

Philosophy Course Preview Fall 2024 Spring 2025



Satisfies philosophy major, minor, or Certificate in Critical Reasoning

Add to any major! 12 credits

TAKE 2:

PHL 140: Introduction to Symbolic Logic (II-B)

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



PICK 2:

- 320: Theory of Knowledge
- 315: Philosophical Psychopathology
- 335: Philosophy of Psychology
- 340: Advanced Symbolic Logic
- 348: Decision Theory
- 390: Philosophy of Science



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CORE:

PHL 218: Ethical Theories (I-A)

+ CHOOSE A FOCUS:

- Ethics and Law
- Ethics in Health Professions
- Ethics and the Environment
- Ethics and Social Justice
- Or: Build Your Own!

+ CHOOSE ONE:

- PHL 328: Animal Ethics
- PHL 358: Environmental Ethics
- PHL 410: Philosophy of Law
- PHL 418: Advanced Moral Phil.
- PHL 422: Political & Social Phil.
- PHL 425: Free Will



Introduction to Philosophy

PHL 100 (🚧 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?

Moral Problems

PHL 118 (🚧 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?

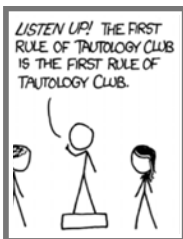


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Introduction to Symbolic Logic

PHL 140

✔ Satisfies UP II-B



Become a better thinker!

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



Chances, Choices, and Everyday Reasoning

PHL 145QR

✔ Satisfies UP II-B



Learn how to think carefully about...

- cause and effect
- probabilities
- decision outcomes



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Introduction to Environmental Ethics and Justice

PHL 158 (🚧 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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Ethical Theories

PHL 218 (🗝️ 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?



Business Ethics

PHL 318



What is the proper balance of individual and corporate rights?

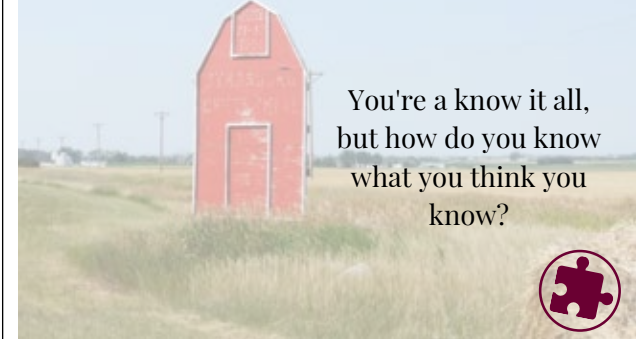
What are the ethics of marketing and advertising?



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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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Philosophy of Mind

PHL 325

✔️ Satisfies UP I-A



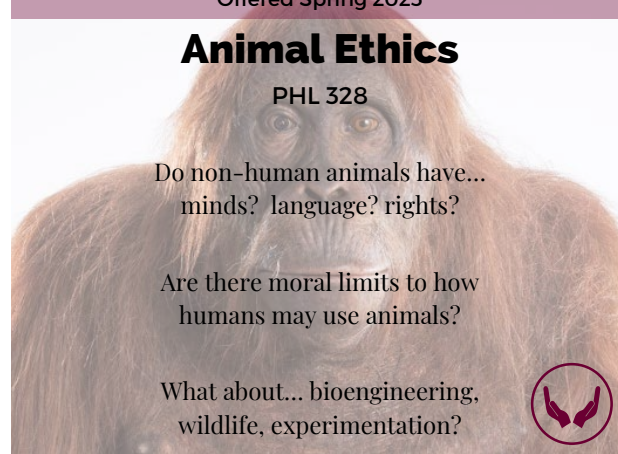
Are your thoughts and feelings nothing more than states of your brain? Could you survive the complete destruction of your brain and body?

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

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Animal Ethics

PHL 328



Do non-human animals have... minds? language? rights?

Are there moral limits to how humans may use animals?

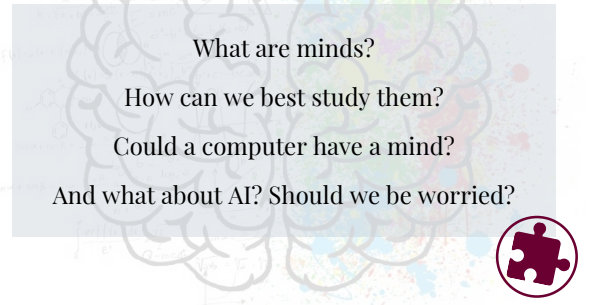
What about... bioengineering, wildlife, experimentation?



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Philosophy of Psychology

PHL 335



What are minds?

How can we best study them?

Could a computer have a mind?

And what about AI? Should we be worried?



Medical Ethics

PHL 338



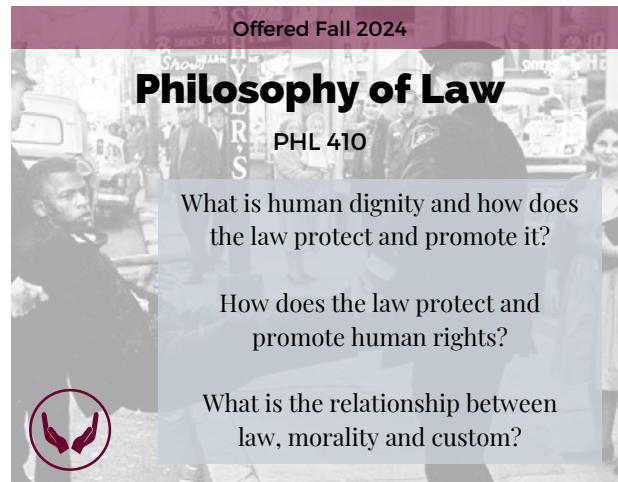
patient-doctor relationship ?
informed consent ?
reproductive technologies ?
genetic modification ?
end-of-life decisions ?
stem cell research ?



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Philosophy of Law

PHL 410



What is human dignity and how does the law protect and promote it?

How does the law protect and promote human rights?

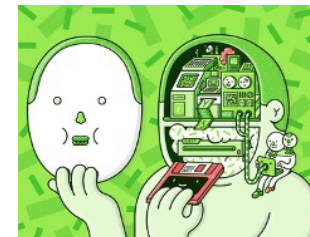
What is the relationship between law, morality and custom?



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Free Will

PHL 425



Do we have free will?
Can a decision be free if it was caused by forces beyond your control?

What is free will, anyway?



Senior Capstone

Discuss options with your
Philosophy faculty advisor!

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- Provides foundational skills for identifying potential careers, conducting successful job and internship searches!

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