

Philosophy (PHIL)

Courses

PHIL 5003. Ancient Greek Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4003.) Pre-Socratics, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4003 and PHIL 5003. Prerequisite: Three hours of philosophy coursework. (Typically offered: Fall)

PHIL 5013. Platonism and Origin of Christian Theology. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4013.) The study of Plato, Middle Platonism, and Neoplatonism, including Philo, Plotinus, and Proclus, and the influence of Platonism on the Greek church fathers of the 2nd-5th centuries, principally Origen and Gregory of Nyssa and also Pseudo-Dionysius. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4013 and PHIL 5013. Prerequisite: Three hours of philosophy coursework. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5023. Medieval Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4023.) Includes Augustine, Bonaventure, Aquinas, Scotus, and Ockham. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4023 and PHIL 5023. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5033. Modern Philosophy-17th and 18th Centuries. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4033.) British and Continental philosophy, including Bacon, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Hobbes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4033 and PHIL 5033. (Typically offered: Spring)

PHIL 5043. Nineteenth Century Continental Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4043.) Study of major Continental European philosophers of the 19th century including Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche. Emphasis on the nature of persons, the question of freedom, and the importance of self-expression, as well as views on knowledge, reality, and the nature of philosophy. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4043 and PHIL 5043. Prerequisite: 3 hours of Philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5063. Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4063.) Study of major figures (e.g. Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Foucault, Derrida) and trends (phenomenology, existentialism, hermeneutics, critical theory, deconstruction) in 20th century French and German thought. Topics include human beings and their place in the world, the role of history and culture, and the possibility of critical reflection. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4063 and PHIL 5063. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5073. History of Analytic Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4073.) From Frege to recent figures, including Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein, Schlick, Carnap, Ayer, Ryle, Strawson, Quine, including a representative sample of works on the logical analysis of language, logical positivism, and ordinary language analysis. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4073 and PHIL 5073. Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5093. Special Topics in Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4093.) This course will cover subject matter not covered in regularly offered courses. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4093 and PHIL 5093. Course cannot be repeated when topic is the same as one for which the student has been previously enrolled. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for degree credit.

PHIL 5103. Modern Jewish Thought. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4103.) A survey of the main trends in Jewish thought from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4103 and PHIL 5103. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5113. Social and Political Philosophy. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4113.) Selected philosophical theories of society, the state, social justice, and their connections with individuals. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4113 and PHIL 5113. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5123. Classical Ethical Theory. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4123.) Study of classical texts in the history of philosophical ethics from Plato to Nietzsche. Philosophers covered may include Plato, Aristotle, Butler, Hume, Kant, and Mill. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4123 and PHIL 5123. Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5133. Contemporary Ethical Theory. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4133.) A study of contemporary texts in philosophical ethics from G.E. Moore to the present. Philosophers covered may include Moore, Stevenson, Hare, Foot, and Rawls. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4133 and PHIL 5133. Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5143. Philosophy of Law. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4143.) A philosophical consideration of the nature of law, theory of adjudication, concepts of legal responsibility, liberty and the limits of law, and selected moral-legal issues (abortion, affirmative action, punishment, etc.). Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4143 and PHIL 5143. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5183. Kant's Critique of Pure Reason. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4183.) In his Critique of Pure Reason, one of the most important works in the history of philosophy, Kant describes how the mind works and claims to solve the major problems of metaphysics. The course is aimed at coming to a basic understanding of Kant's thought and at thinking critically about his claims. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4183 and PHIL 5183. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5193. Existentialism. 3 Hours.

