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General Information
The Department of Philosophy offers broad training in the major fields of philosophy, with particular strengths in the history of ancient and modern philosophy, Chinese philosophy, logic, metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics and the philosophy of art, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and philosophy of religion. The department offers a rich and lively environment with an emphasis on informal interaction between faculty and students.

Programs & Facilities
Programs for Academic Excellence
Kingfisher College, Kingfisher, Oklahoma, discontinued giving instruction in 1927. An agreement with the trustees of the college provided for transferring a part of the library of the college to the University, for administering the Kingfisher College records for each graduate of Kingfisher College, recognizing the merits of the degree held by each, and inviting the holder to become associated with the alumni of the University. In 1951 the trustees of the college and the regents of the University jointly established a chair in the Department of Philosophy named Kingfisher College Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. Since its origin this chair has been expanded into an operative section of the Department of Philosophy, including both graduate and undergraduate level courses.

Society of Undergraduate Philosophers
The Society of Undergraduate Philosophers (SOUP) is an organization of undergraduates and graduate students interested in philosophy. The SOUP meets regularly for discussions, talks by faculty members, to view philosophically themed movies, and to engage in other philosophy related activities.

Undergraduate Study
Bachelor of Arts Degree
Undergraduate studies in philosophy offer broad training in the major fields of philosophy, with particular strengths in the history of ancient and modern philosophy, Chinese philosophy, logic, metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics and the philosophy of art, philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind and philosophy of religion. In addition to classes and seminars, the department offers a rich and lively environment with an emphasis on informal interaction between faculty and students.

Philosophy
The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is an excellent preparation for professional graduate programs in business, medicine, and law, and for graduate programs in philosophy. It is also ideal as a second major in conjunction with physics, psychology, economics, political science, or literature. But perhaps most importantly, the philosophy major fosters a sense of wonder, and provides a rigorous intellectual method for gaining understanding of oneself and the world. By learning about the heritage of philosophical examination, students acquire an informed basis for arriving at their own conclusions about their most basic beliefs and values. Philosophy encourages students to become critical thinkers — to reason clearly and correctly concerning important and fundamental issues.

The ability to write clear, coherent papers is essential to philosophy. Philosophy majors receive specialized training in writing for the field in a Writing Workshop, and they must take at least two majors-only courses, in which they have intensive writing requirements.

Minor
The department also offers an undergraduate Philosophy Minor.

Courses for Non-Majors
Most students who take philosophy courses are not philosophy majors. The topics covered by philosophy — e.g., moral, legal, aesthetic and religious values, logic, the theory of knowledge and the history of human thought on these subjects — are of interest to most college students, and many philosophy courses satisfy general education requirements. Non-majors are welcome in any course for which they have the appropriate prerequisites. Consult the course catalog for information on prerequisites for courses above 3000.

Graduate Study
The Department of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma offers programs of study leading to two advanced degrees: a terminal MA, either with thesis or without, and a Ph.D. The department offers broad training in the major fields of philosophy.

- Philosophy, Master of Arts
- Philosophy, Ph.D.

Courses

PHIL 1013 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Basic problems of philosophy explored through a consideration of selected philosophers. (F, Sp, Su) [IV-WC].

PHIL 1103 Critical Reasoning 3 Credit Hours
An informal survey of evaluative principles of reasoning. The application of these principles is emphasized, and common errors and fallacies in everyday, ethical, legal, and scientific reasoning are discussed. This course is not a course in formal symbolic logic or mathematical logic. (F, Sp) [III-SS].

PHIL 1113 Introduction to Logic 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: MATH 0123 or satisfactory score on Math placement test. An introduction to modern logic and its applications. Emphasis is placed on deductive logic, but may also include some treatment of inductive logic. Various common fallacies and errors in reasoning will also be discussed. (F, Sp, Su) [I-M].

PHIL 1213 Introduction to Ethics 3 Credit Hours
Basic issues in moral philosophy examined through a consideration of selected philosophers, including a sampling of normative theories as well as an introduction to issues of metaethics. (F, Sp, some Su) [IV-WC].
PHIL 1223  Introduction to Asian Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with IAS 1223) Survey of the major figures and schools of
philosophy in Asia. Includes study of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism,
and Daoism. (F) [IV-WDC].

