

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 801 Philosophical Analysis

Prerequisites: Permission from philosophy graduate adviser
Description: Seminar for beginning graduate students whose primary goal is the development of basic philosophical skills such as the analysis of primary texts, the writing of philosophical papers, and sustained oral discussion. Readings include a significant number of important works drawn from diverse areas of philosophical inquiry. Class meetings devoted primarily to student presentations of reading materials and their own written work. Effective oral discussion on the part of the student required.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 805 Philosophy of Language

Crosslisted with: PHIL 405

Prerequisites: 9 hours PHIL.

Description: Introduction to some of the basic concepts and problems in the philosophy of language. Topics to be discussed include reference, definite descriptions, names, demonstratives, truth, meaning, speech acts, and the logic of expressions involving so-called "propositional attitudes." Authors studied include Frege, Russell, Tarski, Austin, Grice, Strawson, Quine, Kripke, Kaplan and Davidson.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 809 Theory of Knowledge

Crosslisted with: PHIL 409

Prerequisites: 9 hours PHIL.

Description: Intensive study of basic problems in the Theory of Knowledge: the nature of knowledge, the analysis of perception and memory, the justification of induction, the problem of how one knows other minds, and the analysis of a prior knowledge. Readings from recent work.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 811 Formal Logic

Crosslisted with: PHIL 411

Prerequisites: PHIL 211 or MATH 310 or MATH 325 or CSCE 235.

Notes: Second course in symbolic logic.

Description: An advanced course in symbolic logic, covering metatheoretical results about selected systems of logic. Topics may include: the soundness and completeness of classical propositional logic, and of some propositional modal logics; non-classical propositional logics; and extensions of and alternatives to classical first-order predicate logic

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 814 Philosophy of Mind

Crosslisted with: PHIL 414

Prerequisites: 9 hours PHIL.

Description: Main problems in the philosophy of mind, including dualism and materialism, instrumentalism and eliminativism, wide and narrow content, qualia, and mental causation.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 817 Philosophy of Science

Crosslisted with: PHIL 417

Prerequisites: 3 hours PHIL or graduate standing

Description: Intensive study of some main problems in the philosophy of science: explanation and prediction in the sciences, the nature of scientific laws, functional explanations in the sciences, the structure of scientific theories, the ontological status of theoretical entities, the reduction of scientific theories, and the confirmation of scientific hypotheses.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 818 Metaphysics

Crosslisted with: PHIL 418

Prerequisites: 9 hours PHIL.

Description: Intensive study of main problems in metaphysics, especially universals and particulars, the relation of mind and matter, the categories of the real, criteria of identity, and existential propositions. Readings from recent philosophers.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 820 Philosophy of Social Science

Crosslisted with: PHIL 420

Prerequisites: 9 hours PHIL.

Description: The epistemological character of the social sciences. Character and explanatory role of social scientific generalizations, various explanatory strategies for social matters, the continuity or discontinuity of the social sciences with the special sciences, the importance of interpretation, and the place of rationality.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 822 Why Be Moral?

Crosslisted with: PHIL 422

Prerequisites: 9 credit hours in PHIL

Description: Explore the foundations of ethics with consideration of major historical and contemporary views about the source of ethical obligation, practical normativity and morality.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 823 Advanced Ethics**Crosslisted with:** PHIL 423**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Critical study of leading theories in ethics, with close attention to major works, chiefly modern and contemporary. Includes naturalism, intuitionism, emotivism, utilitarianism, Neo-Kantian ethics, and various current positions.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 824 Philosophy of Action****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 424**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Foundational issues in human action, including the nature of intentional action, practical reasoning, moral responsibility, group agency, and various forms of irrationality.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 825 Political and Social Philosophy****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 425**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Critical study of main problems and leading theories in social and political philosophy. Origin and justification of political obligation, with emphasis on social contact theories; the nature and foundation of individual rights and the strength of these rights when they conflict with each other and with concern for the common good; the principles of social justice and the obligation to protect the welfare of others; and the concepts of personal autonomy, liberty, equality, and freedom. Readings from a combination of historical and recent work, and emphasis on relating the various issues to current problems in society.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 830 Modern Legal Philosophy****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 430**Description:** Examination of classic books of 20th century jurisprudence. Topics include the relationship between law and morality and the development of legal positivism and its critics.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**PHIL 850 Ancient Philosophy****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 450**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Advanced survey of ancient philosophy from the pre-Socratics through Aristotle, concentrating on central epistemological and metaphysical issues.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 860 History of Modern Philosophy****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 460**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Advanced survey of early European philosophy from the late renaissance through the Enlightenment, concentrating on central epistemological and metaphysical issues.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 871 Kant****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 471**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL.**Description:** Kant's philosophy, and of problems in the interpretation of his writings. The primary text will be the First Critique.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 880 German Idealism****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 480**Prerequisites:** 9 hours PHIL**Description:** Survey of "Classical" German Idealism. Figures discussed include Kant, Jacobi, Reinhold, Schulze, Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel. Focus on four lines of thought prominent in German Idealism-viz. Spinozism, skepticism, self-consciousness, and the relationship between the senses and the intellect.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 886 Philosophical Themes****Crosslisted with:** PHIL 486**Prerequisites:** Permission.**Description:** Independent and significant research project.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 899 Masters Thesis****Prerequisites:** Admission to masters degree program and permission of major adviser**Credit Hours:** 1-10**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 10**Max credits per degree:** 99**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 903 Philosophy of Mathematics****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 905 Philosophy of Language****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option

PHIL 911 Topics in Logic**Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 913 Advanced Epistemology****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 914 Philosophy of Mind****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 915 Advanced Metaphysics****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 12**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 917 Philosophy of Science****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 920 Ethical Theory****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 921 Aesthetics****Prerequisites:** Graduate standing in the humanities**Credit Hours:** 1-4**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 4**Max credits per degree:** 4**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 923 Philosophy of Psychology****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 925 Social and Political Philosophy****Description:** Intensive discussion of one or more of the main problems of social and political philosophy. Variable content. Possible topics are: political obligation, the concept of political authority, natural rights, the public interest, the aims of the state, and distributive justice.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 952 Greek Philosophy****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 955 Empiricism****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 960 Rationalism****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 971 Kant****Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 991 Special Studies in Philosophy I****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 992 Special Studies in Philosophy II****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 998 Dissertation Seminar****Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 24**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option**PHIL 999 Doctoral Dissertation****Prerequisites:** Admission to doctoral degree program and permission of supervisory committee chair**Credit Hours:** 1-24**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 24**Max credits per degree:** 99**Grading Option:** Grade Pass/No Pass Option