Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 1000: General Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to traditional philosophical problems and methods of philosophical enquiry. Consideration given to different philosophical theories on the nature of reality, man, nature and God; knowledge and how it is acquired; values and social issues.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 1000H: General Introduction to Philosophy - Honors
Introduction to traditional philosophical problems and methods of philosophical enquiry. Consideration given to different philosophical theories on the nature of reality, man, nature and God; knowledge and how it is acquired; values and social issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

PHIL 1100: Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to different philosophical theories regarding when acts are morally right rather than wrong; when things are good rather than bad; nature of the "good life", nature of ethical reasoning and justification.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 1100H: Introduction to Ethics - Honors
Introduction to different philosophical theories regarding when acts are morally right rather than wrong; when things are good rather than bad; nature of the "good life", nature of ethical reasoning and justification.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

PHIL 1150: Introductory Bioethics
This course approaches moral problems in biomedical and scientific research from a philosophical perspective. First, we’ll familiarize ourselves with ethics and political philosophy. Then we’ll study the ethical issues that arise in connection with a series of issues, including research involving human and animal subjects, eugenics, the human genome project, cloning and stem cell research. By thinking about these issues, we learn how to think critically about particular moral quandaries, as well as to uncover and examine some of our deepest moral commitments.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 1200: Logic and Reasoning
Methods of analyzing and evaluating arguments of all types. Uses both informal and formal techniques. Identifies informal fallacies and introduces elementary symbolic logic.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 1200H: Logic and Reasoning-Honors
Methods of analyzing and evaluating arguments of all types. Uses both informal and formal techniques. Identifies informal fallacies and introduces elementary symbolic logic.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: Honors eligibility required

PHIL 2000: Philosophical Ideas in Literature
Philosophical ideas and issues revolving around human freedom as these ideas and issues are embodied in great literary works from Plato through Dostoyevski to Burgess.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2005: Topics in Philosophy-Humanities
Organized study of philosophical issues to which no regular course in devoted. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.
Credit Hour: 1-3

PHIL 2010: The Philosophy of Film
(same as FILM_S 2100). Philosophical problems having to do with film. Topic may include the nature of films, the differences between fiction and documentary film, ethical issues with film and filmmaking.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2100: Philosophy: East and West
(same as S_A_ST 2100). Compares the interpretation and role of philosophical concepts such as experience, reason, permanence, change, immortality, soul, God, etc., in Indian, Chinese and European traditions.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2200: Philosophy and Intellectual Revolution
Examines such revolutions as the Copernican, Darwinian, Marxian and Freudian. What are the new views? How is our place in the universe affected? What puzzles arise in replacing old by new views?
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2300: Philosophy and Human Nature
Philosophical exploration and examination of theories of human nature with reference to relevant developments in such sciences as biology, psychology, and economics.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2350: The Meaning of Life
Does life have meaning, or is it essentially meaningless, absurd? This course will examine some of answers philosophers have given to this and related questions.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2400: Ethics and the Professions
Examination of ethical issues confronted by members of different professions such as medicine, law, business, journalism and engineering.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing
PHIL 2410: Philosophies of War and Peace  
(same as PEA_ST 2410). Moral issues about the recourse to war by the nation and the individual's obligations to participate. The nature of peace, social and personal. Special attention to the Vietnam War and the nuclear age.  
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2410W: Philosophies of War and Peace - Writing Intensive  
(same as PEA_ST 2410W). Moral issues about the recourse to war by the nation and the individual's obligations to participate. The nature of peace, social and personal. Special attention to the Vietnam War and the nuclear age.  
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2420: Ethical Issues in Business  
Major theories of moral obligation and justice and their application to business practices. Corporate responsibility, government regulation, investment and production, advertisement, the environment, preferential hiring, etc. through case studies, legal opinions and philosophical analysis.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2430: Contemporary Moral Issues  
Review of the major contemporary ethical theories and their contribution to the resolution of major social issues such as euthanasia, suicide, abortion, capital punishment, violence and war. Emphasis on nature, interests, and rights of persons. Graded on A-F basis only.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2440: Medical Ethics  
Considers moral issues posed by developments in biological sciences and medical technology. Topics may include: genetic engineering, abortion and euthanasia, distribution of health care.  
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2500: Philosophy and Gender  
(same as WGST 2500). A critical examination of central ideas and themes in feminist philosophical thought. Topics may include: sex, marriage, parenthood, reproduction, body image, pornography, prostitution.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing

