

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT BULLETIN COURSES BY LEVEL AND AREA

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

P103 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Philosophical Perspectives (3 cr.) A & H Explores philosophical issues arising out of questions about gender, sexuality and race as they are experienced and culturally enacted in the United States.

P105 Thinking and Reasoning (3 cr.) A & H We spend a good part of our waking hours thinking and/or critiquing the thoughts and beliefs of ourselves and others. This course is designed to help you develop a toolbox of techniques and skills that will help you become a skilled evaluator and creator of arguments.

P106 Introduction to Problems of Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H Covers perennial problems of philosophy, particularly in ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology (e.g., the self, personal identity, knowledge, existence, reality, God, and the good life). Engages historical and contemporary primary resources. Concentrates on reading and interpretation of original philosophical texts, the evaluation of philosophical argumentation, and the development of philosophical skills. Major emphases for each section appear in the online *Schedule of Classes*.

P107 Philosophy and the Environment (3 cr.) A & H Fundamental problems of environmental philosophy. What is "natural"? What obligations do human beings have regarding non-human animals, endangered species, and the natural environment? How might these obligations be grounded? How may competing environmental interests be balanced, especially when they conflict with human economic interests? Readings mainly from contemporary sources.

P135 Introduction to Existentialism (3 cr.) A & H, TFR Philosophical themes in nineteenth- and twentieth-century existentialism. Topics may include free choice and human responsibility, the nature of values, the influence of phenomenology on existentialism, and existentialism as illustrated in literature. Readings from some or all of Buber, Camus, Heidegger, Husserl, Jaspers, Kierkegaard, Marcel, Nietzsche, Beauvoir, and Sartre. No prior knowledge of philosophy is presupposed.

P141 Introduction to Ethical Theories and Problems (3 cr.) A & H Explores ethical theories and fundamental issues in philosophical ethics (e.g., relation of morality to self-interest, objectivity of ethics, happiness and the good life). Applies theory to contemporary problems. Concentrates on reading and interpretation of original philosophical texts, evaluation of argumentation, and development of skills in ethical reasoning, argumentation, and analysis.

P145 Liberty and Justice: A Philosophical Introduction (3 cr.) A & H Fundamental problems of social and political philosophy: the nature of the state, political obligation, freedom and liberty, equality, justice, rights, social change, revolution, and community. Readings from classical and contemporary sources.

P150 Elementary Logic (3 cr.) A & H Development of critical tools for the evaluation of arguments. Not a prerequisite for PHIL-P 250. Not open to students who have taken or are enrolled in PHIL-P 250.

P200 Problems of Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H Important problems at the center of rational reflection upon human experience, including issues in ethics, aesthetics, political philosophy, philosophy of religion, metaphysics, epistemology, and/or the history of philosophical thought. Emphasis upon interpretation, critical analysis, and evaluation of philosophical texts from contemporary and/or historical perspectives. Topics vary. Introductory level.

P240 Business and Morality - Ethics in Context (3 cr.) A & H Fundamental issues of moral philosophy in a business context. Application of moral theory to issues such as the ethics of investment, moral assessment of corporations, and duties of vocation.

PHILOSOPHICAL METHODS

P300 Philosophical Methods and Writing (3 cr.) R: credit hours in philosophy. Designed primarily for students pursuing a philosophy major or minor. Provides intensive training in all aspects of writing clear, grammatical, well-argued and persuasive philosophical essays through a combination of lectures and tutorials.

LOGIC

P250 Introductory Symbolic Logic (3 cr.) N & M Propositional logic and first-order quantificational logic. No credit for PHIL-P 150 if PHIL-P 250 taken first or concurrently.

P251 Intermediate Symbolic Logic (3 cr.) N & M P: PHIL-P 250 or consent of instructor. Identity, definite descriptions, properties of formal theories, elementary set theory.

P350 Logic of Sets (3 cr.) P: PHIL-P 250 or consent of instructor. Elementary operations on sets, relations, functions, orderings, introduction to ordinal and cardinal numbers.

P352 Logic and Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H P: PHIL-P 250 or consent of instructor. Relation of logic to other areas of philosophy. Selected topics from among the following: logic and ontology; logic and language; logic, reasoning, and belief; intentionality and intentional logic; tense and modal logic; individuation, reference, identity.

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

The courses P201, P211, P301, and P304 are the department's "core sequence" in the history of Western philosophy. P201 and P211 cover the two most important periods in that history, while P301 and P304 offer further study of other important periods. The courses may be taken in any order, but the department recommends that P201 and P211 be taken sequentially before either P301 or P304.

P201 Ancient Greek Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H, WC R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Selective survey of ancient Greek philosophy (pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle).