Explores texts by major existentialist philosophers including Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, and relevant literary works. Topics may include critiques of traditional views of human nature, the self, the meaning of life and existing authentically. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5203. Theory of Knowledge. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4203.) An examination of skepticism, the nature and structures of knowledge and epistemic justification, human rationality, and the justification of religious belief. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4203 and PHIL 5203. Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5213. Philosophy of Science. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4213.) Examination of issues related to scientific explanation, empirical foundations of science, observation and objectivity, nature of laws and theories, realism and instrumentalism, induction and confirmation, models, causation, and simplicity, beginning with historical survey set in the context of the history of science but emphasizing works from the 1930s to the current period, often including issues in recent physics. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4213 and PHIL 5213. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5233. Philosophy of Language. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4233.) A survey of mainstream philosophical theories of meaning, reference, truth, and logical form. Attention given to the views of such figures as Frege, Russell, Tarski, Searie, Dumett, and the advocates of possible world's semantics. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4233 and PHIL 5233. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5253. Symbolic Logic I. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4253.) Rigorous analyses of the concepts of proof, consistency, equivalence, validity, implication, and truth. Full coverage of truth-functional logic and quantification theory (predicate calculus). Discussion of the nature and limits of mechanical procedures (algorithms) for proving theorems in logic and mathematics. Informal accounts of the basic facts about infinite sets. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4253 and PHIL 5253. Prerequisite: PHIL 2203 or MATH 2603. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with MATH 5263.

PHIL 5303. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4303.) Types of religious belief and critical examination of their possible validity, including traditional arguments and contemporary questions of meaning. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4303 and PHIL 5303. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5313. Contemporary Jewish Thought. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4313.) A survey of trends in Jewish thought in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, focusing on the ways in which Jewish thinkers have responded to the events affecting Jews and the conditions of Jewish life from approximately 1900 to the present. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4313 and PHIL 5313. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5323. Philosophy of Race and Gender. 3 Hours.

Examines the metaphysical, ethical, aesthetic, political, and legal dimensions of race and gender. Topics include theories of race and gender, Latinx feminism, the ethics of racist humor and removing historical monuments, misogyny and misandry, transgender and nonbinary identities, and the role of self-interpretation in sexual orientation. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5333. Feminist Philosophy. 3 Hours.

Explores feminist contributions in traditional philosophical areas such as ethics, political philosophy, and epistemology. Topics include feminist analyses of the family, pornography, sexual harassment, violence against women, and race relations; and ways different schools of feminist thought describe women's oppression, its causes, and resistance to it. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5403. Philosophy of Art. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4403.) Varieties of truth and value in the arts and aesthetic experience, focusing on the creative process in the art and in other human activities. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4403 and PHIL 5403. (Typically offered: Spring)

PHIL 5423. Philosophy of Mind. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4423.) An examination of such topics such as the relationship between mind and body, the mentality of machines, knowledge of other minds, the nature of psychological explanation, the relationships between psychology and the other sciences, mental representation, the nature of the self, and free will and determinism. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4423 and PHIL 5423. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5433. Philosophy of Psychology. 3 Hours.

Explores philosophical issues concerning the domain, foundations and methodology of psychology, and the relation of psychological explanations to other scientific and philosophical investigations of the mind. Topics include cognitive architecture and the evolution of minds, extended or embodied cognition, perception and introspection, consciousness and attention, social cognition, thought and language. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5603. Metaphysics. 3 Hours.

(Formerly PHIL 4603.) Theory and critical analysis of such basic metaphysical problems as mind and body, universals and particulars, space and time, determinism and free will, self-identity and individualism, with emphasis on contemporary perspectives. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PHIL 4603 and PHIL 5603. Prerequisite: 3 hours of philosophy. (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5823. Seminar: Spinoza. 3 Hours.

Seminar: Spinoza (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5883. Seminar: Wittgenstein. 3 Hours.

Seminar: Wittgenstein (Typically offered: Irregular)

PHIL 5983. Philosophical Seminar. 3 Hours.

Various topics and issues in historical and contemporary philosophy. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 3 hours of degree credit.

PHIL 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.

Master's Thesis. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.

PHIL 690V. Graduate Readings. 1-6 Hour.

Supervised individual readings in historical and contemporary philosophy. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

PHIL 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.

Doctoral Dissertation. Prerequisite: Candidacy. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.