

PHILOSOPHY

PHH 5405 Modern Philosophy I 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Close reading of central text of the rationalists in the early modern period, especially Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz.

PHH 5406 Modern Philosophy II 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Close reading of central texts of the empiricists in the modern period, especially Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

PHH 5605 Studies in Continental Philosophy 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Close reading of central texts of the major figures in the European continental tradition, such as Husserl, Heidegger, and Sartre.

PHH 6105 Seminar in Ancient Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of Greek and Roman antiquity.

Prerequisite: PHP 5005 or PHP 5015, depending on topic.

PHH 6425 Seminar in Modern Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in philosophy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. S/U option only if admitted to candidacy.

Prerequisite: PHH 5406 or consent of instructor.

PHI 5135 Graduate Logic 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Propositional calculus, quantificational logic through completeness, and an introduction to modal logic.

PHI 5225 Philosophy of Language 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of central issues in contemporary philosophy of language, such as the theory of meaning, compositionality, reference, truth, and logical form.

PHI 5325 Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of central issues in contemporary philosophy of mind, such as approaches to the mind-body problem, theories of mental content and consciousness, mental causation, and methodology in psychology.

PHI 5365 Epistemology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of central issues in contemporary epistemology such as major theories of knowledge, justification, and truth.

PHI 5405 Philosophy of Science 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of central issues in the philosophy of science, such as the nature of the scientific method, and the differences between the natural and social sciences.

PHI 5425 Philosophy of Social Science 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of the central issues in the philosophy of social science, such as reduction, covering laws, rational reconstruction, interpretation, and causation.

PHI 5505 Metaphysics 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of issues in contemporary metaphysics, such as existence, identity, universals and abstract objects, the nature of particulars, modalities, and causation.

PHI 5665 Ethical Theory 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced survey of central issues in ethical theory, such as consequentialism and deontology, theories of justice, and moral skepticism.

PHI 5696 Ethics and Emerging Technology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

A foundational course introducing students to important interactions between ethics, economics, and public policy in assessing the social value of emerging technologies.

Prerequisite: student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

PHI 5905 Individual Work 1-6 Credits, Max 6 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Problem, author, or topic not treated in available courses.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, graduate coordinator, and chair.

PHI 5934 Topics in Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Rotating topics may focus upon any area of philosophy not covered by other 5000-level courses.

Prerequisite: Admission to the graduate program in philosophy or approval of instructor.

PHI 5935 Proseminar 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Mandatory for entering students. Methods of inquiry and research.

PHI 6105 Seminar in Logic 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced seminar in logic, covering topics in model theory and recursion theory, beyond level of PHI 5135, including a careful treatment of Godel's incompleteness theorems and a modest study of undecidability. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

Prerequisite: PHI 5135.

PHI 6226 Seminar in Philosophy of Language 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of language, such as compositionality, pragmatics, speech act theory, semantics of attitude reports or deflationary theories of truth. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6306 Seminar in Epistemology 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics in epistemology, such as epistemic justification, skepticism, or foundationalism. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

Prerequisite: PHI 5365 or PHP 5785.

PHI 6326 Seminar in Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topic or theme in philosophy of mind, such as theories of mental representation, the mind-body explanatory gap, nativism, or the problem of mental causation. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6406 Seminar in Philosophy of Science 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of science, such as the scientific explanation, laws, and theories of space and time. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

Prerequisite: PHI 5136 and PHI 5405.

PHI 6506 Seminar in Metaphysics 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in contemporary metaphysics, such as identity, Platonism and nominalism, the nature of particulars, necessity and possibility, events and facts, and the nature of causation. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6639 Topics in Ethics of Technology 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Variable topic seminar focusing on the ethical dimensions of one or more central areas of emerging technology.

Prerequisite: PHI 5696 or instructor permission.

PHI 6667 Seminar in Ethics 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of particular topics or themes in ethical theory, such as noncognitivism, moral realism, virtue ethics, and consequentialism. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6698 Bioethics and Biotechnology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

An introduction to bioethics, with a strong emphasis on the ethical dimensions of biotechnology.

PHI 6699 Ethics, AI, and Data 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Provides a foundation for addressing ethical issues arising from technological advances in Artificial Intelligence and Big Data, with a focus on the social value and liabilities of these technologies.

PHI 6905 Individual Work 1-9 Credits, Max 12 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of author or topic not treated in available courses.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, graduate coordinator, and chair.

PHI 6910 Supervised Research 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Supervised Research

PHI 6934 Special Topics 1-4 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Special research topics falling outside of the scope of other research seminars. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6940 Supervised Teaching 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Supervised Teaching

PHI 7979 Advanced Research 1-6 Credits, Max 12 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master's degree in the field of study or for students who have been accepted for a doctoral program. Not appropriate for students who have been admitted to candidacy.

Prerequisite: consent of the graduate committee.

PHI 7980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 1-15 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Research for Doctoral Dissertation

PHP 5005 Ancient Philosophy I 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examination of central themes in Plato's thought through close reading of several major dialogues.

PHP 5015 Ancient Philosophy II 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Historical and critical study of major aspects of Aristotle's logic, epistemology, physics, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind, through a close reading of central texts.

PHP 5785 Foundations of Analytic Philosophy 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Foundational readings in analytic philosophy from Frege to Quine.

PHP 6415 Seminar in Kant 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Intensive examination of the first Critique and selections from other major works. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

Prerequisite: PHH 5406 or consent of instructor.

PHP 6795 Seminar in Analytic Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of the work of a particular philosopher or philosophical problem from the analytic perspective. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHP 6930 Seminar in School or Thinker 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of the work of one or more, usually pre-twentieth century, thinkers. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.