

PHIL 408 - Metaphysics

Dr. Stock

Metaphysical thinking involves asking the most fundamental and far-reaching questions, such as "What is a being?" and "What does it mean to be?" Such questions may seem initially very far removed from our lives, but in fact, how we answer them affects how we think about anything at all. In this advanced course we will examine the most important metaphysical concepts and their development in the history of philosophy, such as substance, essence, idea, and quality, and we will identify the central disciplines of the metaphysician: identity, temporality, cosmology, modality and ontology. Throughout this study, we will pay specific attention to the way our metaphysical reasoning has impact on all other areas of philosophy: logic, aesthetics, ethics and epistemology.

Prerequisite: Two previous Philosophy courses.

TR 11:00 AM -12:15 PM
Class Number -3703

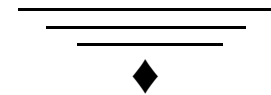
Tentative Course Offerings
in Philosophy
for Spring 2012

- 103 Critical Thinking
- 202 Symbolic Logic
- 209 Philosophy and Culture
- 306 Animals and Ethics
- 312 Intro to Asian Philosophy
- 318 Environmental Responsibility
- 325 Philosophy of Religion
- 475 Senior Seminar

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**FALL 2011
COURSE
OFFERINGS**



PHIL 203 - Ethics

Dr. Hatley

Using friendship as our guiding thought, we will consider in this course what it means to live a good life. Among the questions we will consider: a) whether it matters at all if we live a good life; b) whether the good requires sacrifice; c) how we are called to cultivate virtues both in ourselves and others; d) how we might be called to live in a society that pursues the good for all beings, human and otherwise. Films, case studies and literary works will supplement philosophical readings in this course.

No prerequisite.

TR 2:00 - 3:15 PM
Class Number - 3698

PHIL 301 - Violence and Nonviolence

Dr. Clement

This course is a moral examination of the use of violence and nonviolence in both political and personal contexts. Using case studies and real-life situations, we will investigate in detail the two traditions which have consistently confronted the ethical issue of violence in our world: just war theory and pacifism. To examine the experience of violence and the challenges of promoting nonviolence, we will study the emotional and moral burdens borne by soldiers, as well as different forms of violence directed against women.

No prerequisite.

MWF 11:00 - 11:50 AM
Class Number - 3699

PHIL 308 - Ancient Philosophy

Dr. Gunes

A study of the beginnings and themes of Western thought. The nature of philosophy (the love of wisdom) as distinct from philomythos (the love of story); the nature of the cosmos, and the place of humans within it; the moral and political life, with special emphasis on major figures.

Prerequisite: One previous Philosophy course.

TR 9:30 - 10:45 AM
Class Number - 3700

PHIL 313 - Studies in the History of Philosophy:

American Philosophers of Nature

Dr. Hatley

In the writings of Emerson and Thoreau, America articulated philosophy in a new key that continues to exercise its influence in succeeding generations both here and abroad. In assessing the significance of this tradition, we will reflect upon the nature of our lived experience, particularly in regard to our more-than-human surroundings, in order to assess how faith, humility, intimacy and wonder are crucial elements in our coming to know the world in its wildness and truth. The relevance of Indigenous and Asian traditions of thought to Emerson and Thoreau's legacy will also be given attention in this course, as will several works of natural history written by contemporary American authors.

Prerequisite: One previous Philosophy course.

MW 5:30 - 6:45 PM
Class Number - 3701

PHIL 314 - Seminar in the History of

Philosophy: The Limits of Thought

Dr. Tuske

In this seminar we will discuss certain attempts in the history of philosophy to map out what can be thought and what cannot. One of the main questions will be whether it is possible to go beyond the limits of thought. We will explore the limitations of logic and rationality, and examine whether what lies beyond them is necessarily mystical.

Prerequisite: Two previous Philosophy courses.
Intended for students with Junior standing.

TR 12:30 - 1:45 PM
Class Number - 2160

PHIL 324 - Topics in Asian Philosophy:
The Self in Indian Philosophy

Dr. Tuske

This course is an exploration of the self in Indian philosophy. We will study texts by many different Indian philosophers and compare their conceptions of the self to those of philosophers from the West. We will focus on the relationship between the self and morality and discuss whether it is ever possible to be "selfless." In addition, we will discuss the idea that the self is the part of the person that remains hidden from others, and think about some of the implications of this view.

Prerequisite: One previous Philosophy course.

MWF 10:00 - 10:50 AM
Class Number - 3702