

COURSES OFFERED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

SPRING SEMESTER 2008-2009

Term Code 092

Philosophy 101, Sect. 250 NOTE: Register for one quiz from the 101, 250's sequence. Intro to Philosophy
 (3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6387) MW 1130-1220P/CBA 143 Instructor: Jennifer McKittrick

This course surveys some of the major philosophical issues, exploring basic questions such as: What can I know for sure? Do I have an immaterial mind or soul, or am I just a physical thing? Does God exist? How can I tell right from wrong? Class material is organized into 7 topics: Introduction to Philosophical Arguments, Knowledge, Minds, Personal Identity, Free Will, Ethics, and God.

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Quiz Sections:	Call#
251 0800-0850AM HENZ 109	7902
252 0830-0920AM HAH 133	6388
253 0830-0920AM HENZ 35	7903
254 0930-1020AM HENZ 109	7904
255 1030-1120AM HENZ 53	6389
256 1100-1150AM NH W106	6390
257 0130-0220PM HENZ 204	6391
258 0230-0320PM BURN 124	7905

Philosophy 101, Sect. 350 NOTE: Register for one quiz from the 101, 350's sequence. Intro to Philosophy
 (3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6392) TR 0200-0250PM FERG 217 Instructor: Harry Ide

CONTENT: We'll consider three questions connected with reason and rationality. First, is being ethical rational? That is, does everyone always have a good reason to be ethical? Or does being ethical make no sense—at least for some people, or in some situations? Second, what is a good reason for believing something? Does it have to make your belief absolutely certain? Or might you have a good reason to believe something even if that reason doesn't guarantee the truth of your belief? Finally, what kind of creature can have reasons? Must its actions not be determined?

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Quiz Sections:	Call#
351 0830-0920AM TBA	6393
352 0830-0920AM TEAC 247	7906
353 1030-1120AM HENZ 35	7907
354 1130-1220PM M&N B6	6394
355 1230-0120PM AVH 112	6395
356 0130-0220PM M&N B7	7908
357 0230-0320PM HENZ 204	6396
358 0230-0320PM CBA 208	7909

Philosophy 101, Sect. 101 NOTE: With this lecture section there is no quiz.
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6386) T 0630-0920P/OLDH 305

Intro to Philosophy
Instructor: Staff

This course surveys some of the major philosophical issues, exploring basic questions such as: What can I know for sure? Do I have an immaterial mind or soul, or am I just a physical thing? Does God exist? How can I tell right from wrong? Class material is organized into 7 topics: Introduction to Philosophical Arguments, Knowledge, Minds, Personal Identity, Free Will, Ethics, and God.

Philosophy 106, Sect. 150 NOTE: Register for one quiz from the 106, 150's sequence.
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6399) MW 0930-1020A/BURN 115

Philos & Current Issues
Instructor: Charles Sayward

CONTENT: This is a course in applied ethics. The pros and cons of such issues as the following are put forth: Is euthanasia permissible? Is abortion always wrong? Is capital punishment permissible? Is affirmative action wrong? Do rich nations have an obligation to help poor nations? Do we have obligations towards animals?

TEXT: Van Camp, Olen and Barry, *Applying Ethics*, Wadsworth, 9th edition.

GRADING: Your class average is determined by 4 exams. There is also a paper requirement.

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Quiz Sections:		Call#
151	0800-0850AM CBA 362	6400
152	0800-0850AM CBA 108	6401
153	1030-1120AM CBA 362	6402
154	1100-1150AM NH W130	6403
155	1100-1150AM M&N B7	6404
156	1230-0120PM HENZ 35	6405
157	0130-0220PM HAH 133	6406
158	0230-0320PM NH W193	6407

Philosophy 106, Sect. 250 NOTE: Register for one quiz from the 106, 250's sequence.
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6408) TR 0930-1020A/BESY 117

Philos & Current Issues
Instructor: Jean Cahan

CONTENT: This course covers issues of current ethical interest, typically including the distribution of scarce resources, war, right to personal and sexual privacy, surrogate motherhood, and affirmative action. In addition to clarifying their own views students will encounter differing philosophical perspectives on such issues, and develop their abilities to evaluate and construct arguments for position on these topics.

GRADING: There are typically two essay exams and two papers.