P205 Modern Jewish Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H, WC A survey and critical analysis of modern Jewish philosophers and thinkers such as Mendelssohn, Cohen, Rosenzweig, Buber, and Fackenheim. Topics: concepts of God; the nature of religion; autonomy and revealed morality; God and history; theodicy and the Holocaust; empiricists and analytic criticism of divine human encounter; Jewish philosophy and modern philosophy.

P211 Modern Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in Philosophy. Selective survey of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century philosophy, including some or all of the following: Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant.

P301 Medieval Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. A selective survey of Western philosophy from the turn of the Christian era to the end of the Middle Ages. Readings from some or all of Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Abelard, Bonaventure, Aquinas, Duns Scotus, and Ockham.

P304 Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in philosophy. Selective survey of post-Kantian philosophy. Readings from some or all of Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, Mill, and Nietzsche.

P305 Topics in the Philosophy of Judaism (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Comparative analysis of two or more Jewish philosophers; or selected topics in the philosophical treatment of contemporary Jewish experience; or topics in the history of Jewish philosophy. May be repeated once with different topic.

P319 American Pragmatism (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Examination of the central doctrines of Peirce, James, Dewey, Mead.

P328 Philosophies of India (3 cr.) A & H Historical and critical-analytic survey of the major traditions of Indian philosophy. Attention to early philosophizing and the emergence of the classical schools in Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain traditions. Attention also to contemporary thought

in India including critical theory and subaltern theorizing. Credit not given for both PHIL P328 and REL R368.

P330 Marxist Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. An examination of major philosophical issues in the light of Marxist theory. Historical materialism and the critique of idealism in metaphysics, the theory of knowledge, ethics, and social science. Discussion of both classical and contemporary sources.

P335 Phenomenology and Existentialism (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Selective survey of central themes in nineteenth- and twentieth-century phenomenology and existentialism. Readings from some or all of Buber, Camus, Heidegger, Husserl, Jaspers, Kierkegaard, Marcel, Nietzsche, Beauvoir, and Sartre.

P374 Early Chinese Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H Origins of Chinese philosophical traditions in the classical schools of Confucianism, Taoism, Mohism, and Legalism. Explores contrasting agendas of early Chinese and Western traditions. Credit given for only one of P374, EALC E374, or REL R368.

ETHICS AND VALUE THEORY

P242 Applied Ethics (3 cr.) A & H R: Application of moral theory to a variety of personal, social, and political contexts, such as world hunger, nuclear weapons, social justice, life-and-death decisions, and problems in medical ethics.

P246 Introduction to Philosophy and Art (3 cr.) A & H Introduction to the philosophical study of art and the relationship between art and philosophy. Topics include the nature of a work of art, the role of emotions in art, the interpretation and appreciation of art, and the way philosophy is expressed in art.

P332 Feminism and Value (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in philosophy or advanced work in a field related to the course topic. Students without this background should take PHIL-P 103. Selected topics from philosophical feminism. Topics may include gender and its relationship to sex; the relationship among sexism, feminism and sexuality; theories of the institutions through which sexist norms are perpetuated and reified and of the intersections and interactions amongst sexism, classism, racism and heterosexism. Focus is on philosophical frameworks underlying feminist theorizing.

P340 Classics in Ethics (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in philosophy or 300-level work in a related field such as religious studies, political theory, or intellectual history. Students without this background should take PHIL-P 140. Readings from Plato and Aristotle to Kant, Mill, and

Nietzsche. Topics include virtue and human nature, pleasure and the good, the role of reason in ethics, the objectivity of moral principles, and the relation of religion to ethics.

P342 Problems of Ethics (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in Philosophy or 300-level work in a related field such as religious studies or political theory. Students without this background should take PHIL-P 140. May concentrate on a single large issue (e.g., whether utilitarianism is an adequate ethical theory), or several more or less independent issues (e.g., the nature of goodness, the relation of good to ought, the objectivity of moral judgments, moral responsibility, moral emotions, concepts of virtue, cultural conflicts of value, the nature of moral discourse).

P343 Classics in Social and Political Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in philosophy. Readings from Plato and Aristotle to Hobbes, Locke, Hegel, and Marx. Topics include the ideal state, the nature and proper ends of the state, natural law and natural right, social contract theory, and the notion of community.

P345 Problems in Social and Political Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in Philosophy or in a field related to the course. Students without this background should take PHIL-P 145. Problems of contemporary relevance: civil disobedience, participatory democracy, conscience and authority, law and morality.

P346 Classics in Philosophy of Art (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Readings from Plato and Aristotle to Nietzsche and Dewey. Topics include the definition of art, the nature of beauty, and art and society.

P347 Contemporary Controversies in Philosophy of Art (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in philosophy. Topics include the intersection of art, art criticism, philosophy, modernism and post-modernism, and the relation of aesthetic and cognitive judgment.