PHIL 1233  Contemporary Moral Issues  3 Credit Hours
Philosophical exploration of major contemporary moral issues such as
euthanasia, abortion, death penalty, war and terrorism, poverty and world
hunger, animal rights, pornography, marriage, affirmative action, drug
legalization, and organ sales. Students will read contrasting views from
prominent philosophers, and learn about how moral theories may be
invoked in support of positions on those issues. (F, Sp)[IV-WC].

PHIL 1263  Introduction to Ethics in Health Care  3 Credit Hours
An overview of important issues in health care ethics, including dilemmas
facing providers, patients, researchers, and society at large. The course
will introduce facts and concepts drawn from health care practice, and a
variety of philosophical approaches used to analyze ethical dilemmas. (F,
Sp) [IV-WC].

PHIL 1273  Introduction to Business Ethics  3 Credit Hours
An overview of important issues in business ethics, including the morality
of market systems, business-customer relations, employer-employee
relations, and firm-shareholder relations. The course will introduce facts
and concepts drawn from economic analysis and business practice, as
well as a variety of philosophical approaches used to analyze ethical
considerations. (F, Sp) [IV-WC].

PHIL 1713  Justice in Society  3 Credit Hours
Introduces students to justice, both as a regulative ideal and as a
conscious process of social transformation. Consideration of how to
reflect on the society we could have without ignoring past and present
transgressions of sexism, racism, ethnic hatred, economic discrimination,
religion discrimination, etc. (Irreg.)

PHIL 2023  Existentialism, Its Sources and Influences  3 Credit Hours
The historical background and cultural impact of existentialism in its
literary, religious, psychiatric and philosophical expressions. Stresses
Kierkegaard, Heidegger and Sartre. Briefly treats Nietzsche, Jaspers,
Berdyaev, Maslow, Beckett, etc. (Irreg.)

PHIL 2900  Special Topics  4 Credit Hours
1 to 4 hours. May be repeated with change of topic; maximum credit
nine hours. Topics in philosophy not accommodated by the existing
curriculum will be taught from time to time (examples: Islamic
philosophy, Navajo thought, femininity). (Irreg.)

PHIL 3023  Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of Philosophy or junior standing. Examines
historical and contemporary views about the nature, value, social role and
interpretation of artworks in a variety of artistic media. The appreciation
of nature and of everyday experience is also discussed. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3033  Philosophy and Literature  3 Credit Hours
Literature expresses in concrete form what philosophy discusses in
abstract terms: views of the world that human beings inhabit; views
of the nature of human freedom and rationality; and views of the good
human life. Use of literature to illustrate philosophical issues, and
philosophy to reveal the unstated assumptions and implications of
selected literary works. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3243  Civility  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 6 hours of Philosophy or junior standing. Addresses
the moral, social, and political aspects of the virtue of civility. Course
readings will range from theoretical works linking civility to broad moral
and political concerns to more applied approaches that seek to address
how civility practices have altered alongside historical, sociological, and
technological changes in society. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3253  History of Ethics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy. A survey of the major figures in
the history of moral philosophy with emphasis on their interrelations,
influences on each other and effect on contemporary moral philosophy.
(Sp) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3263  Virtue Ethics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or six hours of Philosophy. An overview of
the history of virtue ethics from the ancient Greeks to the present day,
covering the historical zenith of virtue ethics through the Middle Ages,
the fall of virtue concepts in the early modern period, and the rebirth of
virtue ethics in the later 20th century. Discusses a number of executive,
moral, intellectual, and civic virtues and their related vices, and addresses
some of the fundamental philosophical questions that arise in the study
of virtue ethics. (F, Sp) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3273  Ethics and Business  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Six hours of philosophy or junior standing. A study of how
ethics illuminates business activities. Topics include: the philosophical
bases of capitalism; the legitimacy of the profit motive; virtue and the
marketplace; corporate responsibility; government regulation; the
marketplace and the environment; the ethics of advertising; employee
privacy; and the challenges posed by the developing information age.
(Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3283  Environmental Ethics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Surveys the field
of environmental ethics. Various principles philosophers use to assign
value to the natural world and assign obligations toward nature to human
beings are examined by students in order to articulate and defend their
own reasoned points of view on environmental questions. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3313  History of Ancient Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy. A survey of Greek and Roman
philosophy with concentration on selected readings in classical
philosophy from Thales to St. Augustine. (F) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3333  History of Modern Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy. A survey of modern European
philosophy with concentration on selected readings from the
Renaissance through Kant. (Sp) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3343  Chinese Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with IAS 3343) Prerequisite: Six hours of philosophy or
junior standing. Survey and analysis of the major texts and schools of
philosophy in China, from the ancient world to the contemporary era.
(Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

