

# PHILOSOPHY

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Philosophy concerns itself with fundamental problems. Some are abstract and deal with the nature of truth, justice, value, and knowledge; others are more concrete, and their study may help guide conduct or enhance understanding of other subjects. Philosophy also examines the efforts of past thinkers to understand the world and people's experience of it.

Although it may appear to be an assortment of different disciplines, there are features common to all philosophical inquiry. These include an emphasis on methods of reasoning and the way in which judgments are formed, on criticizing and organizing beliefs, and on the nature and role of fundamental concepts.

Students of almost any discipline can find something in philosophy which is relevant to their own specialties. In the sciences, it provides a framework within which the foundations and scope of a scientific theory can be studied, and it may even suggest directions for future development. Since philosophical ideas have had an important influence on human endeavors of all kinds, including artistic, political, and economic, students of the humanities and social sciences should find their understanding deepened by acquaintance with philosophy.

## Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Philosophy

The mission of the undergraduate program in Philosophy is to train students to think clearly and critically about the deepest and broadest questions concerning being, knowledge, and value, as well as their connections to the full range of human activities and interests. The Philosophy major presents students with paradigms and perspectives of past thinkers and introduces students to a variety of methods of reasoning and judgment formation. Courses in the major equip students with core skills involved in critical reading, analytical thinking, sound argumentation, and the clear, well-organized expression of ideas. Philosophy is an excellent major for those planning a career in law, medicine, business, or the non-profit sector. It provides analytical skills and a breadth of perspective helpful to those called upon to make decisions about their own conduct and the welfare of others. Philosophy majors who have carefully planned their undergraduate program have an excellent record of admission to professional and graduate schools.

## Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. the ability to communicate philosophical ideas effectively orally and in writing.
2. close reading, argument evaluation, and analytical writing.
3. dialectical ability to identify strengths and weaknesses of an argument and devise appropriate and telling responses.
4. the ability to think critically and demonstrate clarity of conceptualization.
5. the ability to differentiate good from unpromising philosophical questions.
6. the ability to sustain an argument of substantial scope, showing control over logical, argumentative, and evidential relations among its parts.

## Special and Joint Majors

The Special Program in the History and Philosophy of Science enables students to combine interests in science, history, and philosophy. Students interested in this program should see the special adviser.

The Special Option in Philosophy and Literary Thought enables students to combine interests in philosophy and literary studies. Interested students should see the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Philosophy and Literature.

The combined major in Philosophy and Religious Studies joins courses from both departments into a coherent theoretical pattern.

The joint major in Philosophy and Computer Science provides opportunities for the systematic study of computation together with philosophy in the broadest sense.

## Graduate Program in Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy offers an M.A. and a Ph.D. degree. The University's basic requirements for the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees are discussed in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/bulletin/4901.htm>)" section of this bulletin.

## Learning Outcomes (Graduate)

The purpose of the master's program is to develop knowledge and skills in Philosophy and to prepare students for a professional career or doctoral studies. This is achieved through completion of core courses, with an option for further specialization. (See below for details.)

The Ph.D. is conferred upon candidates who have demonstrated substantial scholarship and the ability to conduct independent research and analysis in Philosophy. Through completion of advanced course work and rigorous skills training, the doctoral program prepares students to make original contributions to the knowledge of Philosophy and to interpret and present the results of such research.

## Library and Associations

The Tanner Memorial Library of Philosophy contains an excellent working library and ideal conditions for study. Graduate students and undergraduate majors in philosophy have formed associations for discussion of philosophical issues and the reading of papers by students, faculty, and visitors.

## Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

There are three ways of majoring in Philosophy:

- The General Program
- The Special Program in the History and Philosophy of Science
- The Special Option in Philosophy and Literature.

A student completing any of these receives a B.A. degree in Philosophy. There is also a major program offered in Philosophy and Religious Studies. To declare a major, a student should consult with the Director of Undergraduate Study and see the undergraduate student services administrator to be assigned an adviser and work out a coherent plan. The department recommends proficiency in at least one foreign language.

## General Program

1. Course requirements, minimum 55 units:
  - a. preparation for the major: an introductory course (under 100) and PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning. (PHIL 80 should normally be taken no later than the first quarter after declaring the major.) Students taking a Philosophy Thinking Matters course may count 4 units toward the introductory Philosophy requirement.

Students who took the Winter/Spring Philosophy Introduction to the Humanities (IHUM) track may count 5 units toward the Introductory Philosophy requirement. (IHUM courses are no longer offered).

- b. the core: 24 additional Philosophy units as follows:
- i Logic: Select one of the following. More advanced logic courses may also be counted for this requirement by petition.

Select one of the following:

PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4

- ii Philosophy of science: This requirement may be satisfied by PHIL 60, PHIL 61, or an intermediate philosophy of science course numbered between PHIL 160 - 169.

- iii Moral and political philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by PHIL 2 or any intermediate course devoted to central topics in moral and political philosophy numbered between PHIL 170 - 172 or 174-176.

- iv Contemporary theoretical philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by any intermediate course numbered between PHIL 180 - 189.

- v History of philosophy:

Select both of the following

PHIL 100	Greek Philosophy	4
PHIL 102	Modern Philosophy, Descartes to Kant	4

- c. one undergraduate philosophy seminar from the PHIL 194 series.
- d. electives: courses numbered 10 or above, at least 9 units of which must be in courses numbered above 99.

2. Units for Tutorial, Directed Reading (PHIL 196 Tutorial, Senior Year, PHIL 197 Individual Work, Undergraduate, PHIL 198 The Dualist), The Dualist (PHIL 198 The Dualist), Honors Seminar (PHIL 199 Seminar for Prospective Honors Students), or affiliated courses may not be counted in the 55-unit requirement. No more than 10 units completed with grades of 'satisfactory' and/or 'credit' may be counted in the 55-unit requirement. Any units taken for a letter grade in fulfillment of the core requirements listed under 1.b. must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.
3. A maximum of 10 transfer units or two courses can be used for the departmental major. In general, transfer courses cannot be used to satisfy the six area requirements or the undergraduate seminar requirement. Students may not substitute transfer units for the PHIL 80 requirement.

## Special Program in History and Philosophy of Science

Undergraduates may major in Philosophy with a field of study in History and Philosophy of Science. This field of study is declared on Axess. Each participating student is assigned an adviser who approves the course of study. A total of 61 units are required for the sub-major, to be taken according to requirements 1 through 5 below. Substitutions for the listed courses are allowed only by written consent of the undergraduate adviser for History and Philosophy of Science. Students are encouraged to consider doing honors work with an emphasis on the history and philosophy of science. Interested students should see the description of the honors thesis in Philosophy and consult their advisers for further information.

1. Three science courses (for example, biology, chemistry, physics) for 12 units.
2. The following Philosophy (PHIL) core courses must be completed with a letter grade by the end of the junior year:
  - a.
 

Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4
  - b. either PHIL 60 Introduction to Philosophy of Science or PHIL 61 Philosophy and the Scientific Revolution.
  - c. PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning.
3. Three history of science courses.
4. Three philosophy of science courses, of which one must be PHIL 164 Central Topics in the Philosophy of Science: Theory and Evidence.
5. Three additional courses related to the major, in philosophy or history, to be agreed on by the adviser.
6. At least six courses in the major must be completed at Stanford with a letter grade. Units for Tutorial, Directed Reading, or The Dualist (PHIL 196 Tutorial, Senior Year, PHIL 197 Individual Work, Undergraduate, PHIL 198 The Dualist) may not be counted in the 61-unit requirement. No more than 10 units completed with grades of 'satisfactory' and/or 'credit' may be counted in the 61-unit requirement. Units taken in fulfillment of the philosophy requirements under 2. must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.
7. Transfer units must be approved in writing by the Director of Undergraduate Study at the time of declaring a major. Transfer courses are strictly limited when used to satisfy major requirements.

## Special Option in Philosophy and Literature

1. Core requirements for the major in Philosophy, including:
  - a. an introductory course
  - b. PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning
  - c. the core distribution requirements listed in section 1b of the general program above.

