

# Philosophy Courses

## Fall 2022

**PHIL 001** Introduction to Philosophy (4) HU

**44298 PHIL 001-010**

**Prof. Barry Hulsizer (MWF, 10:45-11:35)**

**44299 PHIL 001-011**

**Prof. Nathan Schmidt (MW, 13:35-14:50)**

Philosophy is a broad discipline which critically addresses many different branches of human experience. Aesthetics, politics, ethics, religion and even the structure of the world have all represented great sources of philosophical discussion in both eastern and western traditions. Study of historical and contemporary texts will introduce students to this vast philosophical universe and provide the skills necessary to benefit from its further exploration. Course not open to seniors.

**PHIL/MATH 014-010**

**Symbolic Logic (4)**

**MA**

**45253 / 45629**

**Prof. Aladdin Yaqub (TR, 15:00-16:15)**

This course is an introduction to logical theory. Our primary goal is to study the notions of logical consequence and provability. The central question that we will try to answer is this: What exactly does it mean to say that some conclusion is a logical consequence of or is provable from a certain collection of premises? To answer this question as clearly and rigorously as possible, we will develop three symbolic logical systems: Term Logic, Sentence Logic, and Predicate Logic.

**PHIL 090-010**

**Fluxus: Beautiful Becomings (4)**

**45243**

**First Year Seminar**

**Prof. Gordon Bearn (TR, 15:00-16:15)**

This course will (1) initiate a *theoretical* exploration of the performance activities of the artists associated with Fluxus and (perhaps also) of the activists associated with the Situationist International. But even more we will (2) try to let the exciting breath of these movements into our lives by *performing* works in the spirit of fluxus. We will be performing in the streets and in our class. Why? To break through the dehydrated frame of representation to delicious becomings. And to ignite enjoying.

**PHIL/POLS/GS 100-010**

**Introduction to Political Thought (4)**

**BUG**

**45056**

**Prof. Richard Matthews (MW, 10:45-12:00)**

A critical examination of political ideologies: Liberalism, Marxism, Fascism, and Islamism.

**PHIL 102-010**

**Philosophical Thinking (4)**

**HU**

**44303**

**Prof. Mark Bickhard (MW, 15:00-16:15)**

We can think philosophically about almost any topic: mathematics, ethics, ordinary objects, explanations, race, even philosophy itself. But if philosophy has no special subject matter, what exactly is it? Philosophy is a distinctive kind of activity - an activity that involves certain ways of thinking and certain kinds of conceptual tools. This class will familiarize students both with the tools philosophers take for granted and with philosophical patterns of reasoning and argumentative strategies that go beyond basic critical thinking.

**PHIL/ETH/HMS/REL 116-010**                      **Bioethics (4)**                      **HU**  
**43815**    **Prof. Nathan Schmidt (MW, 10:45-12:00)**

Moral issues that arise in the context of health care and related biomedical fields in the United States today, examined in the light of the nature and foundation of moral rights and obligations. Topics include: confidentiality, informed consent, euthanasia, medical research and experimentation, genetics, and the distribution of health care.

**PHIL/AAS 117-010**                                      **Race, Racism, and Philosophy (4)**                      **BUD/HU**  
**45260**    **Prof. Chad Kautzer (TR, 13:35-14:50)**

An introduction to the philosophy born of struggle against racism and white supremacy. We will read the work of philosophers, mostly European, who quietly made modern racism possible by inventing the category of race, but we will concentrate on the work of philosophers, mostly of African descent, who for 200 years have struggled to force a philosophical critique of the category of race and the practice of white supremacy.

**PHIL 131-010**    **Ancient Philosophy (4)**                      **HU**  
**44311**    **Prof. Gordon Bearn (TR, 09:20-10:35)**

Historical survey of selected texts and issues in the classical world, from the pre-Socratics through Aristotle, with emphasis on the origins of the western philosophical traditions in ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology.

**PHIL 139-010**    **Contemporary Philosophy (4)**                      **HU**  
**45262**    **Prof. Aladdin Yaqub (19:15-20:30)**

Philosophical thought from the late 19th century to the present; pragmatism, linguistic analysis, existentialism, and Marxism. Truth and knowledge, values and moral judgment, meaning, the place of the individual in the physical world and society, and the impact of the scientific method upon all of these.

**PHIL/HMS/JST/REL 151**                                      **Judaism, Medicine, and Bioethics**                      **HU**  
**45403**    **Prof. Hartley Lachter & Dena Davis (MW, 15:00-16:15)**

This class traces the relationship between Jews and medicine from 1100 to 2020. How does Jewish religion and culture cultivate an affinity for the healing arts? How does Jewish law, ethics, and culture inform contemporary bioethics?

**PHIL/REL 197-010**    **The Ethics of Attention: Simone Weil & Iris Murdoch (4)**                      **HU**  
**45617**    **Prof. Michael Raposa (W, 13:35-16:15)**

This course explores the philosophical and religious thought of Simone Weil and Iris Murdoch, with a special emphasis on how they understood the role of attention in shaping human thought and behavior. Selected writings produced by each thinker will be examined with the goal of evaluating not only their roots in earlier philosophical perspectives (e.g., Platonism), but also their enduring significance for contemporary theological and ethical inquiry. Since we are living in a high information society dominated by technologies of distraction, the latter objective will be approached with special urgency.

**PHIL/ASIA/MLL 198-010**                      **Human Nature and Chinese Philosophy (4)**                      **HU**  
**45549**    **Prof.**    **(MW, 15:00-16:15)**

**PHIL 228-010**                                      **Philosophy of Biology (4)**                                      **HU**  
**44305**    **Prof. Mark Bickhard (MW, 13:35-14:50)**

Advanced seminar in Philosophy of Physics or Philosophy of Biology or Philosophy of Psychology. Content varies. Check department website for term-specific content. May be repeated for credit if the content differs. Student must have completed at least one Philosophy course at the 100-level.

**PHIL 237**    **Nineteenth Century Philosophy:**                                      **HU, WRIT**  
**45264**    **Marx & Marxism (4)**  
**Prof. Chad Kautzer (12:10-13:25)**

Advanced seminar in Philosophy of Physics or Philosophy of Biology or Philosophy of Psychology. Content varies. Check department website for term-specific content. May be repeated for credit if the content differs. Student must have completed at least one Philosophy course at the 100-level.

**PHIL 301-011**                                      **Philosophical-Policy & Legal Design:**  
**Methods & Applications (4)**  
**Prof. John Martin Gillroy (Class Remote)**

A basic class on the idea of policy design, as opposed to standard economic analysis of public policy and its application to various domestic and international areas of law, including environmental law. The course will introduce Philosophical-Policy Methods, or the protocol employing integrated philosophical systems to justify specific policy-legal design arguments, through the use of a variety of distinct policy paradigms.