PHIL 2500H: Philosophy and Gender - Honors  
A critical examination of central ideas and themes in feminist philosophical thought. Topics may include: sex, marriage, parenthood, reproduction, body image, pornography, prostitution.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing; honors eligibility required

PHIL 2600: Rational Decisions  
Principles for making decisions in a rational way. Special attention to principles that use probabilities and utilities. Some discussion of decisions made in conjunction with other people, and decisions made for other people. Math Reasoning Proficiency Course.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing and grade of C or better in MATH 1100 or MATH 1120

PHIL 2700: Elementary Logic  
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 2820: Introduction to Cognitive Science  
(same as PSYCH 2820 and LINGST 2820). Cognitive science is the interdisciplinary study of the mind. After an overview of the foundations of cognitive science as a whole, we will see what particular sectors of it have to say about mental capacities such as vision, language, categorization, and social cognition.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing  
Recommended: PSYCH 1000

PHIL 3000: Ancient Western Philosophy  
(same as CL_HUM 3025). Philosophical thought on nature, knowledge, the gods, human life and society, from Thales to Augustine. Emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. The relevance of the ancients to contemporary life.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing  
Recommended: one course in Philosophy

PHIL 3100: Medieval Philosophy  
Major thinkers from St. Augustine through 14th century Ockhamists.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing  
Recommended: one course in Philosophy

PHIL 3200: Modern Philosophy  
Surveys critical and speculative thinking of modern period from Descartes to Kant in relation to scientific, religious and social movements.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: sophomore standing  
Recommended: one course in Philosophy

PHIL 3200W: Modern Philosophy - Writing Intensive  
Surveys critical and speculative thinking of modern period from Descartes to Kant in relation to scientific, religious and social movements.  
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Prerequisites: sophomore standing
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<td>PHIL 3400</td>
<td>19th Century Philosophy</td>
<td>A careful and sympathetic study of some of the major thinkers of this period, notably Kierkegaard and Nietzsche.</td>
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<td>PHIL 3500</td>
<td>Existentialism</td>
<td>The nature of human existence, the meaning of life, the relation of the individual to nature, society, and any gods that may be, according to Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Camus and others. Students are encouraged to come to grips with the issues in relation to their own lives.</td>
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<td>PHIL 3600</td>
<td>20th Century Philosophy</td>
<td>The course will be a survey of some of the notable philosophers/thinkers whose contributions have been made in the twentieth century.</td>
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<td>PHIL 3700</td>
<td>Selected Modern Philosophers</td>
<td>Advanced study of a particular philosopher or a number of philosophers from the same school in the modern period. May be taken twice for credit with permission of the department.</td>
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<td>PHIL 3800</td>
<td>Selected Contemporary Philosophers</td>
<td>Advanced study of a particular contemporary philosopher or philosophers. May be taken twice for credit with permission of the department.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4001</td>
<td>Topics in Philosophy-General</td>
<td>Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4005</td>
<td>Topics in Philosophy-Humanities</td>
<td>Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. Departmental consent for repetition.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4100</td>
<td>Philosophy of Language</td>
<td>(same as LINGST 4100). Examination of contemporary views of the relationship between language, minds, and the world.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4110</td>
<td>Advanced Logic</td>
<td>(same as LINGST 4110; cross-leveled with PHIL 7110). Presents the method of truth trees for sentence and predicate logic. Examines proofs concerning the decidability, soundness, and completeness of formal systems. Emphasizes the theory of formal systems. Math Reasoning Proficiency Course.</td>
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<td>Selected Topics in Logic</td>
<td>Elementary set theory. Modal logic, the logic of possibility and necessity.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4130</td>
<td>Probability and Induction</td>
<td>This course studies probability, its various interpretations, and its basic principles. It identifies forms of reasoning that establish the probability of a conclusion. The methods of reasoning it treats are at the heart of science and practical affairs.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4210</td>
<td>Philosophy of Mind</td>
<td>Considers theories and arguments in contemporary philosophy of mind, focusing on the nature of mental states, their relation to brain states and the plausibility of various materialist theories of the mind.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4220</td>
<td>Philosophy of Religion</td>
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**PHIL 4300: Epistemology**
An examination of contemporary philosophical theories concerning the nature, sources and limits of knowledge and justified belief.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Previous work in PHIL 1000, PHIL 3000, PHIL 3200