All units taken for a letter grade in fulfillment of the philosophy core requirements (under 1., above) must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.

1. Gateway course in philosophy and literature (PHIL 81 Philosophy and Literature). This course should be taken as early as possible in the student's career, normally in the sophomore year.
2. Three courses in a single national literature, chosen by the student in consultation with the adviser and the program director of undergraduate studies. This normally involves meeting the language proficiency requirements of the relevant literature department.
3. Electives within Philosophy beyond the core requirements totaling at least 5 units, and drawn from courses numbered 100 or higher.
4. Two upper division courses of special relevance to the study of philosophy and literature, as identified by the committee in charge of the program. A list of approved courses is available from the program director of undergraduate studies, and is published on the web at <http://philit/programs/relevance.html>
5. Capstone seminar in the PHIL 194 series.
6. Capstone seminar of relevance to the study of philosophy and literature, as approved by the program committee. In some cases, with approval of the Philosophy Director of Undergraduate Study and the program director of undergraduate studies, the same course may be used to meet requirements 6 and 7 simultaneously. In any

case, the student's choice of a capstone seminar must be approved in writing by the Philosophy Director of Undergraduate Study and the program director of undergraduate studies.

Students are encouraged to consider doing honors work in a topic related to philosophy and literature through the Philosophy honors program.

The following rules also apply to the special option:

1. Units for Honors Tutorial, Directed Reading (PHIL 196 Tutorial, Senior Year, PHIL 197 Individual Work, Undergraduate, PHIL 198 The Dualist), The Dualist (PHIL 198 The Dualist), Honors Seminar (PHIL 199 Seminar for Prospective Honors Students) may not be counted toward the 65-unit requirement. No more than 10 units with a grade of 'satisfactory' or 'credit' may be counted toward the unit requirement.
2. A maximum of 15 transfer units may be counted toward the major, at most 10 of which may substitute for courses within Philosophy. Transfer credits may not substitute for PHIL 80 or PHIL 81, and are approved as substitutes for the five area requirements or PHIL 194 only in exceptional cases.
3. Courses offered in other departments may be counted toward requirements 3, 5 and 7, but such courses, including affiliated courses, do not generally count toward the other requirements. In particular, such courses may not satisfy requirement 4.
4. Units devoted to meeting the language requirement are not counted toward the 65-unit requirement.

## Honors Program

Students who wish to undertake a more intensive and extensive program of study, including seminars and independent work, are invited to apply for the honors program during Winter Quarter of the junior year. Admission is selective on the basis of demonstrated ability in Philosophy, including an average grade of at least 'A-' in a substantial number of Philosophy courses and progress towards satisfying the requirements of the major.

With their application, candidates should submit an intended plan of study for the remainder of the junior and the senior years. It should include at least 5 units of Senior Tutorial (PHIL 196 Tutorial, Senior Year) during Autumn and/or Winter quarter(s) of the senior year. Students who are applying to Honors College may use the same application for philosophy honors. In the quarter preceding the tutorial, students should submit an essay proposal to the Philosophy undergraduate director and determine an adviser.

Students applying for honors should enroll in Junior Honors Seminar (PHIL 199 Seminar for Prospective Honors Students) during the Spring Quarter of the junior year.

The length of the honors essay may vary considerably depending on the problem and the approach; usually it falls somewhere between 7,500 and 12,500 words. This essay may use work in previous seminars and courses as a starting point, but it cannot be the same essay that has been used, or is being used, in some other class or seminar. It must be a substantially new and different piece of work reflecting work in the tutorials.

A completed draft of the essay is submitted to the adviser at the end of the Winter Quarter of the senior year. Any further revisions must be finished by the fifth full week of the Spring Quarter, when three copies of the essay are to be given to the undergraduate secretary. The honors essay is graded by the adviser together with a second reader, chosen by the adviser in consultation with the student. The student also provides an oral defense of the thesis at a meeting with the adviser and second reader. The essay must receive a grade of 'A-' or better for the student to receive honors.

Honors tutorials represent units in addition to the 55-unit requirement.

For further information, contact the Honors' Director.

## Philosophy and Religious Studies Combined Major

The undergraduate major in Philosophy and Religious Studies consists of 60 units of course work with approximately one third each in the philosophy core, the religious studies core, and either the general major or the special concentration. Affiliated courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

No courses in either the philosophy or religious studies core may be taken satisfactory/no credit or credit/no credit.

In general, transfer units cannot be used to satisfy the core requirements. Transfer units and substitutions must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies in the appropriate department.

### Core Requirements

1. Philosophy (PHIL) courses:
  - a. Required course: PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning
  - b. 16 units, including at least one Philosophy course from each of the following areas:
    - i Logic and philosophy of science: Students take either one from this list or an intermediate philosophy of science course numbered PHIL 160-169.
 

PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 60	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	5
PHIL 61	Philosophy and the Scientific Revolution	5
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4
    - ii Ethics and value theory: This requirement may be satisfied by PHIL 2 or any intermediate course devoted to central topics in moral and political philosophy numbered between PHIL 170 – 172 or 174-176.
    - iii Contemporary theoretical philosophy: Take either PHIL 1 Introduction to Philosophy or an intermediate course numbered PHIL 180-189.
    - iv History of philosophy: Select one of
 

PHIL 100	Greek Philosophy	4
PHIL 101	Introduction to Medieval Philosophy	4
PHIL 102	Modern Philosophy, Descartes to Kant	4
PHIL 103	19th-Century Philosophy	4
  - c. All philosophy units taken for a grade in fulfillment of requirements under 1.a. and 1.b. must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.
2. Religious Studies (RELIGST) courses: 20 units, chosen in consultation with the student's adviser, including:
  - a. RELIGST 290 Majors Seminar (5 units; Winter Quarter; recommended junior year; fulfills WIM requirement)
  - b. at least one course in philosophy of religion, broadly construed, chosen in consultation with, and approved by, the Religious Studies Director of Undergraduate Studies.
  - c. diversity requirement: Students may not take all their religion courses in one religious tradition.

## General Major Requirements

Five additional courses (approximately 20 units) divided between the two departments. No more than 5 of these units may come from courses numbered under 99 in either department. Each student must also take at least one undergraduate seminar in religious studies and one undergraduate seminar in philosophy.

## Special Concentration

With the aid of an adviser, students pursue a specialized form of inquiry in which the combined departments have strength; for example, American philosophy and religious thought, philosophical and religious theories of human nature and action, philosophy of religion. Courses for this concentration must be approved in writing by the adviser.

## Directed Reading and Satisfactory/No Credit Units

Units of directed reading for fulfilling requirements of the combined major are allowed only with special permission. No more than 10 units of work with a grade of 'satisfactory' count toward the combined major.

## Honors Program

Students pursuing a major in Philosophy and Religious Studies may also apply for honors by following the procedure for honors in either of the departments.

## Joint Major Program in Philosophy and Computer Science

The joint major program (JMP), authorized by the Academic Senate for a pilot period of six years beginning in 2014-15, permits students to major in both Computer Science and one of ten Humanities majors. See the "Joint Major Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/undergraduatedegreesandprograms/#jointmajortext>)" section of this bulletin for a description of University requirements for the JMP. See also the Undergraduate Advising and Research JMP web site and its associated FAQs.

Students completing the JMP receive a B.A.S. (Bachelor of Arts and Science).

Because the JMP is new and experimental, changes to procedures may occur; students are advised to check the relevant section of the bulletin periodically.

The joint major in Philosophy and Computer Science provides opportunities for the systematic study of computation together with philosophy in the broadest sense.

The joint major is appropriate for three distinct groups of students:

1. students with separate interests in the two fields who wish to begin thinking about their interaction (or else applications of one set to the other);
2. students interested in exploring philosophical issues in, and foundations of, computing;
3. students who would like to pursue philosophical investigations using computational methods.

## Philosophy Major Requirements in the Joint Major Program

See the "Computer Science Joint Major Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofengineering/computerscience/#jointmajorprogramtext>)" section of this bulletin for details on Computer Science requirements.

