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### **Philosophy**

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 The Teaching of Science in Secondary Schools.

Prerequisites Admission to the Teacher Education Program.

Number and type of credits 4 hours lecture.

Course Description 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 Research Seminar in Science.

Number and type of credits 2 hours seminar.

Course Description 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 Introduction to Philosophy.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The nature, scope, methods, basic problems and major types of philosophy.

Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Humanities, Philosophy or Religion.

PHIL102 Title Ethics.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description 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, Philolosphy/Religion.

PHIL106 Title Logic.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The forms of deductive and inductive argument in traditional logic, the

fundamentals of modern formal logic. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Humanities,

Philosophy or Religion.

PHIL200 Title History of Ethics.

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 A historical survey of major ethical theories in the Western philosophical

tradition, from ancient times to the present.

PHIL202 Title Ethics and Business.

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 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 Philosophical Issues in Biomedical Ethics.

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 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 Philosophical Issues in Law and Justice.

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 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 Ethical Issues in Education.

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 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 Social and Political 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** 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 Existentialism.

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 themes and concepts of existentialism in selected writings of the

existentialist philosophers.

PHIL260 Title Philosophies of Art.

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 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 Philosophy of Religion.

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 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 Critical Reasoning and Arguments.

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 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 Philosophy of Science.

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 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.

May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.

PHIL291 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.

May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits.

PHIL292 Title Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics.

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 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 Fields of Philosophy: Selected Topics.

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 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 Periods and Movements: Selected Topics.

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 Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of

12.0 credits.

PHIL297 Title Periods and Movements: Selected Topics.

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 Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of

PHIL297 Course Description 12.0 credits.

PHIL310 Title Knowledge, Belief and Truth.

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 issues and theories concerning the relationship between knowledge,

experience and reality.

PHIL312 Title Existence and Reality.

> PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL **Prerequisites**

> > 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.

Philosophy of Law. PHIL316 Title

> **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 Ideals of Peace. Title

> **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.

Title PHIL330 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.

PHIL395	Number and type of credits Course Description  Title Prerequisites	3 hours lecture. Selected study of major fields in philosophy. Topics announced each semester. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 12.0 credits. Periods and Movements: Selected Topics. PHIL 200 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 237 or PHIL 239 or PHIL 260 or PHIL 262 or PHIL
PHIL395	Prerequisites Number and type of credits	270 or PHIL 280. 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. Title PHIL447 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.