PHIL 3353  American Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
A study of important American philosophers and philosophical
movements, from Jonathan Edwards through pragmatism. (Irreg.) [IV-
WC].
PHIL 3393 History of Analytic Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing; open to non-majors. Explores some of the main methods and topics of interest in the analytic philosophical tradition. Examines the views of influential philosophers, starting around the beginning of the twentieth century, on questions such as: What is the world made up of? What is the nature of time? What is knowledge, and do we have any? (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3403 Jewish and Islamic Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 6 hours of philosophy. This course covers the development of classical Jewish and Islamic philosophy from roughly 800 to 1200 CE and then examines the development of these traditions in light of issues of contemporary relevance. (F, Sp) [IV-WDC].

PHIL 3423 Ancient and Medieval Religious Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Covers the history of religious philosophy in the West from ancient Greece until the 16th century. Major figures studied include Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Plotinus, Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Maimonides, Aquinas, Averroes, Scotus, Ockham, and the Reformers. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3433 Modern Philosophy of Religion 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Covers the history of modern religious philosophy in the West from the 17th to the mid-20th centuries. Major figures studied include Descartes, Pascal, Leibniz, Locke, Hume, Kant, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Clifford, James, Freud, and Wittgenstein. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3440 Mentored Research Experience 3 Credit Hours
0 to 3 hours. Prerequisites: ENGL 1113 or equivalent, and permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. For the inquisitive student to apply the scholarly processes of the discipline to a research or creative project under the mentorship of a faculty member. Student and instructor should complete an Undergraduate Research & Creative Projects (URCP) Mentoring Agreement and file it with the URCP office. Not for honors credit. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 3443 Contemporary Issues in Philosophy of Religion 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Issues currently debated in philosophy of religion. Topics include the rationality of religious belief, the problem of evil, the dilemma of divine foreknowledge and human free will, life after death, the relation between science and religion, and religion and public policy. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3503 Self and Identity 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 1013 or permission of instructor. Introduction to a number of philosophical topics about the self including personal identity, immortality, unity of self-consciousness, self-knowledge, and nature of self. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3533 Language, Communication, and Knowledge 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. The nature of language and communication as studied by linguists and philosophers. Topics will include the nature of meanings; the relationship between syntax, semantics, and pragmatics; and the transmission of knowledge through testimony. Combines philosophical readings with readings from the empirical sciences. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3613 Philosophy of Biology 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Philosophical issues raised by evolution theory. Topics include creationism versus evolutionary theory; what makes a hypothesis scientific; can evolutionary theory explain psychological or cultural phenomena? (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3623 Philosophical Issues in Physics and Cosmology 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Focus on philosophical issues raised by relativity theory (e.g. the nature of space and time), quantum theory (e.g. non-local action, the measurement problem), and cosmology (e.g. how did the universe begin, will it end and how, and what sense can be made of the universe beginning and ending?). (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3713 History of Social and Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. A survey of the views of major philosophers from Plato to the nineteenth century on the nature of man's relation to society and to the state in the context of their wider philosophical (logical, epistemological, metaphysical and ethical) doctrines. Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel and Marx are the chief figures covered, though others will be considered as time permits. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3733 Religion in Political Theory 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of Philosophy or junior standing. Survey of views on religion in political life held by important political theorists in the modern western tradition and consider how theoretical positions on the role of religion in political life are reflected in political institutions, such as the first amendment establishment clause. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3743 Feminist Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Six hours of philosophy or junior standing. A study of the major schools of feminist philosophy, as well as issues of perennial and contemporary interest in feminist philosophy. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3753 Philosophy of Race 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or six hours of philosophy. Addresses philosophical questions about race. Social justice will be an important focus of the course. Additional specific issues related to race and racism will also be addressed; hopefully, a better understanding of the philosophical issues and a commitment to the eradication of racism and racial injustice will be reached. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3763 Law and Society 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. An introduction to the history and structure of the main controversies in modern law, with special attention to the United States legal system. Covered topics include natural law, legal realism, the law and economics movement, theories of responsibility and liability, feminist legal theory, and theories of text interpretation. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