Students in the joint major are required to complete the same introductory and core requirements as other Philosophy majors, with the exception of a more demanding logic requirement. In addition, joint majors must complete a senior capstone seminar in Philosophy (PHIL 194), and are normally expected to complete (separately from PHIL 194) an integrative senior capstone project, developed with faculty adviser(s) in CS and/or Philosophy, and approved in writing by the joint major's faculty adviser in Philosophy. Students may register for 5-10 units Individual Work, Undergraduate (PHIL 197) in association with the integrative capstone. These units may be taken across one or two quarters, and must be taken for a letter grade. Such projects must integrate the student's CS and philosophical learning.

In recognition of the student's work in the CS side of the joint major, the normal elective units required for Philosophy majors are reduced by 5 units for joint majors. Thus, the joint major requires 50 units within Philosophy.

Because logic is a core area of intersection between Philosophy and CS, students are in the best position to leverage the intersection of their work in the two fields if they develop a strong background in logical methods, and have a clear understanding of the way those formal methods are or can be used within Philosophy. Joint majors are therefore required to complete training in logic at least through successful completion of PHIL 150.

Thus, the Philosophy requirements of the joint major are:

1. An Introductory course (numbered under 100)
2. PHIL 80 (writing in the major)
3. Core requirements in philosophy
  - a. One course in logic (PHIL 150 or higher);
  - b. One course in philosophy of science;
  - c. One course in moral or political philosophy (normally PHIL 2 or PHIL 170s)
  - d. One course in contemporary theoretical philosophy (PHIL 180s)
  - e. Two courses in the history of philosophy, namely
    - i PHIL 100 (ancient philosophy)
    - ii PHIL 102 (modern philosophy)
4. Capstone seminar within philosophy (PHIL 194s)
5. Expected integrative independent capstone project
6. Electives sufficient to bring the student's overall program up to a minimum total of 50 units in Philosophy.

Units for Independent Work, Directed Reading, the Dualist, and Honors Seminar (PHIL 196, 197, 198, 199) do not count toward the overall requirement of 50 units within Philosophy. No more than 10 units of courses completed with grades of 'Satisfactory' or 'Credit' may be counted toward the 50-unit requirement. Units taken for a letter grade in fulfillment of the core requirements listed under 3. must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.

Students in the joint major should register their major declaration not only with the Director of Undergraduate Study (DUS) of Philosophy but also with the joint major's faculty adviser in Philosophy. In consultation with the faculty adviser (ideally beginning in the sophomore year), each joint major should work out an individualized program of courses to develop her/his philosophical interests and to explore the connections between them and her/his interests in computation. Each student should meet with the faculty adviser quarterly for a program update, during which there is discussion of opportunities for integrating the ongoing work in Philosophy and CS through course work, employment, projects, or other extracurricular activities. The faculty adviser assists students to develop coherent programs of study leading toward integrative senior experiences. If the normal expectation of a senior project turns out not to be suitable in individual cases, the student must obtain approval in



writing from the faculty adviser of the substitute integrative activities and the faculty advisor of the joint major.

## Learning Objectives

Because the joint major seeks to develop deep disciplinary knowledge within Philosophy, the learning objectives of the general philosophy major also apply in the case of the joint major. In this aspect, students are expected to demonstrate:

1. the ability to communicate philosophical ideas effectively orally and in writing.
2. close reading, argument evaluation, and analytical writing.
3. dialectical ability to identify strengths and weaknesses of an argument and devise appropriate and telling responses.
4. the ability to think critically and demonstrate clarity of conceptualization.
5. the ability to differentiate good from unpromising philosophical questions.
6. the ability to sustain an argument of substantial scope, showing control over logical, argumentative, and evidential relations among its parts.

In addition, the joint major has the ambition to develop key knowledge and capacities that are relevant to the intersection of Philosophy and CS. In this domain, students in the joint major are expected to:

1. develop problem solving skills suitable to their work in the Computer Science side of the major, in accordance with learning goals specified for the joint major by Computer Science.
2. develop mastery of logical and formal methods adequate to support their work at the intersection of computing and philosophy.
3. demonstrate a deep understanding of at least one particular area of intersection between the two fields, or of how methods and ideas from one of the disciplines can inform or be applied to the other.

## Declaring a Joint Major Program

To declare the joint major, students must first declare each major through Axxess, and then submit the Declaration or Change of Undergraduate Major, Minor, Honors, or Degree Program. (<https://stanford.box.com/change-UG-program>) The Major-Minor and Multiple Major Course Approval Form (<https://stanford.box.com/MajMin-MultMaj>) is required for graduation for students with a joint major.

## Dropping a Joint Major Program

To drop the joint major, students must submit the Declaration or Change of Undergraduate Major, Minor, Honors, or Degree Program. (<https://stanford.box.com/change-UG-program>) . Students may also consult the Student Services Center (<http://studentservicescenter.stanford.edu>) with questions concerning dropping the joint major.

## Transcript and Diploma

Students completing a joint major graduate with a B.A.S. degree. The two majors are identified on one diploma separated by a hyphen. There will be a notation indicating that the student has completed a "Joint Major". The two majors are identified on the transcript with a notation indicating that the student has completed a "Joint Major".

## Minor in Philosophy

A minor in Philosophy consists of at least 30 units of Philosophy courses satisfying the following conditions:

1. Students taking a Philosophy Thinking Matters course may count it as equivalent to a maximum of 4 units of Philosophy courses under 100. Students who took the Winter/Spring Philosophy Introduction to the Humanities (IHUM) track may count these courses as equivalent

to a maximum of 5 units of Philosophy courses under 100. (IHUM courses are no longer offered).

2. The 30 units must include one of:
  - a. a history of philosophy course numbered 100 or above
  - b. one quarter of Philosophy Thinking Matters (THINK)
  - c. two quarters of IHUM (only 5 of the 10 units can count towards 30-unit requirement). IHUM courses are no longer offered.
3. Minors must take one course from any two of the following three areas (PHIL):
  - a. Philosophy of Science and Logic: For philosophy of science, either PHIL 60, PHIL 61, or an intermediate philosophy of science courses numbered between PHIL 160 - 169; or else, for logic, one of:
 

Logic		
PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4
  - b.
 

Units		
PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4
  - c. Moral and political philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by PHIL 2 or any intermediate course devoted to central topics in moral and political philosophy numbered between PHIL 170 - 172, or 174-176.
  - d. Contemporary theoretical philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by most intermediate courses numbered between PHIL 180 - 189.
4. At least 10 units must be from courses numbered 100 or above.
5. Transfer units must be approved in writing by the Director of Undergraduate Study at the time of declaring. The number of transfer units is generally limited to a maximum of 10.
6. No more than 6 units completed with grades of 'satisfactory' or 'credit' count towards the 30-unit requirement.
7. Any units taken for a letter grade in fulfillment of the 30-unit requirement must be completed with a grade of 'C-' or higher.
8. Units for tutorials, directed reading, and affiliated courses may not be counted.

Students must declare their intention to minor in Philosophy in a meeting with the Director of Undergraduate Study. This formal declaration must be made no later than the last day of the quarter two quarters before degree conferral. The Permission to Declare a Philosophy Minor (signed by the Director of Undergraduate Study) lists courses taken and to be taken to fulfill minor requirements. This permission is on file in the department office. Before graduation, a student's record is checked to see that requirements have been fulfilled, and the results are reported to the University Registrar.

## Master of Arts in Philosophy

University requirements for the M.A. are discussed in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees>)" section of this bulletin.

Three programs lead to the M.A. in Philosophy. One is a general program providing a grounding in all branches of the subject. The others provide special training in one branch.

## Coterminal Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Philosophy

It is possible to earn an M.A. in Philosophy while earning a B.A. or B.S. This can usually be done by the end of the fifth undergraduate year, although a student whose degree is not in Philosophy may require an additional year. Standards for admission to, and completion of, this

program are the same as for M.A. applicants who already have the bachelor's degree when matriculating. Applicants for the coterminal program are not, however, required to take the Graduate Record Exam.

