

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

Courses

PHIL 501 PHILOSOPHIES OF INDIA (3)

Examination of major ideas in the Vedic, Epic, Classical darsana and modern periods. Prerequisite: One lower-level course in philosophy or consent of instructor.

PHIL 502 PHILOSOPHIES OF CHINA AND JAPAN (3)

Examination of major philosophical systems through selected writings in translation. Prerequisite: One lower-level course in philosophy or consent of instructor.

PHIL 509 AESTHETICS (3)

Examination of major philosophical systems through selected writings in translation. Prerequisite: One lower-level course in philosophy or consent of instructor.

PHIL 511 ETHICS (3)

Analysis of readings from the principle classical and contemporary ethical sources, study of the basic moral concepts as found in these sources; application to contemporary moral concerns. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 517 EXISTENTIALISM (3)

Some of the major existentialist philosophers will be studied, e.g., Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Beauvoir. The philosophical themes of transcendence, the absurd, estrangement and anxiety will be considered. Prerequisites: 6 units in philosophy.

PHIL 522 HELLENISTIC AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY (3)

Deals with the philosophical schools of the Hellenistic and Roman periods, viz., Stoicism, Epicureanism, Skepticism and Neo-Platonism, and with the two main Christian philosophies of the Middle Ages, viz., Augustinianism and Thomism. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 524 MODERN PHILOSOPHY (3)

The history of philosophy, beginning with Descartes, through the 19th century. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 525 SCHOOLS OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY (3)

A survey with varying emphasis on a number of such contemporary philosophical positions as pragmatism, phenomenology, logical positivism, the analysts, neo-Aristotelianism, the philosophers of science and the existentialists. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 526 AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY (3)

History of the main currents of American philosophical thought as exemplified in such writers as Edwards, Emerson, Pierce, James, Royce, Dewey and Whitehead. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 539 THEORIES OF KNOWLEDGE (3)

A historical and systematic approach to the truth, value and elements of the forms of human knowledge. The theories of major philosophers will be studied. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 540 PHILOSOPHICAL SYSTEMS (3)

The study of a major philosophical system or position, classical or modern, and of its important proponents. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units provided a different topic is covered.

PHIL 551 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION (3)

Exposition of various approaches to the philosophy of religion with an analysis of the major issues on which they differ and agree. Prerequisite: Two previous courses in philosophy or religion.

PHIL 561 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS (3)

A search for guidelines in such moral problems as abortion, the care of the dying, organ transplants, informed consent in therapy and experimentation, adequate health care and its just distribution, control of human behavior by drugs, surgery, etc. Test-tube reproduction, population control, genetic engineering and counseling. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy or consent of instructor.

PHIL 563 BUSINESS ETHICS (3)

Economics is one of the "moral sciences" in so far as it deals with an important sphere of human activity which intends a good. This course will institute a philosophical reflection on economic ideas as they appear in the three main categories of opinion, viz., conservative, liberal and radical. Attention will be drawn to the epistemological, ethical and metaphysical presuppositions of these traditions. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.

PHIL 570 PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS (3)

A consideration of one of the perennial interests of philosophy. Prerequisites: Two previous courses in philosophy.

PHIL 580 PHILOSOPHICAL TOPICS (3)

Courses offered under this title will be of variable content. Topics of traditional philosophical interest or of philosophical problems in other areas of knowledge or of contemporary interests will be offered. Prerequisite: One lower-division course in philosophy.