PHIL 3803 Topics in Philosophy for Majors 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 6 hours of Philosophy and declared Philosophy major. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 6 hours. This is the majors-only version of a 3000-level course designated by the Philosophy Department to serve as a "target class" for PHIL 3811, the Writing Workshop in Philosophy. It meets concurrently with that designated course. Content will vary depending on the designated course, but will include intensified writing requirements. (F, Sp)

PHIL 3811 Philosophy Writing Workshop 1 Credit Hour
Prerequisite: co-requisite with 3813, 3833 or 3853. Intensive instruction on how to write papers in philosophy. Students will use the workshop to help them write the term paper for a designated target class, in which they must be concurrently enrolled. (F, Sp)
PHIL 3813  History of Ancient Philosophy for Majors  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy and Philosophy or Ethics and Religion major. A survey of Greek and Roman philosophy with concentration on selected readings from classical philosophy from Thales to St. Augustine. For majors in Philosophy or Ethics and Religion. No student may earn credit for both 3313 and 3813. (F, Sp)

PHIL 3833  History of Modern Philosophy for Majors  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy and Philosophy or Ethics and Religion major. A survey of modern European philosophy with concentration on selected readings from the Renaissance through Kant. For majors in Philosophy or Ethics and Religion. No student may earn credit for both 3333 and 3833. (F, Sp)

PHIL 3843  Chinese Philosophy for Majors  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of Philosophy and declared Philosophy major. Survey and analysis of the major texts and schools of philosophy in China, from the ancient world to the contemporary era. This is the major-only version of PHIL 3343, Chinese Philosophy; it meets concurrently with that course, but has intensified writing requirements. It can serve as a "target class" for PHIL 3811, the Writing Workshop in Philosophy. (Irreg.)

PHIL 3853  History of Ethics for Majors  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy and Philosophy or Ethics and Religion major. A survey of the major figures in the history of moral philosophy with emphasis on their interrelations, influences on each other and effect on contemporary moral philosophy. For majors in Philosophy or Ethics and Religion. No student may earn credit for both 3253 and 3853. (Sp)

PHIL 3900  Special Topics  1-4 Credit Hours
1 to 4 hours. May be repeated with change of topic; maximum credit nine hours. Topics in philosophy not accommodated by the existing curriculum will be taught from time to time. (Irreg.)

PHIL 3960  Honors Reading  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. The projects covered will vary. The content will deal with concepts not usually presented in regular coursework. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 3970  Honors Seminar  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. The projects covered will vary. The content will deal with concepts not usually presented in regular coursework. (Irreg.)

PHIL 3980  Honors Research  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Will provide an opportunity for the gifted Honors candidate to work at a special project in the student's field. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 3990  Independent Study  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: one course in general area to be studied; permission of instructor and department. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Contracted independent study for topic not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. Independent study may include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 4023  Survey of Analytic Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 5023) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission of department. Survey of major philosophical topics in aesthetics and the philosophy of art. Topics include the ontology of art, interpretation, the value of artworks, the relationship between aesthetic and moral value, and aesthetic experience in everyday life. No student may earn credit for both 4023 and 5023. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4133  Symbolic Logic I  3 Credit Hours
An introduction to the symbolism and methods of modern deductive logic. (F)

PHIL 4293  Ethical Theory  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5293) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy including an ethics course or permission. A survey of theories of the nature and foundations of morality. Topics may include the analysis of moral language, the justification of moral beliefs, and the status of ethical theories. No student may earn credit for both 4293 and 5293. (Sp)

PHIL 4343  Early Chinese Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5343, Crosslisted with IAS 4343) Prerequisite: eight hours of Philosophy or permission. Survey of pre-Qin Chinese philosophy, including the major texts and figures of Confucianism, Daoism, and other notable schools. No student may earn credit for both 4343 and 5343. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4473  Philosophy of Religion  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5473) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission. A survey of topics in the philosophy of religion. Topics covered include the concept of God, the problem of religious knowledge, the nature of religious language, the problem of evil, and particular thinkers. No student may earn credit for both 4473 and 5473. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4513  Metaphysics  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5513) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey of major philosophical views about the nature of reality. Topics covered may include the mind-body problem, causation, personal identity, free will and determinism, universals, and the existence of God. No student may earn credit for both 4513 and 5513. (Sp)