University requirements for the coterminal M.A. are described in the "Coterminal Bachelor's and Master's Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees>)" section of this bulletin. For University coterminal degree program rules and University application forms, see the Publications and Online Guides (<http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/registrar/publications/#Coterm>) web site.

### University Coterminal Requirements

Coterminal master's degree candidates are expected to complete all master's degree requirements as described in this bulletin. University requirements for the coterminal master's degree are described in the "Coterminal Master's Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/cotermdegrees>)" section. University requirements for the master's degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#masterstext>)" section of this bulletin.

After accepting admission to this coterminal master's degree program, students may request transfer of courses from the undergraduate to the graduate career to satisfy requirements for the master's degree. Transfer of courses to the graduate career requires review and approval of both the undergraduate and graduate programs on a case by case basis.

In this master's program, courses taken during or after the first quarter of the sophomore year are eligible for consideration for transfer to the graduate career; the timing of the first graduate quarter is not a factor. No courses taken prior to the first quarter of the sophomore year may be used to meet master's degree requirements.

Course transfers are not possible after the bachelor's degree has been conferred.

The University requires that the graduate adviser be assigned in the student's first graduate quarter even though the undergraduate career may still be open. The University also requires that the Master's Degree Program Proposal be completed by the student and approved by the department by the end of the student's first graduate quarter.

### Admissions

All prospective master's students, including those currently enrolled in other Stanford programs, must apply for admission to the program. No fellowships are available. Entering students must meet with the director of the master's program and have their advisor's approval, in writing, of program proposals. The master's program should not be considered a stepping stone to the doctoral program; these two programs are separate and distinct.

### Unit Requirements

Each program requires a minimum of 45 units in philosophy. Students in a special program may be allowed or required to replace up to 9 units of philosophy by 9 units in the field of specialization. Although the requirements for the M.A. are designed so that a student with the equivalent of a strong undergraduate philosophy major at Stanford might complete them in one year, most students need longer. Students should also keep in mind that although 45 units is the minimum required by the University, quite often more units are necessary to complete department requirements. Up to 6 units of directed reading in philosophy may be allowed. There is no thesis requirement, but an optional master's thesis or project, upon faculty approval, may count as the equivalent of up to 8 units. A special program may require knowledge of a foreign language. At least 45 units in courses numbered 100 or above must be completed with a grade of 'B-' or better at Stanford. Students are reminded of the University requirements for advanced degrees, and particularly of the fact

that for the M.A., students must complete three full quarters as measured by tuition payment.

## General Program

The General Program requires a minimum of 45 units in Philosophy courses numbered above 99. These courses must be taken for a letter grade, and the student must receive at least a 'B-' in the course. Courses taken to satisfy the undergraduate core or affiliated courses may not be counted in the 45 units. The requirement has three parts:

### 1. Undergraduate Core

Students must have when they enter, or complete early in their program, the following undergraduate courses (students entering from other institutions should establish equivalent requirements with a master's adviser upon arrival or earlier):

#### a. Logic:

Select one of the following:

PHIL 49	Survey of Formal Methods	4
PHIL 150	Mathematical Logic	4
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
PHIL 154	Modal Logic	4

- b. Philosophy of science: This requirement may be satisfied by PHIL 60, PHIL 61, or any intermediate philosophy of science course numbered between PHIL 160 - 169.
- c. Moral and political philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by any intermediate course devoted to central topics in moral and political philosophy numbered between PHIL 170 - 172, or PHIL 174-176.
- d. Contemporary theoretical philosophy: This requirement may be satisfied by any intermediate course numbered between PHIL 180 - 189.
- e. History of philosophy: two history of philosophy courses numbered 100 or above

### 2. Graduate Core

Students must take at least one course numbered over 105 from three of the following five areas (courses used to satisfy the undergraduate core cannot also be counted toward satisfaction of the graduate core). Crosslisted and other courses taught outside the Department of Philosophy do not count towards satisfaction of the core.

- a. Logic and semantics
- b. Philosophy of science and history of science
- c. Ethics, value theory, and moral and political philosophy
- d. Metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language
- e. History of philosophy

### 3. 200-Level Course Requirement

Each master's candidate must take at least two courses numbered above 200; these cannot be graduate sections of undergraduate courses.

### 4. Specialization

Students must take at least three courses numbered over 105 in one of the five areas.

## Special Program in Symbolic Systems

Students should have the equivalent of the Stanford undergraduate major in Symbolic Systems. Students who have a strong major in one of the basic SSP disciplines (philosophy, psychology, linguistics, computer science) may be admitted, but are required to do a substantial part of the

undergraduate SSP core in each of the other basic SSP fields. This must include the following philosophy courses:

		Units
PHIL 80	Mind, Matter, and Meaning	5
PHIL 151	Metalogic	4
And one of the following:		
PHIL 181	Philosophy of Language	4
PHIL 184	Epistemology	4
PHIL 186	Philosophy of Mind	4
PHIL 187	Philosophy of Action	4

This work does not count towards the 45-unit requirement.

### Course Requirements

1. Four courses in philosophy at the graduate level (numbered 200 or above), including courses from three of the following five areas:
  - a. Philosophy of language
  - b. Logic
  - c. Philosophy of mind
  - d. Metaphysics and epistemology
  - e. Philosophy of science

At most two of the four courses may be graduate sections of undergraduate courses numbered 100 or higher.

2. Three courses numbered 100 or higher from outside Philosophy, chosen in consultation with an advisor. These courses should be from two of the following four areas:
  - a. Psychology
  - b. Linguistics
  - c. Computer Science
  - d. Education

Remaining courses are chosen in consultation with and approved by an advisor.

### Special Program in the Philosophy of Language

Admission is limited to students with substantial preparation in philosophy or linguistics. Those whose primary preparation has been in linguistics may be required to satisfy all or part of the undergraduate core requirements as described in the "General Program" subsection above. Those whose preparation is primarily in philosophy may be required to take additional courses in linguistics.

### Course Requirements

1. Philosophy of language: two approved courses in the philosophy of language numbered 180 or higher.
2. Syntactic theory and generative grammar:

PHIL 384	Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology	4
LINGUIST 230A	Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics	4

3. Logic: at least two approved courses numbered PHIL 151 Metalogic or higher.
4. An approved graduate-level course in mathematical linguistics or automata theory.

### Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy

Prospective graduate students should see the Office of Graduate Admissions (<http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu>) web site for information and application materials. Applicants should take the Graduate Record Examination by October of the year the application is submitted.

The University's basic requirements for the Ph.D. degree including residence, dissertation, and examination are discussed in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees>)" section of this bulletin.

The requirements detailed here are department requirements. These requirements are meant to balance structure and flexibility in allowing students, in consultation with their advisers, to take a path through the program that gives them a rigorous and broad philosophical education, with room to focus on areas of particular interest, and with an eye to completing the degree with an excellent dissertation and a solid preparation for a career in academic philosophy.

Normally, all courses used to satisfy the distribution requirements for the Philosophy Ph.D. are Stanford courses taken as part of a student's graduate program. In special circumstances, a student may petition to use a very small number of graduate-level courses taken at other institutions to satisfy a distribution requirement. To be approved for this purpose, the student's work in such a graduate-level course would need to involve an appropriate subject matter and would need to be judged by the department to be at the level of an 'A' in a corresponding graduate-level course at Stanford.

Courses used to satisfy any course requirement in Philosophy (except Teaching Methods and the summer Dissertation Development Seminar) must be passed with a letter grade of 'B-' or better (no satisfactory/no credit), except in the case of a course/seminar used to satisfy the third-year course/seminar requirement and taken for only 2 units. Such a reduced-unit third-year course/seminar must be taken credit/no credit.

At the end of each year, the department reviews the progress of each student to determine whether the student is making satisfactory progress, and on that basis to make decisions about probationary status and termination from the program where appropriate.

Any student in one of the Ph.D. programs may apply for the M.A. when all University and department requirements have been met.