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Quiz Sections:		Call#
251	0830-0920AM HAH 133	6410
252	0930-1020AM CBA 362	6411
253	1030-1120AM HENZ 204	6412
254	1130-1220PM HENZ 204	6413
255	1230-0120PM HAH 133	6414
256	0130-0220PM HENZ 35	6415
257	0130-0220PM M&N B6	6418
258	0230-0320PM HAH 133	6416

Philosophy 106, Sect. 350 NOTE: Register for one quiz from the 106, 350's sequence. Philos & Current Issues
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6420) MW 1130-1220P/HAH 104 Instructor: Edward Becker

CONTENT: This course covers ethical issues that are of current interest, such as abortion, censorship, pornography, the distribution of scarce resources, sexual morality, and state and religion. Students will learn different philosophical perspectives on such issues and develop methods of objective reasoning they can use to form their own views.

GRADING: There will be one mid-term exam, a final exam, and a 4-6 page paper.

Teaching Assistants: TBA

Quiz Sections:	Call#
351 0800-0850AM BURN 121	7914
352 0800-0850AM M&N B7	7915
353 0830-0920AM CBA 208	7930
354 0830-0920AM CBA 362	7931
355 0930-1020AM NH W185	7932
356 0930-1020AM HAH 133	6421
357 1100-1150AM HAH 133	6422
358 1130-1220PM M&N B7	6423
359 0130-0220PM CBA 362	7933
360 0230-0320PM CBA 108	7934
361 0230-0320PM HENZ 35	6424

Philosophy 106, Sect. 101 NOTE: With this lecture section there is no quiz section. Philos & Current Issues
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6398) W 0630-0920P/HAH 131 Instructor: Staff

CONTENT: This course covers issues of current ethical interest. Possible topics include abortion, censorship, pornography, nuclear disarmament, the distribution of scarce resources, sexual morality, capital punishment, sexism and racism and animal rights. Students will learn different philosophical perspectives on such issues and develop methods of objective reasoning they can use to form their own views.

Philosophy 110, Sect. 101 NOTE: With this lecture section there is no quiz section. Logic & Critical Thinking
(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6435) M 0630-0920P/OLDH 308 Instructor: Staff

CONTENT: Most of our beliefs are held for reasons. Some of these reasons are good but others are not. How do we discriminate between good and bad reasons? The primary goal of the course is to acquaint you with some basic methods for accomplishing this task. The emphasis of the course will be on the application of these methods to the common forms of reasoning you are likely to encounter in other courses as well as in every day life. This course will help improve your ability to reason correctly and to critically evaluate the reasoning of others.

Philosophy 211, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6441) TR 0930-1045A/RH 15

Intro to Modern Logic
Instructor: Reina Hayaki

An introduction to sentential and first-order predicate logic. You will learn how to translate back and forth between English and the language of logic, and to construct and evaluate proofs and arguments. Assessment will be by regular problem sets, two in-class exams, and a two-hour final exam during exam week.

Philosophy 213, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #7936) MWF 1030-1120A/MABL 234

Medical Ethics
Instructor: Dan Crawford

A philosophical study of moral theories and principles and their application to moral problems in bioethical contexts. The course explores such issues as the right to health care, euthanasia and end-of-life decisions, abortion, reproductive technologies, the new genetics, and cloning.

Requirements include three in-class tests and a final paper.

Philosophy 221, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #7940) MW 0230-0345PM FERG 113

Political Philosophy
Instructor: Ed Becker

CONTENT: A discussion of the basic concepts and problems of political theory. Particular attention will be paid to freedom, equality, democracy, justice, and the relation of the individual to the state. Readings will be selected from both classical and contemporary sources. Some consideration will be given to current political issues.

Written work for the course will include one hour-exam, a paper, and a final exam at the end of the semester.

Philosophy 225, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #9054) TR 1100-1215P/NH W183

Environmental Ethics
Instructor: David Henderson

TBA

Philosophy 230, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #7946) TR 0930-1045A OLDH 308

Philosophy of Law
Instructor: Steven Swartz

TBA

NOTE: The general prerequisite for 300-level courses is 3 hours of philosophy or permission from the instructor.

Philosophy 314, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #7949) TR 1100-1215P/NH W193

Philosophy of Mind

Instructor: John Gibbons

This class will focus primarily on the mind-body problem and the nature of representation. We will look at various theories about the relation between the mental and the physical, with an emphasis on questions about mental causation. We will also look at various theories about what makes it the case that something inside the mind represents, refers to, or is about something in the world. Here we'll pay particular attention to the role of sensation in the determination of this relation. Readings are from roughly contemporary sources.