PHIL 4523  Epistemology  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5523) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey on the evaluation of human reasoning and the nature and scope of human knowledge. Topics include skepticism, the nature of justification, the ethics of belief, and the problem of induction. No student may earn credit for both 4523 and 5523. (F)

PHIL 4533  Philosophy of Language  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 5533) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey of major philosophical views on the nature and workings of language. Topics covered include: meaning and truth, sense and reference, speech acts, and communication. No student may earn credit for both 4533 and 5533. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4543  Philosophy of Mind  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 5543) Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey of major philosophical views on the nature of the mind. Topics covered may include: the nature and unity of consciousness, the mind-body problem, personal identity, the emotions, actions and intentions, self-knowledge, and other minds. No student may earn credit for both 4543 and 5543. (Irreg.)
PHIL 4623  Philosophy of The Social Sciences  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5623) Prerequisite: nine hours of upper-division social sciences or permission. Survey of issues in the philosophy of the social sciences. Topics covered will include explanation in the social sciences, theory construction, theories and observation, evidence and theory of confirmation, theoretical constructs and operationism, verstehen and objectivity. No student may earn credit for both 4623 and 5623. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4713  Survey of Social and Political Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 5713) Prerequisite: Eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey of important theories in social and political philosophy. Beginning with ancient theories (Plato and Aristotle), to modern social contract theories and the foundations of liberalism (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Mill), and concludes with the debate between liberals and communitarians (Rawls and his critics). No student may earn credit for both 4713 and 5713. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4893  Senior Capstone in Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduating majors. Covering the major areas of philosophy taught in the undergraduate major, coordinated with the departmental objectives for undergraduate majors and for the purpose of assessing the level of learning among graduating seniors. (Sp) [V].

PHIL 4900  Special Topics  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: eight hours of philosophy. May be repeated with change of topic; maximum credit nine hours. Topics in philosophy not accommodated by the existing curriculum. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4960  Directed Readings  1-4 Credit Hours
1 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: good standing in University; permission of instructor and dean. May be repeated; maximum credit four hours. Designed for upper-division students who need opportunity to study a specific problem in greater depth than formal course content permits. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4970  Special Topics/Seminar  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: senior standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit nine hours. Special topics or seminar course for content not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. May include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (Irreg.)

PHIL 4990  Independent Study  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: three courses in general area to be studied; permission of instructor and department. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Contracted independent study for topic not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. Independent study may include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 5023  Survey of Analytic Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 4023) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of major philosophical topics in aesthetics and the philosophy of art. Topics include the ontology of art, interpretation, the value of artworks, the relationship between aesthetic and moral value, and aesthetic experience in everyday life. No student may earn credit for both 4023 and 5023. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5143  Symbolic Logic II  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing. Further study of first order predicate logic: identity, axiomatic development. Various metatheorems; soundness, consistency and completeness. (Alt. Sp)

PHIL 5293  Ethical Theory  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4293) Prerequisite: graduate standing. A survey of theories of the nature and foundations of morality. Topics may include the analysis of moral language, the justification of moral beliefs, and the status of ethical theories. No student may earn credit for both 4293 and 5293. (Sp)

PHIL 5313  Studies in Ancient Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 3313. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 18 hours. Survey of philosophical writings of a major ancient Greek philosopher, typically Plato and Aristotle. Works covering different philosophical topics and written at different stages in the philosopher’s development will be studied. Selection of figure will alternate each year the course is offered. (Sp)

PHIL 5333  Studies in Modern Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4333) Prerequisite: eight hours of Philosophy or permission. Survey of pre-Qin Chinese philosophy, including the major texts and figures of Confucianism, Daoism, and other notable schools. No student may earn credit for both 4433 and 5343. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5473  Philosophy of Religion  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4473) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of topics in the philosophy of religion. Topics covered include the concept of God, the problem of religious knowledge, the nature of religious language, the problem of evil, and particular thinkers. No student may earn credit for both 4473 and 5473. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5513  Metaphysics  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4513) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of major philosophical views about the nature of reality. Topics covered may included the mind-body problem, causation, personal identity, free will and determinism, universals, and the existence of God. No student may earn credit for both 4513 and 5513. (Sp)

PHIL 5523  Epistemology  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4523) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey on the evaluation of human reasoning and the nature and scope of human knowledge. Topics include skepticism, the nature of justification, the ethics of belief, and the problem of induction. No student may earn credit for both 4523 and 5523. (F)