P375 Philosophy of Law (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Selective survey of philosophical problems concerning law and the legal system. Topics include nature and validity of law, morality and law, legal obligation, judicial decision, rights, justice, responsibility, and punishment.

P393 Biomedical Ethics (3 cr.) A philosophical consideration of ethical problems that arise in current biomedical practice, e.g., with regard to abortion, euthanasia, determination of death, consent to treatment, and professional responsibilities in connection with research, experimentation, and health care delivery.

EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS

P310 Topics in Metaphysics (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Topics such as existence, individuation, contingency, universals and particulars, causality, determinism, space, time, events and change, relation of mental and physical.

P312 Topics in the Theory of Knowledge (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. Topics such as various theories of perceptual realism, sense-datum theories, theories of appearing, phenomenism, the nature of knowledge, the relation between knowledge and belief, relation between knowledge and evidence, and the problem of skepticism.

P320 Philosophy and Language (3 cr.) A & H R: PHIL-P 250 (or another logic course involving formal languages and methods, such as COGS-Q 350 or MATH-M 384) and at least one other course in Philosophy. Students who have not successfully completed a course in logic may find this course difficult. A study of selected philosophical problems concerning language and their bearing on traditional problems in philosophy.

P360 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy or coursework in cognitive science or brain and psychological science. Selected topics from among the following: the nature of mental phenomena (e.g., thinking, volition, perception, emotion); the mind-body problem (e.g., dualism, behaviorism, functionalism); connections to cognitive science issues in psychology, linguistics, and artificial intelligence; computational theories of mind.

P366 Philosophy of Action (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours in Philosophy. A critical study of the basis and philosophical implications of psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice. Topics may include psychodynamic models of the mind, arguments for the dynamic unconscious, unconscious motivation and rational action, emotion, gender, sexuality, autonomy, self-knowledge.

SPECIAL COURSES

P270 Introductory Topics in Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H Topics vary. May be repeated with a different topic for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

P348 Philosophy and Literature (3 cr.) A & H A study of philosophical issues raised by and in literature. Special emphasis on reading works of literature as texts of philosophical interest.

P363 Philosophy and Psychoanalysis (3 cr.) R: 3 credit hours in Philosophy. A critical study of the basis and philosophical implications of psychoanalytic theory and clinical practice. Topics may include psychodynamic models of the mind, arguments for the dynamic unconscious,

unconscious motivation and rational action, emotion, gender, sexuality, autonomy, self-knowledge.

P370 Topics in Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 3 credit hours of philosophy. A survey of selected topics or figures in an area of philosophy (areas vary). May be repeated with different topics for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

P371 Philosophy of Religion (3 cr.) A & H R: R: 3 credit hours of philosophy or religious studies. Topics such as the nature of religion, religious experience, the status of claims of religious knowledge, the nature and existence of God.

P376 Leadership and Philosophy (3 cr.) Allegiance to a philosophical vision of "the right" and "the good" seems to be an important foundation for successful leadership. This course aims to study the connections between leadership and philosophy, by focusing on diverse and illuminating case studies of philosophically-informed leaders such as George Washington, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

P401 History of Philosophy: Special Topics (3 cr.) A & H R: 6 credit hours of philosophy or consent of instructor. Special topics, such as developing views on one or more of the following subjects: substance, nature, essence, dialectics. May be repeated once with a different topic.

P470 Special Topics in Philosophy (3 cr.) A & H R: 6 credit hours of philosophy. This course will be difficult for students who have not taken a 300-level philosophy course. A focused look at a particular thinker, movement, period, or set of ideas in the history of philosophy. May be repeated with a different topic for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

PHIL-X 471 Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship in Philosophy (1-3 cr.) P: Approval of major department. Does not count toward the major in philosophy. Provides academic credit for assisting a Philosophy faculty member in an undergraduate course. Requires paper or other project related to the teaching internship. S/F grading.

PHIL-X 473 Internship in Philosophy (1-3 cr.) P: Consent of major department. Designed to provide academic credit for paper or other project done for academic supervisor of the intern in a given semester. Internships may be within the Philosophy Department or in a professional work setting elsewhere. Credit hours tied to the number of internship hours worked. Credit given for only one of PHIL-P 497 or PHIL-X 473.

P490 Readings in Philosophy (1-3 cr.) P: Consent of instructor. R: 9 credit hours philosophy. Intensive study of selected authors, topics, and problems. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credit hours in PHIL-P 490 and PHIL-X 490.

HONORS COURSES

P498 Senior Seminar (4 cr.) P: Approval of departmental honors committee. Directed research course preparatory to writing the senior honors thesis. Training in skills necessary for original philosophical research. Goals are to achieve appropriate mastery over a body of philosophical material relevant to the honors thesis project, and to develop core ideas for a successful honors thesis.

P499 Honors Thesis (3–6 cr.) P: Approval of departmental honors committee.