Philosophy 320, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #7951) TR 1100-1215P/TEAC 205

Ethical Theory

Instructor: Mark van Roojen

CONTENT: Philosophical ethics attempts to answer questions, about the proper form of human conduct and life by appeal to clear and reasoned argument. This course will survey a range of philosophical views about both normative principles for evaluating lives and actions and also about what it amounts to call something 'good' or 'right.'

GRADING: Main work will consist of papers.

Philosophy 333, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #7952) TR 1230-0145P/BURN 119

History of Phil 19th Cent

Instructor: Jean Cahan

This course will survey the principal movements in European Philosophy in the nineteenth century, including: Hegelianism; Kierkegaard, Nietzsche and the origins of Existentialism; Utilitarianism; Neo-Kantianism and the End-of-Century Crisis of European thought. In addition to reading and discussing the assigned texts, students will be required to write a series of short essays (3-5 pp.) and a final term paper (10 pp).

Philosophy 338, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #7953) TR 0930-1045AM HENZ 201

Metaphysics: Anc&Med

Instructor: Harry Ide

CONTENT: Aristotle's successors developed his theories of gods, persons, and freedom in different ways. We'll look at those topics in the Stoics, Epicureans, neoplatonists, and medieval Christians including (probably) Augustine, Abelard, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, and Duns Scotus.

GRADING: Your grade will probably be based on short assignments, and one paper, in two versions.

NOTE: The general prerequisite for 400-level courses is 9 hours of philosophy or permission from the instructor.

Philosophy 400, Sect. 001

Undergraduate Seminar

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #6452) TR 0200-0315PM HENZ 204

Instructor: Mark. van Roojen

Prerequisite: Philosophy major and permission of the philosophy undergraduate advisor.

The topic of the course will be debunking explanations in philosophy. The course will be run as a seminar requiring significant student participation and presentations. Main work will be papers.

Philosophy 414/814, Sect. 001

Philosophy of Mind

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #7954/7956) T 0330-0605P/OLDH 1007

Instructor: John Gibbons

The goals for this course are to provide an introductory survey of philosophy of mind for beginning graduate students and advanced undergraduate majors, and to develop writing, reading, and presentational skills necessary for graduate work in philosophy. The subject matter of the course will emphasize the metaphysics of mind and mental causation

Philosophy 418/818, Sect. 001

Metaphysics

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #7957/7958) T 0400-0635PM OLDH 1007

Instructor: Joe Mendola

This course will address in a rigorous manner a number of the main problems in metaphysics, for example particulars and universals, causality, necessity, identity, abstract entities, space and time, and the mind-body problem. The course is designed for advanced undergraduate students in philosophy and for philosophy graduate students. The course will combine seminar discussion with lecture. The course requirements will include papers and an exam.

Philosophy 420/820, Sect. 001

Philosophy of Social Science

(3 cr. hrs.) (Call #9055/8684) W 0330-0605PM OLDH 1007

Instructor: David Henderson

Philosophical exploration of the epistemological character of the social sciences. Topics include: the character and explanatory role of social scientific generalizations, various explanatory strategies for social matters, the continuity or discontinuity of the social sciences with the special sciences, the importance of interpretation, the place of rationality.

Philosophy 911, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #7961)

R 0100-0305P/OLDH 1007

Topics in Logic

Instructor: Reina Hayaki

A course in philosophical logic, on conditionals. A first course in formal logic (comparable to PHIL 211) will be presupposed, but not PHIL 811. The readings will be philosophical rather than technical.

Questions to be considered:

- What is a conditional?
- What is the relationship between indicative and subjunctive conditionals?
- Is the indicative conditional anything more than the material conditional?
- Should the subjunctive conditional be analyzed in terms of possible worlds?
- What is the relationship, if any, between conditionals (of various kinds) and conditional probabilities?
- Do conditionals have truth values or truth conditions? Do they have (different) assertability conditions?

Philosophy 915, Sect. 001

(3 cr. hrs.)

(Call #8682)

M 0330-0535P/OLDH 1007

Advanced Metaphysics

Instructor: Jennifer McKittrick

In general, this is a course on ontology, the study of the nature of being, existence, or reality in general and of its basic categories and their relations, with particular emphasis on determining what entities exist or can be said to exist, and how these can be grouped and related within *anontology*. More specifically, it is concerned with the metaphysical foundations of natural science. Special attention will be paid to dispositions, laws, and essences. Texts include Brian Ellis' *Scientific Essentialism*, John Heils' *From an Ontological Point of View*, Jonathan Lowe's *The Four Category Ontology*, and Alexander Bird's *Nature's Metaphysics*.

Philosophy 999, Sect. 001

(Call #6468)

Doctoral Dissertaiton