### Proficiency Requirements

1. *First-year Ph.D. Proseminar*: a one quarter, topically focused seminar offered in Autumn Quarter, and required of all first-year students.
2. *Distribution requirements during the first six quarters*. Intended to ensure a broad and substantial exposure to major areas of philosophy while allowing for considerable freedom to explore.
  - a. six courses distributed across three areas as follows:
    - i two courses in value theory including ethics, aesthetics, political philosophy, social philosophy, philosophy of law. At least one of the courses satisfying this distribution requirement must be in ethics or political philosophy.
    - ii Two courses in language, mind, and action. One course satisfying this requirement must be drawn from the language related courses, and one from mind and action related courses.
    - iii two courses in metaphysics and epistemology (including metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science). At least one of the courses satisfying this requirement must be drawn from either metaphysics or epistemology.
    - iv Instructors indicate which courses may satisfy particular requirements. If a course potentially satisfies more than one requirement the student may use it for only one of those area requirements; no units may be double-counted. Students must develop broad competencies in all these areas. Those without strong backgrounds in these areas would normally satisfy these distribution requirements by taking more basic courses rather than highly specialized and focused courses. Students should consult with their adviser in making these

Units

course decisions, and be prepared to explain these decisions when reviewed for candidacy; see requirement 6 below.

- b. Logic requirement: PHIL 150 Mathematical Logic or equivalent.
- c. History/logic requirement. One approved course each in ancient and modern philosophy, plus either another approved history of philosophy course or PHIL 151 Metalogic.
- d. Students should normally take at least 64 graduate level units at Stanford during their first six quarters (in many cases students would take more units than that) and of those total units, at least 49 units of course work are to be in the Philosophy department. These courses must be numbered above 110, but not including Teaching Methods (PHIL 239 Teaching Methods in Philosophy) or affiliated courses. Units of Individual Directed Reading are normally not to be counted toward this 49-unit requirement unless there is special permission from the student's adviser and the Director of Graduate Studies.

### 3. *Writing Requirement*

A qualifying paper of professional quality and approximately 8000 words. Students must complete a version of the paper, which is itself likely to be a revision of a paper written during the first year of course work, by the beginning of their fourth quarter. The paper is read by a committee of two faculty who make suggestions for additional revision. The final version must be submitted by the first day of the sixth quarter, normally Spring Quarter of the second year.

### 4. *Teaching Assistancy*

A minimum of five quarters of teaching assistancy are required for the Ph.D. Normally one of these quarters is as a teaching assistant for the Philosophy Department's Writing in the Major course, PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning. It is expected that students not teach in their first year and that they teach no more than two quarters in their second year. Students are required to take PHIL 239 Teaching Methods in Philosophy during Spring Quarter of their first year and during Autumn Quarter of their second year. Teaching is an important part of students' preparation to be professional philosophers.

### 5. *Review at the End of the Second Year for Advancement to Candidacy*

By the fourth week of the sixth quarter students must submit a one-page explanation of their first- and second-year course plan and their writing requirement paper. The faculty's review of each student includes a review of the student's record, an assessment of the qualifying paper, and an assessment of the student's preparation for work in her/his intended area of specialization, as well as recommendations of additional preparation, if necessary.

### 6. *Candidacy*

To continue in the Ph.D. program, each student must apply for candidacy during the sixth academic quarter, normally the Spring Quarter of the student's second year. Students may be approved for or denied candidacy by the end of that quarter by the department.

In some cases, where there are only one or two outstanding deficiencies, the department may defer the candidacy decision and require the student to re-apply for candidacy in a subsequent quarter.

In such cases, definite conditions for the candidacy re-application will be specified, and the student must work with his/her adviser and the DGS to meet those conditions in a timely fashion. A failure to maintain timely progress in satisfying the specified conditions will constitute grounds for a denial of advancement to candidacy.

7. *Dissertation Development Seminar* in the summer after the second year. This is the point at which students are expected to transition from spending much of their time on coursework to focusing on their thesis project. By the end of the summer, students are expected to have a plan for moving forward with the project in the third year; they should have formed advising relationships with faculty and should have made headway towards identifying a specific topic.

8. Upon completion of the summer dissertation development seminar, students will sign up for independent study credit, PHIL 240 Individual Work for Graduate Students, with their respective advisers each quarter. A plan at the beginning, and a report at the end of each quarter will be signed by both student and adviser and submitted to the Graduate Administrator for inclusion in the student's file. This will be the process every quarter up until the completion of the departmental oral.
9. In autumn and winter quarters of the third year, students will register in and satisfactorily complete PHIL 301 Dissertation Development Proseminar. Students meet to present their work in progress and discuss their thesis project. Participation in these seminars is required.
10. During the third and fourth years in the program, a student should complete at least three graduate-level courses/seminars, at least two of them in philosophy (a course outside philosophy can be approved by the adviser), and at least two of them in the third year. The three seminars can be taken credit/no-credit for reduced (2) units. Courses required for candidacy are not counted toward satisfaction of this requirement. This light load of courses allows students to deepen their philosophical training while keeping time free for thesis research.
11. *Dissertation Work and Defense*

The third and following years are devoted to dissertation work. The few requirements in this segment of the program are milestones to encourage students and advisers to ensure that the project is on track.

- a. *Dissertation Proposal*—By Spring Quarter of the third year, students should have selected a dissertation topic and committee. A proposal sketching the topic, status, and plan for the thesis project, as well as an annotated bibliography or literature review indicating familiarity with the relevant literature, must be received by the committee one week before the meeting on graduate student progress late in Spring Quarter. The dissertation proposal and the reading committee's report on it will constitute a substantial portion of the third year review.
- b. *Departmental Oral*—During Autumn Quarter of the fourth year, students take an oral examination based on at least 30 pages of written work, in addition to the proposal. The aim of the exam is to help the student arrive at an acceptable plan for the dissertation and to make sure that student, thesis topic, and advisors make a reasonable fit. It is an important chance for the student to clarify their goals and intentions with the entire committee present.
- c. *Fourth-Year Colloquium*—No later than Spring Quarter of the fourth year, students present a research paper in a 60-minute seminar open to the entire department. This paper should be on an aspect of the student's dissertation research. This is an opportunity for the student to make their work known to the wider department, and to explain their ideas to a general philosophical audience.
- d. *University Oral Exam*—Ph.D. students must submit a completed draft of the dissertation to the reading committee at least one month before the student expects to defend the thesis in the University oral exam. If the student is given consent to go forward, the University oral can take place approximately two weeks later. A portion of the exam consists of a student presentation based on the dissertation and is open to the public. A closed question period follows. If the draft is ready by Autumn Quarter of the fourth year, the student may request that the University oral count as the department oral.

### **Interdisciplinary Study**

The department supports interdisciplinary study. Courses in Stanford's other departments and programs may be counted towards the degree, and course requirements in Philosophy are designed to allow students considerable freedom in taking such courses. Dissertation committees



may include members from other departments. Where special needs arise, the department is committed to making it possible for students to obtain a philosophical education and to meet their interdisciplinary goals. Students are advised to consult their advisers and the department's student services office for assistance.

## Interdepartmental Programs

### Graduate Program in Cognitive Science

Philosophy participates with the departments of Computer Science, Linguistics, and Psychology in an interdisciplinary program in Cognitive Science. It is intended to provide an interdisciplinary education, as well as a deeper concentration in philosophy, and is open to doctoral students. Students who complete the requirements within Philosophy and the Cognitive Science requirements receive a special designation in Cognitive Science along with the Ph.D. in Philosophy. To receive this field designation, students must complete 30 units of approved courses, 18 of which must be taken in two disciplines outside of philosophy. The list of approved courses can be obtained from the Cognitive Science program located in the Department of Psychology.

### Special Track in Philosophy and Symbolic Systems

Students interested in interdisciplinary work relating philosophy to artificial intelligence, cognitive science, computer science, linguistics, or logic may pursue a degree in this program.

*Prerequisites*—Admitted students should have covered the equivalent of the core of the undergraduate Symbolic Systems Program requirements as described in the "Symbolic Systems (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/symbolicsystems>)" section of this bulletin, including courses in artificial intelligence (AI), cognitive science, linguistics, logic, and philosophy. The graduate program is designed with this background in mind. Students missing part of this background may need additional course work. In addition to the required course work below, the Ph.D. requirements are mostly the same as for the regular program, with the exceptions noted below.