**PHIL 4400: Philosophy of Science**
Why believe the scientific world-view? What, if anything, is the scientific method? Are today's theories really superior to past theories? Examines contemporary philosophical answers to such questions.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4410: Philosophy of History**
Readings from classic and contemporary philosophers of history. Problems about nature and limits of historical knowledge; relation between history and other disciplines; the existence, nature, and kinds of historical laws.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4420: Philosophy of Biology**
A survey of philosophical problems arising from consideration of evolutionary theory and the biological sciences. Topics may include reductionism, sociobiology, biological laws, and epistemic problems relating to evolutionary theory.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4500: Theories of Ethics**
Normative and meta-ethical theories. Topics may include the rationality and objectivity of morality, the meaning of moral language, the differences between deontological, utilitarian and virtue theories.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4600: Political and Social Philosophy**
(same as PEA_ST 4600). Contemporary and/or historical theories of justice and the state. Utilitarianism, Liberalism, Libertarianism, Marxism, Communitarianism and Feminism may be among the views covered.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4610: Philosophy of Law**
What is law? Are there pre- or trans-legal rights? Is punishment justifiable? How can judicial decisions be justified? What are the relations between law and morality?

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing

**PHIL 4620: Marxism**
A philosophical examination of (a) the notion of critique as seen in Marx's early and middle writings, and (b) specific topics by such authors as Lenin, Lukacs and Plekhanov.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** Two courses in Philosophy

**PHIL 4700: Aesthetics**
Typical components of art; theories of art as representation, form, expression; relation of art to value.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** One course in Philosophy

**PHIL 4700W: Aesthetics-Writing Intensive**
Typical components of art; theories of art as representation, form, expression; relation of art to value.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** One course in Philosophy

**PHIL 4800: Asian Philosophy**
(same as S_A_ST 4800). This course traces the origins of Indian and Chinese philosophical world views. Included are the major ideas in Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist thought in India, and Taoism and Confucianism in China. Emphasis is placed on the diverse, assimilative, and pragmatic nature of Indian thought and its impact on contemporary Asian philosophy.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** One course in Philosophy

**PHIL 4810: Philosophy of India**
(same as S_A_ST 4810). General development of Indian philosophy.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing  
**Recommended:** One course in Philosophy

**PHIL 4850: Special Readings in Philosophy**
Special Readings in Philosophy.

**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Prerequisites:** Junior standing

**PHIL 4950: Senior Seminar in Philosophy**
A capstone course required of and only open to senior Philosophy majors. Course content will vary, depending on the professor teaching the course.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Prerequisites:** Senior Philosophy major
PHIL 4950W: Senior Seminar in Philosophy - Writing Intensive
A capstone course required of and only open to senior Philosophy majors. Course content will vary, depending on the professor teaching the course.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: senior Philosophy major

PHIL 4998: Honors I in Philosophy
Special work for Honors candidates.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: junior standing

PHIL 4999: Honors II in Philosophy
Special work for Honors candidates.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: junior standing

PHIL 7001: Topics in Philosophy-General
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester.
Credit Hour: 1-99
Prerequisites: instructor's consent, departmental consent for repetition

