Philosophy

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The Department of Philosophy offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, including courses on applied ethics, ethical theory, epistemology, logic, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science, philosophy of biology, decision theory, political philosophy, non-Western philosophy, and the history of philosophy. The study of philosophy is not only fascinating in its own right but practical too, since it encourages the development of marketable intellectual abilities. These include the abilities to read, think, and write about conceptually complex and abstract material, and to construct and analyze elaborate chains of reasoning. Philosophy majors go on to pursue careers in such fields as law, medicine, business, the non-profit sector, the church, and academia.

The department offers BA, BS, MA, and PhD degrees in philosophy, as well as an undergraduate minor.

Faculty

**Associate Professor** A. Ariew**, C. S. Horisk**, P. Robbins**
**Assistant Professor** K. Boyce*, M. Folescu*, A. Radulescu*
**Professor Emeritus** A. J. Bien*, W. B. Bondeson*, B. Gupta**, J. H. Kuitgen*
**Associate Professor Emeritus** A. von Schönborn*

* Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees. Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in Philosophy (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/ba-philosophy)
• BS in Philosophy (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/bs-philosophy)
• Minor in Philosophy (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/minor-philosophy)

Double and Dual Majors

A philosophy major can be paired with a major in another department in the College of Arts and Science (double major) or in some other College (dual major). Students must meet the major requirements of both departments. The program for each department must be approved by the advisor for that department.

Departmental Honors

To earn a BA (or BS) with Departmental Honors in philosophy, a student must achieve at least a 3.3 GPA in all courses, and a 3.7 GPA in all philosophy courses; meet all the standard requirements for the regular philosophy BA (or BS); take PHIL 4998 Honors I in Philosophy, and PHIL 4998 Honors II in Philosophy, writing a satisfactory senior thesis normally of 3,000 to 9,000 words under the guidance of a faculty member who has consented to work with the student; and pass an oral examination on the thesis before a committee of three members of the philosophy faculty.

Graduate

• MA in Philosophy (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/ma-philosophy)
• PhD in Philosophy (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/phd-philosophy)

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Director of Graduate Studies: André Ariew

About the Program

The Department of Philosophy provides excellent training in both research and teaching. The nationally and internationally renowned faculty have expertise in the core areas of philosophy, with particular strengths in epistemology, ethics, philosophy of mind, and political philosophy, and also in various specialties, including philosophy of biology, experimental philosophy, and the foundations of decision and game theory. With 13 full time faculty and around 25 graduate students, we offer a supportive community for pursuit of the MA and the PhD, with a broad range of courses, rigorous training, attentive, high-quality advising, the opportunity to develop a professional network through our series of colloquia and conferences, and help in every aspect of job seeking. We give students the advice and support they need to present their work at regional and national conferences, and to publish in professional journals, before they begin to look for jobs. We also give our students extensive training and experience in teaching, including assistantships with award-winning teachers.

Although we award an MA degree, we only admit students to our PhD program (with the MA obtained in the process).

We receive about 50 applications per year and offer funding to about 10-15% of these. The normal ranges of scores for students we admit are: GRE Verbal 158-170, GRE Quantitative 147-166, and GPA in the major (normally philosophy) 3.9. Of course, our decisions are also based on the writing sample, letters of reference, and other factors, such as degree of fit with the Department.

Professional Development

Presentation of research at professional meetings and publication by graduate students is strongly encouraged. Prominent philosophers from other institutions visit the Department yearly for talks and symposia. Twice yearly, the Florence G. Kline endowment sponsors an intensive
workshop at which papers on a special topic are presented by several leading figures in philosophy.

Financial Aid from the Program

Fellowships and teaching assistantships are available to qualified students. Applications for fellowships must meet the Office of Graduate Studies deadlines, usually in January. Applications for teaching assistantships must meet the Department deadline of January 15.

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 2010). 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

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 2450: 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 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 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
Prerequisites: sophomore standing and grade of C or better in MATH 1100 or MATH 1120

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

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
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<td>PHIL 3400: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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>PHIL 4120: 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: 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 4200: Metaphysics</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>PHIL 4210: 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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PHIL 4220: Philosophy of Religion
Considers basis for and nature of religious beliefs.
Credit Hours: 3
Prerequisites: sophomore standing
Recommended: One course in Philosophy

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

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
Recommended: one course in Philosophy

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, 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
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 Hour: 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.

