

Philosophy

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Phil 102 Reason and Rhetoric (2 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-a.* Form and style of argumentative discourse; development of critical thinking and rhetorical skills as students prepare and deliver written and oral presentations; construction, evaluation, and presentation of arguments; identification of arguments and fallacies to improve abilities to organize thoughts, express them clearly and simply, and judge the suitability of material for the audience.

Phil 103 Ethics (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Introduction to philosophical reasoning through historical study of Western moral thought.

Phil 201 Critical Thinking (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Acquiring and improving important skills of thinking, reading, and writing critically; emphasis on avoiding fallacies and mastering forms of valid argument in ordinary language.

Phil 202 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Development of systematic techniques for assessing validity of arguments; includes categorical logic, propositional logic, and elementary quantificational logic.

Phil 204 (s) Special Topics (cr arr). Prereq: perm.

Phil WS220 Aesthetics (3 cr). WSU Phil 220.

Phil WS221 Philosophy in Film (3 cr). WSU Phil 210.

Phil 240 Belief and Reality (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Introduction to epistemology (examination of grounds and limits of knowledge) and metaphysics (inquiry into the nature of reality) through historical and contemporary readings.

Phil 302 Biblical Judaism: Texts and Thought (3 cr). Same as RelS 302. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and related texts with an emphasis on hermeneutics and thought.

Phil 303 Early Christianity: Texts and Thought (3 cr). Same as RelS 303. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of the New Testament and other early Christian texts of the first and second centuries C.E. with an emphasis on hermeneutics and thought.

Phil 305 Philosophy of Religion (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophical investigation of such issues as the existence and attributes of God, problems of free will and evil, afterlife, miracles, and creation.

Phil 306 Hindu Thought (3 cr). Same as RelS 306. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Bhagavad-gita, Jainism, and later Hindu thought.

Phil 307 Buddhism (3 cr). Same as RelS 307. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophy and religion of Gautama Buddha as it developed in India, Tibet, China, and Japan.

Phil 308 Confucianism and Taoism (3 cr). Same as RelS 308. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of writings of Lao-tzu, Confucius, Mencius, Chuang-tzu, and medieval Confucianism.

Phil 315 Existentialism (3 cr). Analysis of the writings of such figures as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Dostoyevsky, Hesse, Kafka, Buber, Camus, and Sartre.

Phil ID&WS320 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3 cr). WSU Phil 290. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophical thought from the early Greeks through the Middle Ages; concentration on metaphysics and theory of knowledge.

Phil ID&WS321 History of Modern Philosophy (3 cr). WSU Phil 305. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Critical evaluation of the thought of major figures in early modern philosophy, such as Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant; emphasis on metaphysics and epistemology.

Phil WS322 19th Century Philosophy (3 cr). WSU Phil 310.

Phil 325 (s) Historical Figures in Philosophy (3 cr, max arr). Study of a major philosophical figure from the history of philosophy. May be repeated for credit. Recommended preparation: one philosophy course.

Phil 330 Contemporary Moral Problems (3 cr). Philosophical case analysis in areas of current concern such as racism and sexism, sexual morality, professional responsibility, abortion, welfare of animals, and right to die.

Phil ID&WS351 Philosophy of Science (3 cr). WSU Phil 350. Introduction to the critical analysis of the aims and methods of science, its principles, practices, and achievements. Prereq: 3 cr of philosophy or 3 cr of natural science.

Phil **361 (s) Professional Ethics** (3 cr, max 6). Study of ethical issues and problems arising in professions. Each section focuses on a specific area of professional ethics: bioethics; business ethics; engineering ethics; environmental and natural resource ethics; human service provider ethics; media ethics; ethics in public affairs. Prereq: Phil 103.

Phil **365 Biomedical Ethics** (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Ethical questions in the health professions and medical research, with emphasis on current dilemmas faced by physicians, nurses, medical technologists, and dentists; case analysis in context of modern ethical theory.

Phil **381 American Indian Environmental Philosophy** (3 cr). Exploration of traditional and contemporary American Indian thought about people in relationship to the more than human world. Recommended preparation: Any courses in philosophy, religious studies, American Indian studies, or environmental studies.

Phil **382 Philosophy of Ecology** (3 cr). Exploration of conceptual issues in ecology with special consideration of the connection between ecology and environmental philosophy. Recommended preparation: Any courses in philosophy, natural resources, or environmental studies.

Phil **WS402 Seminar in Symbolic Logic** (3 cr). WSU Phil 401. (Alt/yrs)

Phil **404 (s) Special Topics** (cr arr). Prereq: perm.

Phil **415 Phenomenology** (3 cr). Survey of philosophy of Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Sartre, and others in the phenomenological tradition.

Phil **ID417 Philosophy of Biology** (3 cr). WSU Phil 418. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Classical and current conceptual issues in the foundations and aims of biology, and the role of values and social concerns as they affect and interact with biological science, research, and technology. Recommended prereq: one college course in biological science.

Phil **WS420 Contemporary Continental Philosophy** (3 cr). WSU Phil 420.

Phil **421 Philosophy of the Arts** (3 cr). Chief conceptions of the nature of the arts and their interpretation.

Phil **425 Philosophy and Feminism** (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of schools of feminist theory and impact of feminism on philosophy and other disciplines.