PHIL 7005: Topics in Philosophy-Humanities
Organized study of selected topics. Subjects and earnable credit may vary from semester to semester. Departmental consent for repetition. Prerequisites: instructor's consent
Credit Hour: 1-99

PHIL 7100: Philosophy of Language
(same as LINGST 7100). Examination of contemporary views of the relationship between language, minds, and the world.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: PHIL 2700 or instructor's consent
Recommended: Some work in PHIL 1000, PHIL 3000 or PHIL 3200

PHIL 7110: Advanced Logic
(same as LINGST 7110; cross-leveled with PHIL 4110, LINGST 4110). Presents the method of truth trees for sentence and predicate logic. Examines proofs concerning the decidability, soundness, and completeness of formal systems. Emphasizes the theory of formal systems.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7120: Selected Topics in Logic
Elementary set theory. Modal logic, the logic of possibility and necessity.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: PHIL 2700 or PHIL 7110

PHIL 7130: Probability and Induction
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PHIL 7200: Metaphysics
Metaphysics studies what there is and how things are, most generally speaking. Topics may include realism versus nominalism, substance and attribute, facts, modality, identity and causality.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7210: Philosophy of Mind
Considers theories and arguments in contemporary philosophy of mind, focusing on the nature of mental states, their relation to brain states and the plausibility of various materialist theories of the mind.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7220: Philosophy of Religion
Considers basis for and nature of religious beliefs. Philosophical approaches to religion, cultural implications of religion, psychoanalysis and religion, mysticism and myth.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7300: Epistemology
An examination of contemporary philosophical theories concerning the nature, sources and limits of knowledge and justified belief.
Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: Previous work in PHIL 1000, PHIL 3000, or PHIL 3200

PHIL 7400: Philosophy of Science
Why believe the scientific world-view? What, if anything, is the scientific method? Are today's theories really superior to the past theories? Examines contemporary philosophical answers to such questions.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7410: Philosophy of History
Readings from classic and contemporary philosophers of history. Problems about nature and limits of historical knowledge; relation between history and other disciplines; the existence, nature, and kinds of historical laws.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7420: Philosophy of Biology
A survey of philosophical problems arising from consideration of evolutionary theory and the biological sciences. Topics may include reductionism, sociobiology, biological laws, and epistemic problems relating to evolutionary theory.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7500: Theories of Ethics
Normative and meta-ethical theories. Topics may include the rationality and objectivity of morality, the meaning of moral language, the differences between deontological, utilitarian and virtue theories.
Credit Hours: 3
Recommended: one course in Philosophy
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Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7610: Philosophy of Law
What is law? Are there pre- or trans-legal rights? Is punishment justifiable? How can judicial decisions be justified? What are the relations between law and morality?
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7620: Marxism
A philosophical examination of (a) the notion of critique as seen in Marx's early and middle writings, and (b) specific topics by such authors as Lenin, Lukacs and Plekhanov.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7640: Feminism
A critical examination of the role of gender in philosophical theories.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7650: Utilitarianism
An examination of the ethical theory of utilitarianism, including its history and applications.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7660: Liberalism
A study of the ideas and practices associated with liberal thought.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7670: Libertarianism
An exploration of the principles and practices of individual liberty.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7680: Marxism
A historical and philosophical analysis of the development of Marxist thought.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7690: Communitarianism
An examination of the ideas and practices associated with communitarianism.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7700: Aesthetics
Typical components of art; theories of art as representation, form, expression; relation of art to value.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7710: Asian Philosophy
(same as S_A_ST 4800). This course traces the origins of Indian and Chinese philosophical world views. Included are the major ideas in Hindu, Jaina, and Buddhist thought in India, and Taoism and Confucianism in China. Emphasis is placed on the diverse, assimilative, and pragmatic nature of Indian thought and its impact on contemporary Asian philosophy.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7720: Chinese Philosophy
A study of the philosophical traditions of China, including Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7730: Japanese Philosophy
An exploration of the philosophical traditions of Japan, including Buddhism and Zen.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7740: Indian Philosophy
(same as S_A_ST 4810). General development of Indian philosophy.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7750: Special Readings in Philosophy
Special Readings in Philosophy.
Credit Hour: 1-3

