PHIL - PHILOSOPHY

PHIL408 Topics in Contemporary Philosophy (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of contemporary problems and issues. Source material will be selected from recent books and articles.
Repeateable to: 99 credits if content differs.

PHIL409 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Philosophy (3 Credits)
An in-depth study of a contemporary philosophical problem or issue. Topics will vary, but the course will encourage students to grapple with the primary literature in order to generate sustained critical analyses or proposed resolutions of issues under active consideration in contemporary philosophy.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in PHIL courses.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.

PHIL412 The Philosophy of Plato (3 Credits)
A critical study of selected dialogues.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in PHIL courses.

PHIL414 The Philosophy of Aristotle (3 Credits)
A critical study of selected portions of Aristotle's writings.
Prerequisite: 6 credits in PHIL courses.

PHIL417 The Golden Age of Jewish Philosophy (3 Credits)
Jewish philosophy from Maimonides in the 12th century to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain at the end of the 15th Century. Topics include the limitations of human knowledge, creation of the world, foreknowledge and free will, and the existence of God.
Prerequisite: 3 credits in PHIL courses; or permission of ARHU-Meyerhoff Program & Center for Jewish Studies; or permission of ARHU-Philosophy department. Cross-listed with: JWST452.
Credit Only Granted for: JWST452 or PHIL417.

PHIL418 Topics in Epistemology/Metaphysics (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of contemporary problems and issues in epistemology or metaphysics. Source material will be selected from recent books and articles.
Prerequisite: 2 courses in PHIL.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.

PHIL428 Topics in the History of Philosophy (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: PHIL310 and PHIL320; or permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeateable to: 99 credits if content differs.

PHIL438 Topics in Value Theory (3 Credits)
An intensive examination of contemporary problems and issues in ethics, aesthetics, political philosophy and related areas. Source material will be selected from recent books and articles.
Prerequisite: 2 courses in PHIL.
Repeateable to: 12 credits if content differs.

PHIL440 Contemporary Ethical Theory (3 Credits)
Contemporary work on fundamental problems in ethical theory, such as whether there are moral truths, whether and how our moral claims can be justified, what exactly makes an act right or wrong, the nature of moral language, and the role of reason and emotion in moral judgment.
Prerequisite: PHIL341; or permission of instructor.
PHIL478 Topics in Philosophical Logic (3 Credits)
Philosophical logics result from the application of formal techniques to problems of philosophical interest; these logics often have applications in other areas as well, such as AI, linguistics, psychology, economics, and law. This course will either concentrate on a particular family of philosophical logics (such as modal or temporal or defeasible logics) or else survey a number different logical systems.
Prerequisite: PHIL271; or permission of instructor.
Recommended: PHIL470.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

PHIL488 Topics in Philosophy of Cognitive Studies (3 Credits)
Examination of a particular topic or problem in philosophy of cognitive studies.
Prerequisite: 3 credits in PHIL courses; or permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

PHIL489 Undergraduate Seminar in Philosophy (3-6 Credits)
An intensive examination of a philosophical topic or topics.
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

PHIL490 The Practice of Philosophy: How To Develop Your Own Work (3 Credits)
Writing philosophical papers, presenting them to an audience, and responding critically and constructively to the papers and talks of others are skills central to the practice of philosophy. This course will help students to enhance those skills in a seminar-style format. Students should come to the course with a paper of their own (likely from another course) that they would like to develop.
Prerequisite: Three upper-level (300- or 400-level) courses in philosophy or permission of the instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: PHIL408R or PHIL490.
Formerly: PHIL408R.

PHIL498 Topical Investigations (1-3 Credits)

PHIL640 Value Theory (3 Credits)
A basic course in value theory for beginning graduate students, covering a number of topics in depth, to provide a springboard for further study and research in the area.

PHIL660 Metaphysics, Mind, and Language (3 Credits)
A basic course on selected issues in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language for beginning graduate students, covering a number of topics in depth, to provide a springboard for further study and research in the area.

PHIL688 Selected Problems in Philosophy (1-3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL788 Research in Philosophy (1-6 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of advisor or chair of tutorial-advisory committee required.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

PHIL798 Master’s Level Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Master’s level independent study.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

PHIL799 Master’s Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)

PHIL808 Seminar in the Problems of Philosophy (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL828 Seminar in the History of Philosophy (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL838 Seminar in Aesthetics (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL848 Seminar in Ethics (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL858 Seminar in Logic and Philosophy of Sciences (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL859 Proseminar in the Philosophy of Science (3 Credits)
Seminar on the core areas of research in philosophy of science, with the focus on a theme currently generating attention in the field.
Restriction: Permission of instructor.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

PHIL868 Seminar in Metaphysics (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL869 Seminar in the Theory of Knowledge (3 Credits)
Restriction: Permission of instructor.

PHIL878 Seminar in Cognitive Studies (3-9 Credits)
Methodology and research in various disciplines involved in cognitive studies.
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

PHIL879 Seminar in Philosophy and Cognitive Studies (3 Credits)
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

PHIL888 Professional Mentoring for Doctoral Students (1-3 Credits)
Work with a faculty advisor on various aspects of professional development.
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeatable to: 3 credits if content differs.

PHIL889 Pedagogical Mentoring for Doctoral Students (1-3 Credits)
Work with a faculty advisor to develop and improve pedagogical skills.
Restriction: Permission of ARHU-Philosophy department.
Repeatable to: 3 credits if content differs.

PHIL898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)

PHIL899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)