*Courses of Study*—The program consists of three years of courses and two years of dissertation work. Students are required to take the following philosophy courses in the first two years:

1. Proseminar
2. Two courses in Language/Mind/Action
3. Two courses in Metaphysics/Epistemology/Science
4. Two courses in Value Theory
5. One course each in Ancient and Modern  
*Among the eight courses required by 2-5, students in the program may omit two, in any two of the four categories. The two omitted courses may not come from the same category.*
6. One advanced course in logic, at the level of Phil 151 or higher
7. Two graduate courses in cognitive psychology
8. Two graduate courses in computer science, one of which must be either CS 221 Artificial Intelligence: Principles and Techniques or a more advanced course in AI.
9. Two graduate courses in linguistics.  
*From categories 7-9, at least one of these courses must significantly engage with experimental literature.*
10. 64 graduate-level units during the first six quarters.
11. A second-year paper, which need not be on a topic in symbolic systems, but could be on any philosophical topic.  
*After the first 2 years, the requirements are mostly the same as for the standard track:*
12. Three graduate-level seminars in the third and fourth year, at least two of which are taught in the Philosophy department, and at least two of which are in the third year. [All can be taken credit/no credit for reduced (2) units.]
13. Three advanced seminars in symbolic systems. Double counting: at most one of these could be a course satisfying one of 1-5; at most one could be a course satisfying one of 6-9; and at most one could be a course satisfying 11. At least one must not be counted for any other requirement. (In other words, at most two of these courses could count toward other requirements.) These may be completed any time before the fourth year.
14. Five quarters serving as a course TA, and taking the Teaching Methods in Philosophy (PHIL 239) course.
15. Dissertation Development Seminar in the summer after the second year.
16. The usual requirements for the dissertation (proposal, oral, 4th year talk, etc.).
17. The dissertation committee must include at least one member of the Department of Philosophy and one member of the Program in Symbolic Systems outside the Department of Philosophy.

### Joint Program in Ancient Philosophy

This program is jointly administered by the Departments of Classics and Philosophy and is overseen by a joint committee composed of members of both departments. It provides students with the training, specialist skills, and knowledge needed for research and teaching in ancient philosophy while producing scholars who are fully trained as either philosophers with a strong specialization in ancient languages and philology, or classicists with a concentration in philosophy.

Students are admitted to the program by either department. Graduate students admitted by the Philosophy department receive their Ph.D. from the Philosophy department; those admitted by the Classics department receive their Ph.D. from the Classics department. For Philosophy graduate students, this program provides training in classical languages, literature, culture, and history. For Classics graduate students, this program provides training in the history of philosophy and in contemporary philosophy.

Each student in the program is advised by a committee consisting of one professor in each department.

*Requirements for Philosophy Graduate Students:* These are the same as the proficiency requirements for the Ph.D. in Philosophy.

One year of Greek is a requirement for admission to the program. If students have had a year of Latin, they are required to take 3 courses in second- or third-year Greek or Latin, at least one of which must be in Latin. If they have not had a year of Latin, they are then required to complete a year of Latin, and take two courses in second- or third-year Greek or Latin.

Students are also required to take at least three courses in ancient philosophy at the 200 level or above, one of which must be in the Classics department and two of which must be in the Philosophy department.

### Ph.D. Subplan in History and Philosophy of Science

Graduate students in the Philosophy Ph.D. program may pursue a Ph.D. subplan in History and Philosophy of Science. The subplan is declared in Axess and subplan designations appear on the official transcript, but are not printed on the diploma.

Students must fulfill Departmental degree requirements and the following requirements:

1. Attendance at the HPS colloquium series.
2. Philosophy of Science courses:

Select one of the following:

		Units
PHIL 263	Significant Figures in Philosophy of Science	4
PHIL 264	Central Topics in the Philosophy of Science: Theory and Evidence	4
PHIL 264A	Central Topics in Philosophy of Science: Causation	4

PHIL 265	Philosophy of Physics	4
PHIL 265C	Philosophy of Physics: Probability and Relativity	4
PHIL 266	Probability: Ten Great Ideas About Chance	4
PHIL 267A	Philosophy of Biology	4
PHIL 267B	Philosophy, Biology, and Behavior	4

3. One elective seminar in the history of science.
4. One elective seminar (in addition to the course satisfying requirement 2) in philosophy of science.

## Ph.D. Minor in Philosophy

To obtain a Ph.D. minor in Philosophy, students must follow these procedures:

1. Consult with the Director of Graduate Study to establish eligibility, and select a suitable adviser.
2. Give to the graduate administrator a signed copy of the program of study (designed with the adviser) which offers:
  - a. 30 units of courses in the Department of Philosophy with a letter grade of 'B-' or better in each course. No more than 3 units of directed reading may be counted in the 30-unit requirement.
  - b. At least one course or seminar numbered over 99 to be taken in each of these six areas:
    - i Logic
    - ii Philosophy of science
    - iii Ethics, value theory, and moral and political philosophy
    - iv Metaphysics and epistemology
    - v Language, mind and action
    - vi History of philosophy
  - c. Two additional courses numbered over 199 to be taken in one of those (b) six areas.
3. A faculty member from the Department of Philosophy (usually the student's adviser) serves on the student's doctoral oral examination committee and may request that up to one third of this examination be devoted to the minor subject.
4. Paperwork for the minor must be submitted to the department office before beginning the program.

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*Chair:* R. Lanier Anderson

*Director of Graduate Study:* Krista Lawlor

*Director of Undergraduate Study:* Nadeem Hussain

*Honors Director and Undergraduate Outreach Coordinator:* Nadeem Hussain

*Faculty Advisor for Joint Major with Computer Science:* Thomas Icard

*Professors:* R. Lanier Anderson, Chris Bobonich, Michael Bratman, Rachael Briggs, Alan Code, John Etchemendy, Michael Friedman, Krista Lawlor, Helen Longino, Thomas Ryckman (Teaching), Debra Satz, Brian Skyrms (Spring), Kenneth Taylor, Johan van Benthem (Spring)

*Associate Professors:* Mark Crimmins, Graciela De Pierris, David Hills (Teaching), Nadeem Hussain

*Assistant Professors:* Juliana Bidadanure, Rosa Cao, Jorah Dannenberg, Thomas Donaldson, Thomas Icard, Anna-Sara Malmgren

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*Visiting Professor:* Kit Fine (Spring), Kendall Walton (Spring)

*Visiting Assistant Professor:* David Plunkett (Autumn)

*Consulting Professor:* Paul Skokowski

*Lecturers:* Eli Alshanetsky, Willie Costello, Richard Sommer, Jennifer Wang, Aaron Wright

### Cognate Courses

The following courses have substantial philosophical content. However, in the absence of special permission these courses cannot generally be used to satisfy requirements for the Philosophy major or graduate degrees in Philosophy.

		Units
CLASSICS 181	Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought	4-5
MATH 161	Set Theory	3
RELIGST 279	After God: Why religion at all?	4
RELIGST 183	Atheism: Hegel to Heidegger	5

### Courses

#### PHIL 1. Introduction to Philosophy. 5 Units.

Is there one truth or many? Does science tell us everything there is to know? Can our minds be purely physical? Do we have free will? Is faith rational? Should we always be rational? What is the meaning of life? Are there moral truths? What are truth, reality, rationality, and knowledge? How can such questions be answered? Intensive introduction to theories and techniques in philosophy from various contemporary traditions. Students must enroll in lecture AND one of the discussion sections listed.

#### PHIL 2. Introduction to Moral Philosophy. 5 Units.

What should I do with my life? What kind of person should I be? How should we treat others? What makes actions right or wrong? What is good and what is bad? What should we value? How should we organize society? Is there any reason to be moral? Is morality relative or subjective? How, if at all, can such questions be answered? Intensive introduction to theories and techniques in contemporary moral philosophy.