PHIL 8090: Research in Philosophy
Research not leading to thesis. Graded S/U only.
Credit Hour: 1-99

PHIL 8100: Protoseminar in Philosophy
Introduction to graduate level work in philosophy. Required of all students entering the program, in the first year. An intensive workshop focused on skills rather than any particular philosophical content.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: restricted to first year graduate students

PHIL 8210: Teaching of Philosophy I
Seminar meetings on course design, teaching methods, the evaluation of teaching, grading, instructor obligations, and teaching aids. Some individualized instruction, including help preparing for and assessing the effectiveness of practice teaching.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: graduate philosophy students

PHIL 8220: Teaching of Philosophy II
A sequel to PHIL 8210. Includes a re-examination of end of semester tasks such as the composition and grading of finals and the assignment of course grades.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: PHIL 8210; graduate philosophy student

PHIL 8300: Dissertation Seminar
The course will address writing and time management for Ph.D. students writing a dissertation. Also discussed will be preparation for the academic job market in philosophy, especially the development of an application dossier. Graded on S/U basis only.
Credit Hour: 1
Prerequisites: Philosophy Ph.D. student

PHIL 8500: Philosophy of Mind: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in the philosophy of mind. Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8510: Metaphysics: A Survey
May be taken for credit up to a total of six hours. Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8520: Philosophy of Language: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in philosophy of language. Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8530: Epistemology: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in epistemology. Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8540: Philosophy of Language: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in philosophy of language. Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8550: Topics in Philosophy
Organized study of selected topics. Need departmental consent for repetition. Credit Hours: 1-99
Prerequisites: instructor's consent

PHIL 9001: Indian Philosophy
Reality, levels of being, status of the world, nature of knowledge in Indian philosophy in relations in Advaita Vendanta system of Samkara.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student
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<td>PHIL 9060: Aristotle</td>
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<td>PHIL 9070: Medieval Thinkers</td>
<td>Selected works of one or more: Augustine, Avicenna, Anselm, Maimonides, Aquinas, Scotus, Ockham. Not a survey.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9090: Research in Philosophy</td>
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<td>PHIL 9110: The Rationalists</td>
<td>Interpretation and evaluation of major works of Descartes, Leibniz, and/ or Spinoza in relation to their historical context and current philosophical problems.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9120: The Empiricists</td>
<td>Epistemological and metaphysical doctrines of Locke, Berkeley and Hume.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9130: Kant</td>
<td>Critique of Pure Reason: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9210: Hegel</td>
<td>Phenomenology of Spirit: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9220: Marxism</td>
<td>Basic works of Marx and his successors.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9230: Whitehead</td>
<td>Process and Reality and other works. Contributions to metaphysics, theology, epistemology, and philosophy of science.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9240: Russell and Wittgenstein</td>
<td>Each initially defends, but then rejects logical atomism. Metaphysical and epistemological themes of such intellectual phases and shifts of one or both philosophers.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9250: Heidegger</td>
<td>Being and Time: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9260: Existentialism</td>
<td>Being and Nothingness and other philosophy and literary works.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9270: Phenomenology</td>
<td>Selected works of Husserl and other phenomenological thinkers. Implications for epistemology, science, metaphysics, ethics, and other philosophical topics.</td>
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<td>PHIL 9280: Recent Anglo-American Philosophy</td>
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<td>PHIL 9290: Recent Continental Philosophy</td>
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<td>Methods for applying normative ethical theories to personal and social moral problems, illustrated by application of consequentialist, deontological and virtue-centered theories to such problems as euthanasia, capital punishment, pornography, world hunger, war and environmentalism.</td>
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<td>Topics in the History of Ethics</td>
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<td>game theory, and social choice theory. A survey of basic ideas and an introduction to selected</td>
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