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Philosophy (PHIL)

Montclair State University

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significance. The role of recreation programs and services in meeting current and future needs of society. For non-recreation and leisure studies majors only.

PHED401	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	The Teaching of Science in Secondary Schools. Admission to the Teacher Education Program. 4 hours lecture. Considered are the objectives, curriculum, planning, instructional strategies appropriate to science, materials, methods of evaluation, health safety and legal responsibilities in the secondary science program. The use of computers in the science instructional program will also be emphasized.
PHED505	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Research Seminar in Science. 2 hours seminar. This course is designed to afford opportunity for graduate students in science, supervisors, and science teachers: (1) to investigate research in science education; (2) to organize science experiences and science information with the teaching materials for the public schools. Each member of the group selects a project. This project must be presented to the science faculty and graduate students for evaluation.
PHIL100	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Introduction to Philosophy. 3 hours lecture. The nature, scope, methods, basic problems and major types of philosophy. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Humanities, Philosophy or Religion.
PHIL102	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Ethics. 3 hours lecture. The nature of ethical judgments, the meaning of moral concepts, the conditions of moral responsibility and the methodological presuppositions of ethical
PHIL102	Course Description	theories in philosophy and religion. Meets the 2002 General Education Requirement - Humanities, Philosophy/Religion.
PHIL106	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	Logic. 3 hours lecture. The forms of deductive and inductive argument in traditional logic, the fundamentals of modern formal logic. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Humanities,

PHIL200	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophy or Religion. History of Ethics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. A historical survey of major ethical theories in the Western philosophical tradition, from ancient times to the present.
PHIL202	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Ethics and Business. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. A study of the meaning of morality in the modern world of business. Course contains balance of theory and practice as it examines behavior of business against background of conflicting ethical theory.
PHIL204	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophical Issues in Biomedical Ethics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. A study of moral decision making in regard to specific moral problems arising in such areas of contemporary medical research and practice as experimentation on human subjects, euthanasia, abortion, information rights of patients, and eugenic sterilization.
PHIL206	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophical Issues in Law and Justice. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. An examination of philosophical approaches to current issues related to law and justice. Close attention will be paid to one or more of the following specific issues: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, gay rights, reproductive rights, or civil disobedience and political protest.
PHIL208	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Ethical Issues in Education. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. This course focuses on current ethical issues in education, such as academic integrity, censorship, speech and dress codes, racial and gender equity, same-sex education, religious expression, and school violence.
PHIL212	Title Prerequisites	Social and Political Philosophy. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.

	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The nature of society and the state, their relation to each other and to the individual, and an evaluation of some main political and social ideals.
PHIL214	Title	Ethics of Love, Sex and Desire.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An exploration of the ethical issues related to human sexuality and/or intimate relationships. The focus in this course is on conflicts and/or problem areas related to love, sex and desire and the ways ethicists address them. Ethical issues to be discussed include: monogamy, promiscuity, gay marriage, abstinence education, transgender identity, pornography, prostitution, and sexual abuse.
PHIL231	Title	American Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
PHIL231	Course Description	The major American philosophers and philosophical movements with emphasis on Peirce, James, Royce, and Dewey.
PHIL233	Title	Contemporary Philosophers.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The major movements in contemporary philosophy, studied through writings of leading exponents.
PHIL237	Title	Asian Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course introduces students to the major movements and thinkers in Asian philosophy. It acquaints students with Asian philosophical interpretations of experience and reality found in both classical and contemporary Confucianism, Mohism, Daoism, Buddhism, and Hinduism in Eastern cultures. Meets Gen Ed 2002-Social Science, Non-Western Cultural Perspectives. Meets World Cultures Requirement. Offered as PHIL 137 through Winter 2013. To become PHIL 237 effective Spring 2013.

