

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 200 Pursuits of Happiness 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will explore the philosophical, political, and economic convictions that resulted in the American ideal and recognition of a divinely endowed right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Offered: Online

PHIL 201 Philosophy and Contemporary Ideas 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ENGL 101

A survey of the major positions and figures in philosophy and the cultural worldviews and practical applications that derive from them, focusing specifically on theism, naturalism and humanism in contemporary thought.

Offered: Resident and Online

PHIL 210 Logic 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the basic laws of rational thought and their application to actual examples of verbal and written argumentation.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 240 Christian Evidences 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the evidences for the central truths of Christianity; the existence of God, the deity and resurrection of Christ and the authority and truth of the Bible

Offered: Resident and Online

PHIL 301 History of Philosophy I 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of major western philosophers through Thomas Aquinas.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 302 History of Philosophy II 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of major western philosophers from the 13th century to Kant.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 303 History of Philosophy III 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of major western philosophers of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 305 Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hour(s)

Critical examination of the rise of ideological thinking and its consequences for political and economic institutions.

Offered: Online

PHIL 310 Symbolic Logic 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PHIL 210

This course covers the essential elements of symbolic logic, including categorical, sentential, and predicate logic, both translations and proofs. This course will introduce and develop the symbolic nature of propositional and predicate logic, as well as examine such things as validity and soundness, truth tables, rules of deductive inference and replacement, formal axiomatic systems, relations, alternative notations and proof techniques.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 346 Eastern Philosophies 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of Hindu, Buddhist and Confucian philosophical systems. The student will explore the basic logics employed in these systems, as well as the structure of their content.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 350 Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of central ethical issues and problems and the major philosophical approaches to their solution.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 360 Philosophy of Science 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the definitions, methods and presuppositions of both the natural and social sciences and their relationships to ethics and revelation.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 380 Biomedical Ethics 3 Credit Hour(s)

A survey of the major ethical issues that are currently facing the life and medical sciences. Topics will cover ethical issues concerning life and death, clinical health care, and medical research. Emphasis will be placed on providing guidelines in making critical ethical decisions, especially for those planning careers in the medical field.

Offered: Resident and Online

PHIL 385 Seminar on Memoirs 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores the memoirs of Marxist and socialist dissenters specifically emphasizing the persecution of religious, social, and economic dissidents in the modern world.

Offered: Online

PHIL 405 Freedom and Society 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: PHIL 200 and PHIL 305

This course explores the contest between political theology, secularization, and the rise of ideologies threatening Christian understandings of human freedom.

Offered: Online

PHIL 420 Epistemology 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PHIL 201 or PHIL 210 or PHIL 240 or PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 or PHIL 303 or PHIL 310 or PHIL 346 or PHIL 350 or PHIL 360 or PHIL 380 or PHIL 429 or PHIL 465 or PHIL 468

A study of the major views on the basic issues of knowledge, belief, perception and certainty with special attention paid to the central historical controversies.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 429 The Thought of St. Augustine 3 Credit Hour(s)

An integrative studies course examining Augustine's life and thought within his times, culture and context, integrating disciplines such as philosophy, theology, history, and literature. Students will explore various primary texts, investigating Augustine's theories regarding free will, predestination, the inner desire for God, signs and signification as philosophical concepts, the nature of truth, just war theory, good and evil, time and eternity, the nature of God and perfection, and interpretation theory.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 430 Metaphysics 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: (PHIL 201 or PHIL 210 or PHIL 240 or PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 or PHIL 303 or PHIL 310 or PHIL 346 or PHIL 350 or PHIL 360 or PHIL 380 or PHIL 429 or PHIL 465 or PHIL 468) and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research Assessment with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80)

An introduction to the philosophical discussion of being; the nature of reality, the existence and attributes of God, and the nature of human persons, including the mind-body problem and the issue of freedom and determinism.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 440 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PHIL 201 or PHIL 210 or PHIL 240 or PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 or PHIL 303 or PHIL 310 or PHIL 346 or PHIL 350 or PHIL 360 or PHIL 380 or PHIL 429 or PHIL 465 or PHIL 468

A study of the major issues in religion: the existence of God, the problem of evil, freedom and determinism, and religious language.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 465 The Thought of C.S. Lewis 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the contributions to philosophy and Christian thought of C.S. Lewis. Special attention is given to his biography, early life and conversion, academic development, methods of critical thought, defense of the faith, arguments in favor of theism, poetry, mythopoeic literature, science fiction, as well as many contributions not usually associated with Lewis's popularity and recognition. Contemporary and recent literature on Lewis will be critically examined.

Offered: Resident

PHIL 468 The Thought of J.R.R. Tolkien 3 Credit Hour(s)

This is a study of the contributions to philosophy and Christian thought in the writing of J.R.R. Tolkien. The course will examine the implicit power of story in the major and minor works of J.R.R. Tolkien. In addition to exploring themes of identity, heroism, good and evil, and other moral virtues in Tolkien's mythical and short story writings, we will consider the influences of Tolkien's mythology and historical fiction in popular culture. While there will be some literary analysis throughout the course, most of the seminar will discuss the influence of mythology (i.e., the concept of eucatastrophe and sub-creation in fairy stories [i.e., fantasy], and the implicit power of language, virtue and free-will behind the worldview of Middle-earth).

Offered: Resident

PHIL 491 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Capstone 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: PHIL 405

A capstone course providing the students the opportunity to integrate the concepts and theories of economic, philosophical, and political scholarship with Christian faith and practice. Students will be challenged to confront and resolve key issues they will face as they seek to live out their biblical faith in their profession and in their civic and personal lives.

Offered: Online

PHIL 495 Directed Research 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident

PHIL 497 Special Topics in Philosophy 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PHIL 201 or PHIL 210 or PHIL 240 or PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 or PHIL 303 or PHIL 310 or PHIL 346 or PHIL 350 or PHIL 360 or PHIL 380 or PHIL 429 or PHIL 465 or PHIL 468

A seminar on various topics in philosophy, including current trends and figures.

Offered: Resident