

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

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## PHIL 110 Introduction to Philosophy

Examines such questions as the following: How does one know what is true? Are human beings free or determined? In what way are religious and ethical terms meaningful and useful? What is the purpose of life? Meets department major requirement for core class.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 150 Quest for Values

Introduces the humanities disciplines and the question of human values. Formerly HUM 100.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 305 Values and Critical Thinking

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B

Guides students to critically evaluate their own values and the value systems of other persons, groups, and nations through readings, discussions, and written critiques.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 310 Women and the Environment

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B and Life Science

This course will explore the interrelationship among women, activism, and the environment. Combining approaches from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, this course will study basic concepts of environmental science, eco-feminism, and environmental policy and explore the role women have had and continue to have in raising and shaping environmental consciousness and policies. The course will also consider how these concepts affect/are affected by cultural concerns of race, class, gender, age, ability, and orientation. Students will gain practice in developing and practicing environmental activism. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 317 Power and Oppression

A Philosophical examination of power structures which are and have been at work in societies to oppress some and favor others. Responses from Feminism, Black Power, Marxism, Liberation Theology and others will be considered. Cannot be challenged. Formerly PHIL 217

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 319 Border Theory in Religion and Philosophy

This course deepens understandings of border theory through a survey of philosophical and religious readings dealing with the construction of Latinx identities whose subjectivities have been located near, within, in relation to, and in-between the borderlands. Students will explore key models seeking to sketch a portrait on the meaning of the Latinx-subject at the hyphens of dominant social structures in the United States. Letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 321 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

Ideas of representative thinkers from early Greeks to the Renaissance. Emphasizes Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, and St. Thomas. Meets departmental major requirement AM (Ancient and Medieval).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 322 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy

Selected philosophic writings from Hobbes to Wittgenstein. Emphasizes recent movements, such as analytic philosophy and existentialism. Meets departmental major requirement MC (Modern and Contemporary).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 330 Ethics

Theoretical background, basic terminology, and classification necessary to understand various ethical systems and the practical issues of contemporary ethics. Meets departmental requirement for core class.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 350 Topics in Philosophy

Selected areas of philosophical interest such as American Philosophy, Philosophy of Feminism, and Meta-physics. May be repeated with different topics.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

## PHIL 351 Philosophy of Religion

Selected areas of philosophical interest such as American Philosophy, Philosophy of Feminism, and Metaphysics. May be repeated with different topics. Meets departmental major requirement PS (Philosophy and Society).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 360 Indigenous, Afro & Contemporary Philosophies of Latinx/Latin America

**Prerequisite:** Completion of Written Communication B or equivalent

The focus of this class is on the aesthetic philosophies of Latin American indigenous, Afro-Caribbean, and Latinx authors whose theories seek to answer the question of the meaning of "being human." This course addresses the effects of colonization, particularly, essential in understanding and co-constructing a U.S. Latinx identity. Early indigenous and Afro-Caribbean sculptures, drawings, cartographies, paintings, and architecture provide the basis for philosophical inquiry and reflection. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

## PHIL 370 Contemporary Issues in Philosophy: Love and Sex

Examines philosophers' thoughts on love and sex from classical Greece to contemporary times. Emphasizes current issues. Meets departmental major requirement PS (Philosophy and Society).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**PHIL 371 Classical Political Philosophies**

Relevant works of major political philosophers from Plato to Hegel including Aristotle, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Confucius, and Rousseau. Meets departmental major requirement AM (Ancient and Medieval).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**PHIL 373 Modern Political Theory**

Analyzes significant works of modern political theory, by Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Marx, and Nietzsche. Meets departmental major requirement MC (Modern and Contemporary).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**PHIL 375 Contemporary Political Theory**

Surveys political thought since 1900: pragmatism, liberalism, republicanism, deliberative democracy, postmodernism, feminism, and multiculturalism. Meets departmental major requirement MC (Modern and Contemporary).

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 4

**PHIL 399 Independent Study**

Student-designed courses approved by a faculty member. Prior approval of goals, objectives, procedures, and assessment plan as directed in the Independent Study Manual is required. May be taken multiple times with a different topic for credit. Meets departmental major requirement for core class. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Credit/No Credit, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1-4

**PHIL 490 Research Strategies**

Prepares students for senior project. Includes senior examination. Meets departmental major requirement for core class. Can be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Grade Mode:** Letter, Audit

**Semester Hours:** 1

**PHIL 499 Senior Project**

Culminating activity required by majors in all departments. Papers/theses/projects researched, prepared, and written under the guidance of a faculty member. Comprehensive exams or recitals required in some departments. Academically, Students must be in Good Standing to enroll in 499. Can be taken for letter grade only. Not challengeable.

**Semester Hours:** 1-4