

History/ Political Science/ Philosophy Course descriptions

PHILOSOPHY (03)

03-101. CRITICAL THINKING. 3:3:0

The course is designed to develop and refine students' ability to think more clearly and more logically. The means to this end is a study of elementary logic. Credit: three hours.

03-105. CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES. 3:3:0

A critical examination of such major current moral issues as abortion, euthanasia, pornography, retribution and capital punishment, affirmative action and reverse discrimination, social and economic justice and ethical issues in agriculture and the environment. Credit: three hours.

This course is a foundation course for lifelong learning in the University's general education program.

03-201. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY. 3:3:0

Topics typically include: the general goals and methods of philosophy, the existence of God, the problem of evil, the immortality of the soul, the meaning of life, and free will. Credit: three hours.

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03-202. ETHICS. 3:3:0

Ethics is concerned primarily with the inquiry concerning various rules of conduct and "ways of life." Such fundamental ethical issues as egoism and altruism, freedom and determination, and the nature of moral decision-making will be highlighted through a critical examination of some of the writings of several classic ethical theorists, e.g., Plato, Mill, Kant, and Rawls. Credit: three hours.

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03-206. LOGIC. 3:3:0

A study of the methods and principles used to distinguish correct from incorrect reasoning, both deductive and inductive. Designed to help students reason more effectively themselves and to develop the ability to cogently criticize the reasoning of others. Credit: three hours.

03-231 (331 AND 431). SELECTED TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY. 3:3:0

Information on the content of these offerings is available, prior to pre-registration, from philosophy faculty. Credit: three hours.

03-300. HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY. 3:3:0

The course covers classical philosophers starting in the sixth century B.C. through the Pre-Socratic period, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, epicureanism, stoicism, and skepticism ending with the second century A.D. Credit: three hours.

03-302. HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY. 3:3:0

A study of the major European philosophers of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries: Bacon, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant. Credit: three hours.

03-304. POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. 3:3:0

Political philosophy is concerned primarily with the nature of the concept of justice and its application in society. Some of the arguments that support particular forms of government, e. g., democratic, oligarchic, autocratic, etc., will be dealt with through a critical examination of several classic writers in the field, e. g., Hobbes, Rousseau, Mill, Locke, and Rawls. Credit: three hours.

03-322. MEDICAL ETHICS. 3:3:0

Issues examined here are in such areas as the relationship between biomedical ethics and ethical theory; the physician and patient relationship; the nurse and patient relationship; experimentation on humans; involuntary mental hospitalization and behavior control; the refusal of life-saving treatment; euthanasia; and health, disease and values. Credit: three hours.

03/41-341. BUSINESS ETHICS. 3:3:0

This course will be devoted to an examination of some of the ethical issues that arise in the field of business. Specific topics to be considered include: business ethics and ethical theory, the moral status of corporations, ethical codes of conduct in business, truth and advertising, the rights and duties of employees, affirmative action, and environmental issues in business. Credit: three hours.

03-399. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 3:3:0

Qualified students, cooperation with a philosophy faculty member, may develop a course in some area of philosophy which they wish to study in depth. Arrangements for such a course must be made by the end of the semester preceding the one in which the course is to be taken. Credit: three hours.

03-407. PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION. 3:3:0

A study of some of the philosophical issues inherent in religious belief; e.g., the existence of God, the attributes of God, the nature of religious experience, revelation, faith, and the possibility of religious knowledge. Credit: three hours.

GEOGRAPHY (32)

32-101. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY. 3:3:0

A course concerned with the relationship between man and the land with changes brought about through the growth of applied science. Credit: three hours.

32-201. WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY. 3:3:0

A Sophomore-level course designed to make the student aware of the peoples and cultures of the contemporary world. This course fulfills the World Regional Geography requirement for elementary and secondary education majors. Credit: three hours.

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