PHIL239	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Existentialism. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. The major themes and concepts of existentialism in selected writings of the existentialist philosophers.
PHIL260	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophies of Art. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. The major philosophies of art in the history of Western thought. The conceptual network of ideas of the thinker in question will be delineated, and connections shown between the thinker and the philosophical and artistic themes of that period.
PHIL262	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophy of Religion. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. The nature and shape of religious experience, criteria for meaning within religious thought and language; metaphysical and epistemological implications of such questions as the nature and existence of god, and the possibility of life after death.
PHIL264	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Critical Reasoning and Arguments. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. An intermediary level course concentrating upon argumentation and rhetorical devices as they actually function in everyday conversation, philosophical discussion, forensic debate, etc. Arguments will be examined with an eye to penetrating purely formal structure and discovering the underlying dynamics which contribute to cogency in a given context.
PHIL266	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Philosophy of Science. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. The epistemological character of scientific thought and the relevance of scientific findings for the clarification and eventual resolution of traditional philosophical issues.
PHIL270	Title	Philosophy of Mind.

	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Philosophical issues arising from the study of mental processes including the relation of a person to the body, life after death, and the possible reduction
PHIL270	Course Description	of consciousness to a brain process.
PHIL271	Title	Philosophy of Sport.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Survey of the philosophical aspects of sport along with development of philosophical ideas about sport from the origins of competitive sport to the present. Special attention will be paid to such classic issues as the ontological status of games, sport as moral education, and athletics as substitutes for war.
PHIL280	Title	Philosophy of Cyberspace.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Contemporary and classical philosophical and ethical issues as applied to computer-mediated communication.
PHIL288	Title	Introduction to Cognitive Science.
	Prerequisites	ANTH 100 or CMPT 183 or LNGN 210 or PHIL 100 or PSYC 101.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An introduction to the multidisciplinary field of cognitive science. Topics include: the mind-body problem, thought as computation and the computer model of the mind, the role of representation in mental activity. Emphasis will be upon the methodological approaches found in artificial intelligence, cognitive psychology, cognitive anthropology, cognitive neuroscience, linguistics, and philosophy. Cross listed with Computer Science CMPT 288, Linguistics LNGN 288, Psychology PSYC 288.
PHIL290	Title	Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester.

PHIL291	Title Number and type of credits Course Description	May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits. Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics. 3 hours lecture. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL292	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL293	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Philosophy of science, philosophy of history, philosophy of law. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL295	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Periods and Movements: Selected Topics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL297	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Periods and Movements: Selected Topics. PHIL 100 or PHIL 102 or PHIL 106 or RELG 100 or RELG 101 or RELG 102. 3 hours lecture. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of
PHIL297	Course Description	12.0 credits.
PHIL310	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits	Knowledge, Belief and Truth. PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280. 3 hours lecture.

	Course Description	The major issues and theories concerning the relationship between knowledge, experience and reality.
PHIL312	Title	Existence and Reality.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An examination of major philosophical theories concerning the nature of reality.
PHIL316	Title	Philosophy of Law.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An introduction to the philosophical issues of jurisprudence. Close attention is given to the status and nature of law, the concept of equality and the limits of law.
PHIL322	Title	Ideals of Peace.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course introduces students to the pacifist tradition in philosophy and religion, from its origins as a set of religious and philosophical ideals, to its current multifaith, secular, and political forms. Students will examine and evaluate both pacifist thought and peace activism.
PHIL324	Title	Legal Reasoning.
	Prerequisites	JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or PHIL 206 or PHIL 212.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Theoretical foundations for developing models and methods of addressing legal problems. Principles of legal reasoning and argument in the Anglo-American common law tradition. Models of legal reasoning and methodology for resolving legal problems as developed within evolving social and philosophical notions of justice and fairness. Pre-law Minor. Cross listed with Political Science and Law, JURI 324. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in Jurisprudence.
PHIL330	Title	Philosophy and Death.

