formal Logic 3 cr**

A thorough exploration of the theory and methods of modern formal logic. Possible topics include propositional logic, fuzzy logic, modal logic and first-order logic. May not be held with the former PHIL 2200 or the former PHIL 2430 or PHIL 4630 when titled "Intermediate Formal Logic."

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: PHIL 1300 or the former PHIL 1320 or PHIL 1321 or written consent of instructor.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 2200, PHIL 2430, PHIL 4630

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3220 Feminist Philosophy 3 cr**

An examination of philosophical issues of special interest to students of feminism and women's issues. Topics typically include: feminist epistemology, metaphysical implications of feminism, and feminist ethics.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [six credit hours in Philosophy] or written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities, Written English Requirement

**PHIL 3290 Self-Transformation in Religion and Philosophy 3 cr**

This course examines contemporary expressions of spiritual exercises by tracing their traditions across an array of western religious and philosophical schools. The course explores themes of death, asceticism, aestheticism, everydayness and community. In particular, it explores how dialogue, reading, and writing have constituted tools for the cultivation of mental, physical and emotional states leading to self-transformation. Also offered as RLGN 3290. May not be held with RLGN 3290.

**Equiv To:** RLGN 3290

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3430 Problems in Legal Philosophy 3 cr**

A treatment of some problems arising in the philosophy of law including responsibility and the doctrine of mens rea, theories of punishment, law and morality, and the concept of law.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3440 Problems in Social and Political Philosophy 3 cr**

A treatment of selected problems arising in social and political philosophy, e.g., the philosophy of the state, distributive justice, and the ethics of revolution.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3580 Kant 3 cr**

A study of the 18th-century German thinker, Immanuel Kant, focusing on the revolutionary theories about reality and human knowledge contained in his major metaphysical work, *The Critique of Pure Reason*.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [PHIL 2630 or PHIL 2631 or PHIL 2640 or PHIL 2641] or written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3630 Contemporary Epistemology 3 cr**

A critical examination of contemporary issues in the theory of knowledge including recent empiricist attempts to resolve the problem of justifying belief. Typical topics include foundations of knowledge, the concept of "truth", radical scepticism, the new riddle of induction, normative epistemology, the psychology and sociology of knowledge. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [PHIL 2140 or the former PHIL 2760] or written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3650 Contemporary Metaphysics 3 cr**

A course in contemporary metaphysics. Possible topics include the metaphysics of causation, time and persistence, laws and modality, essence, and fundamentality. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [PHIL 2580] or written permission of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3760 Topics in Moral Theory 3 cr**

A critical examination of issues in moral theory, such as consequentialism and deontology. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: [PHIL 2790] or written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3780 Research Topics in Philosophy 3 cr**

The course covers philosophical research on specialized topics. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 4450

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 3800 Topics in 20th Century Philosophy 3 cr**

A philosophical examination of key issues and authors in 20th century philosophy. Possible topics include phenomenology and its influence (Husserl, Heidegger, Jean-Paul Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, Sara Ahmed, Frantz Fanon), the continental-analytic distinction, and existentialism. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different;

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4450 Global Justice 3 cr**

An analysis of theories of global and international justice. We will consider a number of theoretical approaches to global justice. We will examine how these theories bear on questions of international relations and global policy, such as immigration, trade, war, climate change, international aid, or global public health. May not be held with PHIL 3780 when titled "Global Justice".

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 3780

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4460 Contemporary Issues 3 cr**

An intensive study of specially selected topics in contemporary philosophy. The subject matter of the course will vary from year to year. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4490 Philosophy of Mind 3 cr**

A seminar concentrating on the analysis of consciousness. Topics include: mind and brain, the explanation of human behaviour, and whether or not machines and animals can think.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4500 Topics in Philosophy of Art 3 cr**

A critical examination of issues in philosophy of art. Possible topics include the ontology of art, philosophy of music, and artistic creativity. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4510 Philosophy of Language 3 cr**

An examination of problems such as the nature of meaning, grammar, semantics, reference, truth, and methodology in the study of language.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4520 Historical Topics 3 cr**

Selected topics in the history of philosophy. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4580 Honours Seminar 6 cr**

A seminar course with subject matter varying from year to year, designed to meet special needs of Honours Philosophy students.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4610 Directed Reading in Philosophy 3 cr**

Subject matter will vary from year to year. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Attributes:** Humanities

**PHIL 4630 Symbolic Logic 3 cr**

Selected topics in mathematical logic, including propositional and quantificational logic, number theory, and the major metatheoretical results. The course content may vary. Students can earn multiple credits for this course only when the topic subtitle is different.

**PR/CR: A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise indicated.**

Prerequisite: written consent of department head.

**Mutually Exclusive:** PHIL 3000

**Attributes:** Humanities