PHIL 7130: Probability and Induction
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. Prerequisites: PHIL 2700

Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7200: 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 7205: Topics in Philosophy-General
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 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

PHIL 7310: Probability and Induction
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. Prerequisites: PHIL 2700

Credit Hours: 3

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

PHIL 7600: 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

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

PHIL 7800: 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 7810: Philosophy of India
(same as S_A_ST 4810). General development of Indian philosophy.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 7850: 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 8201: 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 8510: Metaphysics: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in metaphysics. May be repeated up to 6 hours of credit.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8520: Philosophy of Mind: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues in the philosophy of mind.
Credit Hours: 3

PHIL 8530: Epistemology: A Survey
A graduate-level survey of central issues is 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 9001: Topics in Philosophy
Organized study of selected topics. Need departmental consent for repetition.
Credit Hour: 1-99
Prerequisites: instructor's consent
PHIL 9040: 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

PHIL 9050: Plato  
Advanced studies in Plato; emphasis on recent scholarship.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9060: Aristotle  
Advanced studies in Aristotle; emphasis on recent scholarship.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9070: Medieval Thinkers  
Selected works of one or more: Augustine, Avicenna, Anselm, Maimonides, Aquinas, Scotus, Ockham. Not a survey.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9090: Research in Philosophy  
Work toward preparation of thesis or dissertation. Graded on a S/U basis only.  
Credit Hour: 1-99  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy students

PHIL 9110: The Rationalists  
Interpretation and evaluation of major works of Descartes, Leibniz, and/ or Spinoza in relation to their historical context and current philosophical problems.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9120: The Empiricists  
Epistemological and metaphysical doctrines of Locke, Berkeley and Hume.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9130: Kant  
Critique of Pure Reason: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9140: Hegel  
Phenomenology of Spirit: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9220: Marxism  
Basic works of Marx and his successors.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9230: Whitehead  
Process and Reality and other works. Contributions to metaphysics, theology, epistemology, and philosophy of science.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9240: Russell and Wittgenstein  
Each initially defends, but then rejects logical atomism. Metaphysical and epistemological themes of such intellectual phases and shifts of one or both philosophers.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9250: Heidegger  
Being and Time: historical context, meaning and cohesion of its claims, critical assessment of them.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9260: Existentialism  
Being and Nothingness and other philosophy and literary works.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9270: Phenomenology  
Selected works of Husserl and other phenomenological thinkers. Implications for epistemology, science, metaphysics, ethics, and other philosophical topics.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9280: Recent Anglo-American Philosophy  
Topics on which current philosophers of the Anglo-American or Analytic tradition are concentrating.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9290: Recent Continental Philosophy  
Topics on which current philosophers on the European continent are concentrating.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

PHIL 9310: Applied Ethics  
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.
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9320: Social and Political Philosophy**  
Topics of current interest in social and political philosophy, generally one of the following: social contract theory, utilitarianism, voting procedures, or convention.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: PHIL 4600 or instructor's consent and graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9330: Aesthetics**  
Theories of art and beauty, the aesthetic experience, the physical work of art, the role of the artist; art and other human concerns.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9340: Topics in the History of Ethics**  
Advanced study of the ethical views of major historical figures ancient and/or modern.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9350: History of Eastern Ethics**  
Historical survey of major eastern ethical theories. Explores broad range of ethical theories developed in Asia: Hindu and Buddhist in India; Taoism and Confucianism in China; and Zen in Japan.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9510: Decision Theory**  
Principles for making rational decisions, including principles of expected utility theory, game theory, and social choice theory. A survey of basic ideas and an introduction to selected research topics.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: PHIL 4110; graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9520: Ethical Theory**  
Contemporary theories of the right and the good. Metaethical topics such as moral language, reasoning, and justification.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9610: Metaphysics**  
Theories of the categories and structures of reality, e.g., appearance and reality, causality, space and time, God, Nature, the human being.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9710: Philosophy of Mind and Psychology**  
Survey of important recent work in contemporary philosophy of mind and psychology. Graduate seminar.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9720: Foundations of Cognitive Science**  
Examination of philosophical questions arising in cognitive science concerning, for instance, the nature of computation and representation, inter-disciplinary relations, the nature of cognitive scientific explanation, and its relation to folk psychological explanation.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9800: Epistemology**  
Knowledge and opinion, the types, sources, and extent of knowledge, according to a variety of views.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9830: Philosophy of Science**  
Examines central issues in general philosophy of science concerning the scientific method and the role in it of observation, the nature of rational theory-choice, progress, and the status of theories postulating unobservables.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9840: Philosophy of Language**  
Topics of current interest in the philosophy of language.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: Graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9850: Philosophy of Biology**  
Philosophical problems relating to the life sciences, with attention given especially to explanation and reductionism in biology.  
Credit Hours: 3

**PHIL 9887: Seminar in Logic**  
Topics of current interest in logic. Generally one of the following: inductive logic, set theory, conditionals, epistemic logic, or formal semantics.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: PHIL 4110 graduate Philosophy student

**PHIL 9901: Seminar in Philosophy**  
Special topics. May be repeated for credit.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Prerequisites: graduate Philosophy student