	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours seminar.
	Course Description	Seminar devoted to philosophical, mainly ethical and metaphysical, questions about death.
PHIL331	Title	History of Philosophy: Ancient Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The major philosophical systems and movements from the pre-Socratics to Plotinus with special emphasis on Plato and Aristotle. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in Philosophy.
PHIL333	Title	History of Philosophy: Modern Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
PHIL333	Course Description	The major philosophical systems and movements from the Renaissance to Kant. Meets the University Writing Requirement for majors in Philosophy.
PHIL334	Title	Theoretical and Applied Ethics.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours seminar.
	Course Description	Advanced seminar covering ethical theory and its application to post-modernism and other forms of relativism, the meaning of moral language and the possibility of religious and secular ethical foundations.
PHIL335	Title	Nineteenth Century Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	A study of the major philosophical figures and movements of the nineteenth century, with special emphasis on Hegel and the Hegelian tradition.
PHIL337	Title	Analytic Philosophy.

	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The development of the analytic tradition in twentieth century philosophy; the logical and linguistic techniques employed.
PHIL339	Title	Contemporary Continental Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 202 or PHIL 208 or PHIL 231 or PHIL 233 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 264 or PHIL 266 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 271 or PHIL 280 or PHIL 288 or PHIL 290 or PHIL 295 or GLQS 201 or WMGS 301.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course surveys the four main movements of the continental (European) philosophical tradition: (1) 19th century German philosophy, (2) Marxism/critical theory, (3) phenomenology/existentialism, and (4) post-structuralism/postmodernism. This philosophical tradition runs from the 19th Century to the present day. Continental philosophy stands in contrast to the dominant, Anglo-American, "analytic" philosophical tradition. This course gives students the opportunity to examine the ways in which continental philosophers approach issues in the core subfields of philosophy, such as epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics. Students will also have the opportunity to explore similarities to and differences from the analytic philosophical tradition.
PHIL376	Title	Feminist Jurisprudence.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or JURI 210 or LAWS 200 or WMGS 200 or WMGS 201.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An examination of the philosophical basis of legal doctrines as they apply to women and feminist issues. The course will explore the legal arguments feminists have made for social and political equality. It will also examine whether gender bias is built into traditional jurisprudential theories. Women's rights and women's legal status in politics, employment, education, and the family will be explored. Cross-listed with JURI 376 and WMGS 376.
PHIL390	Title	Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL 270 or PHIL 280.

	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL395	Title	Periods and Movements: Selected Topics.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL
PHIL395	Prerequisites	270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL397	Title	Periods and Movements: Selected Topics.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL
		270 or PHIL 280.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL424	Title	Seminar in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL
		395.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours seminar.
	Course Description	Cooperative research seminars in major movements, problems, philosophers or works. Topic announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL426	Title	Seminar in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL
		395.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours seminar.
	Course Description	Cooperative research seminars in major movements, problems philosopher, or works. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL444	Title	Independent Study in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL
		395.

	Course Description	Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL446	Title	Independent Study in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL 395.
	Course Description	Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL447	Title	Independent Study in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL 395.
	Course Description	Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHIL449	Title	Independent Study in Philosophy.
	Prerequisites	PHIL 310 or PHIL 312 or PHIL 331 or PHIL 333 or PHIL 376 or PHIL 390 or PHIL 395.
	Course Description	Directed independent study and research in philosophy. Open to students with a minimum of 3.0 cumulative average in at least 9 semester hours of philosophy. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.
PHLC501	Title	Teaching Children Philosophical Thinking I.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course is designed to equip teachers with the skills and background essential for teaching philosophical thinking in the classroom. Teachers will be introduced to the curriculum materials in philosophy for children, the history of philosophical ideas which form an essential component of the approach, the nature of formal and informal reasoning and an analysis of
PHLC501	Course Description	educational issues which are affected by the introduction of philosophy into the classroom. This course will not count toward the undergraduate major in philosophy. May be repeated for credit three times for a total of twelve credits as long as the content is different with each repetition.