Same as: ETHICSOC 20

#### PHIL 3N. Freshman seminar: Analyticity. 3 Units.

#### PHIL 4N. Knowing Nothing. 3 Units.

Our beliefs are subject to multiple sources of error: a traveler's perception of an oasis in the desert may turn out to be a mirage; the key witness in a trial criminal may turn out to be lying; or a fluke in the data may mislead a research team into believing a false hypothesis; or a miscalculating math student may end up with the wrong answer. Philosophers often characterize knowledge as belief that is safe from error—but is knowledge possible? This course uses the philosophical arguments and thought experiments to assess the question of how much we can hope to know.

#### PHIL 5N. The Art of Living. 4 Units.

Whether we realize it or not, all of us are forced to make a fundamental choice: by deciding what is most valuable to us, we decide how we are going to live our life. We may opt for a life of reason and knowledge; one of faith and discipline; one of nature and freedom; one of community and altruism; or one of originality and style. We may even choose to live our lives as though they were works of art. In every case, hard work is required: our lives are not just given to us, but need to be made. To live well is, in fact, to practice an art of living. Where, however, do such ideals come from? How do we adopt and defend them? What is required to put them into practice? What do we do when they come into conflict with one another? And what role do great works of art play in all this? "The Art of Living" will explore the various ways in which it is possible to live well and beautifully, what it takes to implement them, and what happens when they come under pressure from inside and out.

**PHIL 6N. Pictures and the Imagination. 3 Units.**

Paintings, drawings, and photographs often function as pictures or images of the preexisting things they take as subjects. They represent these subjects from specific spatial vantage points in ways that may be more or less definite, more or less detailed, and more or less faithful to what the subjects are actually like. One longs to know how this works: how vision, imagination, and background knowledge come together when we experience a picture as a picture. Certain forms of imagining and remembering involve mental picturing, mental imagery. Sometimes we imagine or remember things in visual terms from a specific spatial vantage point, with the result that we feel brought face to face with the things imagined or remembered, however far away they may actually be. How is the physical picturing that goes on in paintings, drawings, and photographs both like and unlike the mental picturing that goes on when things swim before the mind's eye? What role does mental picturing play in physical picturing? What kinds of artistic value and interest attach to paintings, drawings, and photographs in virtue of what they picture and how they picture it?

**PHIL 7Q. What is Truth. 3 Units.**

This question can be answered precisely in some important cases. We begin with the language of propositional logic where truth is defined by simple tables. This is already sufficient for description of many important problems and leads to a famous (\$1 000 000) problem  $P=NP$ . We use Sudoku puzzles for illustration. Close connection between propositional truth and proof is established by the resolution method forming a basis of most automated theorem provers. The language of predicate logic covers much more and illustrates the notion of completeness. Register machines provide connection with computations and lead to a fundamental classification of problems of truth with respect to decidability. The language of arithmetic exhibits a new phenomenon of incompleteness that changed significant part of philosophy in 20-th century.

**PHIL 8N. Free Will and Responsibility. 4 Units.**

In what sense are we, or might we be free agents? Is our freedom compatible with our being fully a part of the same natural, causal order that includes other physical and biological systems? What assumptions about freedom do we make when we hold people accountable morally and/or legally? When we hold people accountable, and so responsible, can we also see them as part of the natural, causal order? Or is there a deep incompatibility between these two ways of understanding ourselves? What assumptions about our freedom do we make when we deliberate about what to do? Are these assumptions in conflict with seeing ourselves as part of the natural, causal order? We will explore these and related questions primarily by way of careful study of recent and contemporary philosophical research on these matters.

**PHIL 9N. Philosophical Classics of the 20th Century. 4 Units.**

Last century's best and most influential philosophical writings. Topics include ethics (what is the nature of right and wrong?), language (how do meaning, reference, and truth arise in the natural world?), science (can science claim objectively accurate descriptions of reality?), existence (are there things that don't exist?), and the mind (could robots ever be conscious?). Authors include Bertrand Russell, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Rudolf Carnap, Willard Quine, Thomas Kuhn, John Rawls, and Saul Kripke. The lay of the land in contemporary philosophy.

**PHIL 10N. Bounded Rationality. 3 Units.**

This course takes a philosophical approach to a cutting edge debate in psychology. Readings include texts in contemporary cognitive science as well as in philosophy of mind.

**PHIL 11N. Skepticism. 3 Units.**

Preference to freshmen. Historical and contemporary philosophical perspectives on the limits of human knowledge of a mind-independent world and causal laws of nature. The nature and possibility of a priori knowledge. Skepticism regarding religious beliefs.

**PHIL 12N. Paradoxes. 3 Units.**

In this course, we will use paradoxes like these as foci for discussions of some of the deepest issues in philosophy and mathematics. No prior knowledge of logic, philosophy or mathematics will be assumed and there will be minimal use of symbolism. Students will be expected to complete problem sheets, and to write a very short final paper. The seminars will be discussion-based.

**PHIL 13. Humanities Core: Great Books, Big Ideas -- Europe, Modern. 3-4 Units.**

This three-quarter sequence asks big questions of major texts in the European and American tradition. What is a good life? How should society be organized? Who belongs? How should honor, love, sin, and similar abstractions govern our actions? What duty do we owe to the past and future? This third and final quarter focuses on the modern period, from the rise of revolutionary ideas to the experiences of totalitarianism and decolonization in the twentieth century. Authors include Locke, Mary Shelley, Marx, Nietzsche, Freud, Weber, Primo Levi, and Frantz Fanon. Same as: DLCL 13, FRENCH 13

**PHIL 13N. "Can good people like bad music?" and other questions. 3 Units.**

Think of a musical artist you just can't stand to listen to. Chances are, this artist has thousands, if not millions, of adoring fans. That is, what's "bad music" to you is "good music" to others. This fact is not shocking: we all know that people have different tastes in music, and in art more generally. But what does this fact tell us about art, other people, and ourselves? Are some of us right and others of us wrong about what's good and bad music? Is there reason to think that some music is "objectively" better than other music? Can we say that those who like "bad music" are missing something, or mistaken in their tastes? If so, why not think it's us that are mistaken? How much are our own tastes bound up with "who we are"? And what might this mean for our capacity to appreciate tastes which are not our own? This seminar is an investigation into these and other questions. Through the specific lens of music, we will explore the nature of artistic taste more generally. Our main course text will be Carl Wilson's *Let's Talk About Love: A Journey to the End of Taste*, a popular introduction to our topic. We will also look at and discuss actual album reviews, pieces of music journalism, and news stories. Class meetings will be heavily discussion-based, and students should come to class ready to share, debate, and scrutinize their own musical tastes. Outside of class, students will develop their understanding through a variety of informal and creative writing assignments, such as exploratory journal entries and mock fan letters. Your taste in music may very well change as a result of this seminar, but this is not its aim. The goal is to understand what it means to disagree about art, through which you will learn how to respond more intelligently and empathetically to such disagreements as they come up in your everyday life.

**PHIL 14N. Belief and the Will. 3 Units.**

Preference to freshmen. Is there anything wrong with believing something without evidence? Is it possible? The nature and ethics of belief, and belief's relation to evidence and truth. How much control do believers have over their belief?

**PHIL 15N. Freedom, Community, and Morality. 3 Units.**

Preference to freshmen. Does the freedom of the individual conflict with the demands of human community and morality? Or, as some philosophers have maintained, does the freedom of the individual find its highest expression in a moral community of other human beings? Readings include Camus, Mill, Rousseau, and Kant.

**PHIL 20S. Introduction to Moral Philosophy. 3 Units.**

Moral philosophy is the area of philosophy concerned with how we ought to live our lives. This includes questions such as: what makes an action right or wrong? what makes for a virtuous versus a vicious character? and what sort of obligations, if any, do we have to other people or animals? Our aim is to understand how influential philosophers (including Plato, Aristotle, Mill, Hume, and Kant) have answered these questions and how they have justified their positions. We will also focus on developing student skills in argument and rigorous academic writing.

