

## Undergraduate Philosophy Courses

The numbers in parenthesis after courses indicate the term in which the course is normally offered: (Fall = 1, Spring = 2, Summer I = 3, Summer II = 4). These are subject to change.

### Philosophy 200 Level Courses:

#### **231. (PHIL 1301) Introduction to Philosophy. Three semester hours.**

A general introduction to critical thinking and logic. Study of basic questions of existence and knowledge. Satisfies Humanities option of University Studies.

#### **251. (PHIL 2303) Logic. Three semester hours.**

An introduction to non-formal logic and argumentation theory. The course emphasizes clear analysis of written arguments, common fallacies of reasoning, major types of arguments, and the relationships of argument principles to variant argument fields. Prerequisite: English 102.

### Philosophy 300 Level Courses:

#### **331. History of Philosophy I. Three semester hours.**

Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance philosophy. Greek philosophy from the beginnings (Thales, Anaximenes, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Parmenides, the Atomists, Empedocles, Anaxagoras) to Plato's and Aristotle's rationalism, Epicure, the Stoics, and the Skeptics. Satisfies Humanities option of University Studies.

#### **332. History of Philosophy II. Three semester hours.**

From the Age of Reason to the present, this course may include Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Comte, Nietzsche, Bergson, and Husserl. Satisfies Humanities option of University Studies.

#### **360. General Ethics. Three semester hours.**

Theories concerning the nature of the good life, human conduct in society, value judgments, ethical standards, and current ethical issues in politics. Satisfies Humanities option of University Studies.

#### **362. Aesthetics. Three semester hours. (2 in odd years)**

Analysis of aesthetic experience. Problems of "taste" and evaluation in music literature, painting, architecture, etc. Satisfies Humanities option of University Studies.

## **Philosophy 400 Level Courses:**

**488. Contemporary Ideas. Three semester hours. (Capstone - may be cross listed with Eng, Hist, PSci 488).**

The course studies contemporary ideas, often through nonfiction, that is characterized by originality of topic, breadth of subject matter, clarity of expression, and audacity. In reading logs, students make observations, take notes, and explore questions. In finished writings, they work out connections among ideas from various fields, moving from analysis to synthesis and fresh insights. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing.

**489. Independent Study. Three or four semester hours.**

Individualized instruction/research at an advanced level in a specialized content area under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated when the topic varies. Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

**490H. Honors Thesis.**

**491H. Individual Honors Readings.**

**497. Special Topics. Three semester hours.**

Organized class. May be repeated when topics vary.