PHIL 5533  Philosophy of Language  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 4533) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of major philosophical views on the nature and workings of language. Topics covered include: meaning and truth, sense and reference, speech acts, and communication. No student may earn credit for both 4533 and 5533. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5543  Philosophy of Mind  3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with PHIL 4543) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of major philosophical views on the nature of the mind. Topics covered may include the nature and unity of consciousness, the mind-body problem, personal identity, the emotions, actions and intentions, self-knowledge, and other minds. No student may earn credit for both 4543 and 5543. (Irreg.)
PHIL 5623 Philosophy of The Social Sciences 3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4623) Prerequisite: graduate standing. Survey of issues in the philosophy of the social sciences. Topics covered will include explanation in the social sciences, theory construction, theories and observation, evidence and theory of confirmation, theoretical constructs and operationism, verstehen and objectivity. No student may earn credit for both 4623 and 5623. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5713 Survey of Social and Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
(Slashlisted with 4713) Prerequisite: Eight hours of philosophy or permission. Survey of important theories in social and political philosophy. Beginning with ancient theories (Plato and Aristotle), to modern social contract theories and the foundations of liberalism ( Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Mill), and concludes with the debate between liberals and communitarians (Rawls and his critics). No student may earn credit for both 4713 and 5713. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5813 Philosophy Proseminar 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and Majors only. The Philosophy Proseminar is designed to: (i) help philosophy graduate students develop the skills needed to succeed at their academic work in the graduate program; (ii) prepare them to make good progress through their respective programs, either the MA or the PhD; and (iii) prepare them for success after graduation. (Sp)

PHIL 5823 Philosophy Graduate Writing Seminar 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and Majors only. The Writing Seminar will immerse students in the professional craft of philosophical writing. We will examine exemplars of good philosophical writing, analyze philosophical writing techniques and structures, and identify common strengths and weaknesses in philosophical work. The course will be delivered in a cooperative fashion, with students gaining experience through presentations, giving peer feedback, intensive editing and revision. (F)

PHIL 5960 Directed Readings 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing and permission of department. May be repeated; maximum credit twelve hours. Directed readings and/or literature reviews under the direction of a faculty member. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 5970 Special Topics/Seminar 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated with change of topic; maximum credit nine hours. Topics in philosophy not accommodated by the existing curriculum. (Irreg.)

PHIL 5980 Research for Master's Thesis 2-9 Credit Hours
Variable enrollment, two to nine hours; maximum credit applicable toward degree, four hours. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 5990 Independent Study 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and adviser. May be repeated with change of subject matter; maximum undergraduate credit eight hours; maximum graduate credit 12 hours. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 6023 Seminar in Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in aesthetics and the philosophy of art. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6203 Seminar in Ethics 3 Credit Hours
May be repeated with change of subject matter; maximum credit 12 hours. (F, Sp)

PHIL 6383 Seminar in Chinese Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in Chinese philosophy. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6393 Seminar in the History of Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
May be repeated with change of subject matter; maximum credit 12 hours. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6473 Seminar In Philosophy Of Religion 3 Credit Hours
Seminar In Philosophy Of Religion. Prerequisite: 5473 Or Permission. May Be Repeated With Change Of Content; Maximum Credit 12 Hours. Intensive Seminar On A Topic In The Philosophy Of Religion. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6513 Seminar in Metaphysics 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 5513 or permission. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in metaphysics. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6523 Seminar in Epistemology 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 5523 or permission. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in epistemology. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6593 Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
May be repeated with change of subject matter; maximum credit 12 hours. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6613 Seminar in Philosophy of Science 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 5613 or permission. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in the philosophy of science. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6793 Seminar In Social and Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: 5763 or permission. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Intensive seminar on a topic in the philosophy of law. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6960 Directed Readings 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Directed readings and/or literature review under the direction of a faculty member. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6970 Special Topics/Seminar 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. Special topics or seminar course for content not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. May include library and/or research and field projects. (Irreg.)

PHIL 6980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 2-16 Credit Hours
2 to 16 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and permission of instructor; may be repeated. Directed research culminating in the completion of the doctoral dissertation. (F, Sp, Su)

PHIL 6990 Independent Study 1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit nine hours. Contracted independent study for a topic not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. Independent study may include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (Irreg.)

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