Phil **436 Philosophy of War and Peace** (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophical analysis of violent and nonviolent methods of political conflict resolution; may include just war theory, limited war theory, terrorism, institutionalized procedures for resolving political conflict, and pacifism.

Phil **ID&WS442 Philosophy of Mind** (3 cr). WSU Phil 442. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Survey of current philosophical theories of the nature of minds and mental states, including forms of dualism, reductive physicalism, functionalism, and eliminative materialism. Recommended Preparation: Phil 202 and 240.

Phil **ID&WS443 Philosophy of Language** (3 cr). WSU Phil 443. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophical thinking about meaning, reference, and truth. Recommended Preparation: Phil 202 and 240.

Phil **ID&WS446 Metaphysics** (3 cr). WSU Phil 446. Classical and contemporary readings on such items as realism versus nominalism, free will and determinism, the nature of causality, the existence of God, personal identity, modality. Recommended Preparation: Phil 202 and 240.

Phil **ID&WS447 Theory of Knowledge** (3 cr). WSU Phil 447. Analysis of the nature of knowledge; survey of various philosophical positions on the sources and extent of what we know. Recommended Preparation: Phil 202 and 240.

Phil **450 Ethics and Reasoning in Scientific Research and Practice** (3 cr). *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Principles of reasoning in experimental design and research, understanding and evaluating theoretical, statistical, and causal hypotheses; evaluating decisions based on scientific research; the role of values in scientific research; ethical issues involving fraud and deception, human experimentation, animal research, genetic engineering, biotechnology, and/or other areas. Prereq: Phil 103 or 201 or 202 or 240, or perm.

Phil **J452/J552 Environmental Philosophy** (3 cr). Phil 552 same as EnvS 552. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Philosophical examination of various ethical, metaphysical, and legal issues concerning humans, nature, and the environment; issues covered may include biodiversity and species protection, animal rights, radical ecology, environmental racism, wilderness theory, population control, and property rights. Additional projects/assignments reqd for grad cr.

Phil **457 Natural Resource Ethics** (3 cr). Examination of key ethical concepts and arguments underlying all fields of natural resources. Recommended preparation: Any course in philosophy, environmental studies, or natural resources. (Spring, alt/yrs)

Phil **ID&WS460 Ethical Theory** (3 cr). (Phil 433) WSU Phil 460. Critical analysis of classical consequentialist and deontic views as well as one or more recent theories such as emotivism and prescriptivism, feminist ethics, communitarianism, or virtue ethics. Prereq: Phil 103.

Phil **WS462 Women and Ethics** (3 cr). WSU Phil 462.

Phil **ID&WS470 Philosophy of Law** (3 cr). WSU Phil 470. *May be used as core credit in J-3-d.* Analysis of fundamental philosophical issues in law and legal systems, including the nature of law, relation of law to morality, judicial method, and nature and ascription of rights. Recommended Preparation: Phil 103.

Phil **ID&WS472 Social and Political Philosophy** (3 cr). WSU Phil 472. Examination of basic issues of social justice and political organization, including theory of the state, liberty, equality, justification of rights, justice theory, and distributive justice.

Phil **ID&WS480 INPC Seminar** (3 cr). WSU Phil 490. Focused study of the topic of the annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference with guest instruction by scholars from the conference.

Phil **490 Senior Seminar** (3 cr). Required of all philosophy majors; capstone course devoted to mastery of the philosophical essay; topics will vary. Prereq: Sr standing or completion of 24 credits in philosophy.

Phil **496 Teaching Methods in Philosophy** (2 cr, max 4). Learn methods of teaching while assisting in an introductory-level philosophy course. Prereq: four upper-division courses in philosophy, the introductory course in which the student will participate, and perm of dept. Graded P/F.

Phil **499 (s) Directed Study** (cr arr). Prereq: perm.

Phil **500 Master's Research and Thesis** (cr arr).

Phil **501 (s) Seminar** (cr arr). Graded P/F. Prereq: perm.

Phil **502 (s) Directed Study** (cr arr). Prereq: perm.

Phil **504 (s) Special Topics** (cr arr). Prereq: perm.

Phil **ID&WS510 Seminar in the History of Philosophy** (3 cr, max 6). WSU Phil 510. Systematic exploration of the central works of an individual philosopher or philosophical movement.

Phil **WS520 Seminar in Ethical Theory** (3 cr). WSU Phil 520.

Phil **ID&WS522 Seminar in Metaphysics** (3 cr). WSU Phil 522. The nature of reality, through study of key concepts such as God, personhood, free will, causation, space, time, and identity.

Phil **ID&WS524 Seminar in Epistemology** (3 cr). WSU Phil 524. Classical problems, questions, and theories involving the concept of knowledge.

Phil **WS532 Seminar in Business Ethics** (3 cr). WSU Phil 532.

Phil **WS535 Advanced Biomedical Ethics** (3 cr). WSU Phil 530.

Phil **552 Environmental Philosophy** (3 cr). See Phil J452/J552.

Phil **556 Religion and the Environment** (3 cr). Explores concepts of the sacred, the human, nature, their inter-relationships from several religious traditions; relates these to ecology, environmental ethics. Specific religious traditions covered may vary. Recommended Preparation: At least one 300-400 level philosophy or religious studies course.

Phil **571 Ecological Jurisprudence** (3 cr). Inquiry into the nature of law as a product of culture, emphasizing property, land tenure, and environmental rights and responsibilities. Recommended Preparation: Phil 103, 452, or 470.