

Philosophy Course Preview Fall 2023 Spring 2024

Introduction to Philosophy

PHL 100 (½ WI sections available)

✓ Satisfies UP I-A



How do you know
you are not dreaming
right now?

Do we have free will?

What is a good life?

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The Meaning of Life

PHL 102 (½ WI section available)

✓ Satisfies UP I-A

Does human existence have value?
If so, why?

How is life best to be lived?

Does death make life meaningless...
or meaningful?

Moral Problems

PHL 118 (½ WI sections available)

✓ Satisfies UP I-A



Search for answers to
today's big questions...

*poverty • climate change
human cloning • sexism
and more*

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Philosophical Perspectives on Poverty and Economic Injustice

PHL 128 ✓ Satisfies UP IV-A

What causes the gap between
rich and poor?

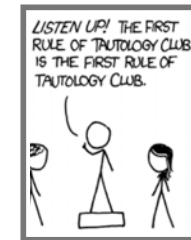
How much inequality of wealth
would there be in a just world?

What path takes us toward
economic justice?

Introduction to Symbolic Logic

PHL 140 ✓ Satisfies UP II-B

✓ earn credit toward
Certificate in Critical Reasoning



Become
a better thinker!

- Understand the structure of reasoning
- Construct proofs and work out logical puzzles

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Chances, Choices, and Everyday Reasoning

PHL 145QR ✓ Satisfies UP II-B

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Learn how to think
carefully about...

- cause and effect
- probabilities
- decision outcomes

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Introduction to Environmental Ethics and Justice

PHL 158 (½ WI section available) ✓ UP IV-A

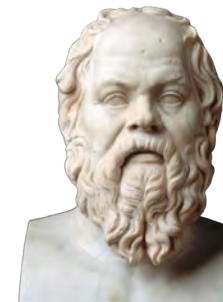
What is "nature"? Do we have to
respect it for its own sake,
or only for ours?

What questions of justice arise
when environmental impacts fall
unequally across race, gender,
and economic class?

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History of Philosophy: Classical Period

PHL 200



*Dialogue with the
ancient Greeks!*

"The Unexamined Life
Is Not Worth Living"
~ Socrates

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Ethical Theories

PHL 218 (½ WI section available)

✓ Satisfies UP I-A



What kind of person should I be?

What's the best way to tell right from wrong?

Where does morality come from?

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Philosophy of Religion

PHL 230 (½ WI section available)

✓ Satisfies UP I-A

Can religious faith be supported by reason?

Can the existence of God be proved?

How can evil exist if the world is the product of a perfect being?

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Advanced Study in Philosophy of Religion

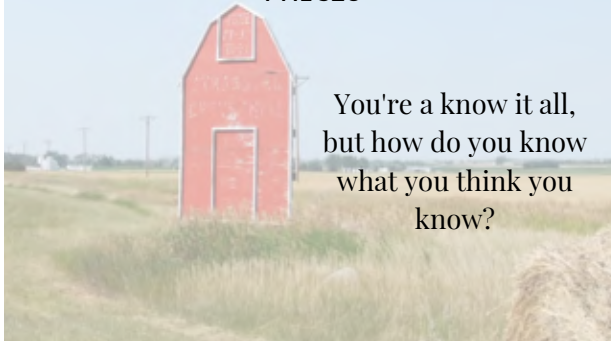
PHL 397M

A learning lab embedded with PHL 230, geared for more experienced philosophy students!

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Theory of Knowledge

PHL 320



You're a know it all, but how do you know what you think you know?

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History of Philosophy: Modern Period

PHL 302



How did philosophers rethink the natural world?

Study philosophers such as Descartes, Cavendish, Bayle, Newton, Leibniz, and Du Châtelet

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Philosophy of Mind

PHL 325

✓ Satisfies UP I-A



Are your thoughts and feelings nothing more than states of your brain? Could you survive the complete destruction of your brain and body?

How can your free decisions and actions exist in a world governed by cause and effect?

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Philosophy of Psychopathology

PHL 397N

What can mental disorders tell us about the mind, self, free will, belief...?

Can philosophy help us understand mental disorders like OCD, addiction, psychopathy, multiple personality disorder, and extreme delusions?

Medical Ethics

PHL 338



patient-doctor relationship ?
informed consent ?
reproductive technologies ?
genetic modification ?
end-of-life decisions ?
stem cell research ?

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Advanced Symbolic Logic

PHL 340



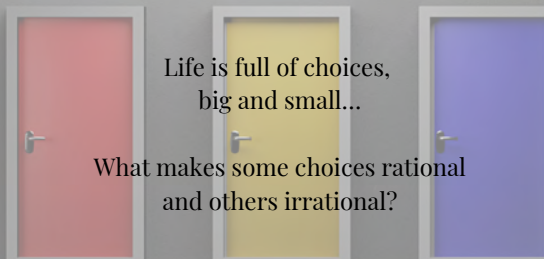
Work on practical skills of deductive reasoning, and learn:

- Propositional logic
- First-order quantification theory
- Formal semantics, and more

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Decision Theory

PHL 348



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Feminist Theory

PHL 426



Explore diverse approaches to understanding gender, sexism, and movements for gender justice.

How does feminism challenge and expand ideas about knowledge, society, and politics?

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International Law

PSC 555

Prof. Hope May, *Counts as PHL elective!*

How do international courts interpret and advance moral norms?

What are "Crimes Against Humanity" and how do international courts respond to such crimes?

How has international law promoted peace and protected human dignity?

Senior Capstone

Discuss options with your Philosophy faculty advisor!

Senior philosophy students will choose an additional elective course and arrange to complete a capstone project within the course (substitute for PHL 490).

Guided research for Philosophy majors!

Career Opportunities in the Humanities

1 credit course designed for students in philosophy, anthropology, and religion!

- Introduces students to a wide variety of career types
- Provides foundational skills for identifying potential careers, conducting successful job and internship searches!

Register now for PHL 397K!

Starts Spring 2023: February 22 - April 19
Wednesdays 5:00-6:50

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philosophy



for advising on earning:

Major in Philosophy

Minor in Philosophy

Minor in Ethics, Values, and Society

Certificate in Critical Reasoning

You can earn a certificate in Critical Reasoning

CHOOSE 2:

140: Introduction to Symbolic Logic (II-B)

141QR: Introduction to Logical Problem Solving (II-B)

145QR: Chances, Choices, and Everyday Reasoning (II-B)



CHOOSE 2:

320: Theory of Knowledge

335: Philosophy of Psychology

340: Advanced Symbolic Logic

348: Decision Theory

390: Philosophy of Science



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