**PHIL 21N. Ethics of Sports. 3 Units.**

This seminar will be focused on the ethical challenges that are encountered in sport. We will focus on the moral and political issues that affect the world of sport and which athletes, coaches, sports commentators and fans are faced with. For instance, we will ask questions such as: what is a fair game (the ethics of effort, merit, success)? Is it ethical to train people to use violence (the ethics of martial arts)? Are divisions by gender categories justified and what should we think of gender testing? Is the use of animals in sport ever justified? Which forms of performance enhancements are acceptable in sport (the ethics of drug use and enhancements through technologies)? Should we ban sports that damage the players' health? Does society owe social support to people who hurt themselves while practicing extreme sports? The class will be structured around small group discussions and exercises as well as brief lectures to introduce key moral and political concepts (such as fairness, equality, freedom, justice, exploitation, etc.). I will also bring guest speakers who are involved in a sport activity at Stanford or who have worked on sports as part of their academic careers. By the end of the seminar, students will have a good understanding of the various ethical challenges that surround the world of sport. They will be able to critically discuss sport activities, norms, modes of assessments and policies (on campus and beyond). They will also be prepared to apply the critical ethical thinking that they will have deployed onto other topics than sports. They will have been introduced to the normative approach to social issues, which consists in asking how things should be rather than describing how things are. They will be prepared to take more advanced classes in ethics, political theory, as well as moral and political philosophy.

Same as: ETHICSOC 21N

**PHIL 21S. Introduction to Ancient Philosophy. 3 Units.**

This course will focus on the philosophical thought of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. We'll analyze the questions they asked and the arguments they made to answer them, which are still very much alive today. In ethics, they asked questions like: what is the good life for a human being? What is a virtuous person like? Why should we want to be virtuous? Plato and Aristotle also asked questions about the foundations of ethical and scientific inquiry: when we know ethical or scientific truths, what it is that we know and how do we know it? This course will help students read complex texts, analyze arguments, and write concisely and clearly about difficult issues.

**PHIL 22A. Power, Politics, and Language. 2 Units.**

A course on the resurgence of interest in the manner in which the things we say can morally affect other people, in ways both good and bad. Examples include slurs and honorifics, the formation of language in sexist ways, and communicative inequalities. We will explore the recent literature at the intersection of philosophy of language, moral philosophy, and feminist philosophy. We will ask: to what extent are these fundamentally moral problems that just happen to use language? To what extent are these moral issues inextricably tied to (our) language itself? Based on our answers to these questions, what should we as a society do? Will changing our language or our linguistic practices solve these problems. If not, what will?

**PHIL 22B. The Politics of Noam Chomsky. 2 Units.**

Noam Chomsky is one of the most important public intellectuals of our time today. This course will be an opportunity for students to read and discuss some of his classic pieces on a variety of political topics, including his criticisms of "liberal" American contemporary intellectual culture, the influence of money on mass-media and his famous notion of the manufacturing of consent, his criticisms of American foreign policy, and his positions on anarchism and what he has called "libertarian socialism."

**PHIL 22C. Love in Moral Philosophy. 2 Units.**

A powerful objection concerning the partiality of love has, for a while now, rankled traditional moral theories that demand impartiality, like utilitarianism and Kantianism. When it comes down to it, all of us would put the interests of our loved ones - family members, close friends, romantic partners - above those of strangers. But love is a central, not a peripheral, part of our moral lives. In response some moral theorists have tried to develop richer views to accommodate the partiality that love demands of us. This tutorial will draw from both contemporary moral theory and from historical treatments to try to find the place of love within moral theory. Recommended background: Phil 2 or equivalent.

**PHIL 22D. The Philosophy of Philosophy. 2 Units.**

What happens when philosophical inquiry turns its lens upon itself? This tutorial will be a brief survey through some of the major statements by philosophers themselves attempting to capture the nature of their own philosophizing: their methods, their purpose, and why such activity is philosophy (and not something else). We will begin with Plato to scan some of the historical statements by canonical philosophers, including Aquinas, Descartes and Hume, before pivoting into contemporary texts beginning with Wittgenstein's famous remarks on philosophy as a problem to be overcome. The tutorial will finish with contemporary metaphilosophy, possibly including reflections by Michael Dummett, Timothy Williamson, Bertrand Russell, Alfred North Whitehead, and others. We will compare methods and approaches with an eye towards understanding how different philosophers restate the aims and value of philosophy in order to motivate their own projects. A prior philosophy course is recommended. Limited enrollment.

**PHIL 22E. Grad Tutorial: Phenomenology in perception and action. 2 Units.**

Is perception a passive capacity? Or is perception essentially active in some interesting sense? If the ability to perceive is partly the ability to do something, what is this ability? What might we learn about our relation to the world by studying this ability? Philosophical accounts of perception and action are two places in which the phenomenological tradition has provided exciting perspectives and useful criticism of orthodox accounts. In this tutorial, we will consider perception and action through some phenomenological lenses. Regarding perception, we will consider Merleau-Ponty's view on which the ability to move through our environment structures our perception as significantly as does our retina's sensitivity to light. This tutorial will be valuable to students seeking stimulating perspectives on the nature of thought and action, as well as to students who are curious about Continental philosophy and how its achievements can be of use in contemporary analytic philosophy and in cognitive science. Embodied cognition, the contemporary research program in cognitive science, has significant roots in phenomenology, and this tutorial will be useful to students seeking additional understanding of embodied cognition as a research program.



**PHIL 22S. Self, World, Freedom. 3 Units.**

Some of philosophy's deepest and most persistent questions are about our place in and our interactions with the natural world. Are we ourselves part of that world, or are we somehow outside of it? How can we know about the world, if we can at all? Do we have the freedom to choose our own actions, or are our choices settled in advance? This course provides an introduction to philosophy with a special focus on these questions, which we will discuss in both historical and current forms. We will also ask after the role and value of philosophy in addressing them. What, if anything, makes philosophy a distinctive and distinctively valuable tool for their investigation?

**PHIL 23A. The Cognitive Science of Mathematics. 2 Units.**

Mathematics has two features which, taken together, are quite puzzling: (i) its objects (numbers, functions, derivatives, manifolds, and the like) are very unlike everyday concrete material objects, yet (ii) it seems to be the source of our most certain knowledge. In this course, we will examine the role in which findings from empirical theories of mathematical cognition can help address and possibly dissolve this puzzle. The course will be broken up into three units: Philosophical Foundations, Numerical Cognition, and Metaphor and Higher Mathematical Thought.

**PHIL 23B. Truth and Paradox. 2 Units.**

Philosophical investigation of the concept of truth is often divided along two dimensions: investigation of the nature of truth and investigation of the semantics of truth claims. This tutorial will focus on the second kind of concern. One key impetus for a philosophical interest in the semantics and definability of truth is the challenge posed by semantic paradoxes such as the Liar paradox and Curry's paradox. Despite each having the initial appearance of a parlor trick, philosophers and logicians have come to appreciate the deep implications of these paradoxes. The main goal of this tutorial is to gain an appreciation of the philosophical issues – both with respect to formal and natural languages – which arise from consideration of the paradoxes. To this end, we will study some of the classic contributions to this area including Tarski's famous result that, in an important sense, the semantic paradoxes render truth undefinable, and Kripke's much later attempt to provide a definition of truth in the face of Tarski's limitative result. Further topics include the debate between paracomplete and paraconsistent solutions to the semantic paradoxes (notably defended by, respectively, Field and Priest); the relationship between deflationism about truth and the paradoxes; and the notion of revenge problems (roughly, the claim that any solution to the paradoxes can be used to construct a further paradox). The tutorial will avoid excessive technical discussions, but will aim to engender appreciation for some philosophical interesting technical points and will assume a logic background of PHIL 150 level.

**PHIL 23C. Counterfactuals. 2 Units.**

Reasoning about counterfactual conditionals plays an important role in contemporary philosophy. Not only have counterfactual analyses been proposed for central philosophical notions, including causation, laws of nature, free will, and knowledge, but also counterfactuals have become objects of interest in their own right, both in the philosophy of language and in logic. This tutorial will introduce the standard approaches to the semantics of counterfactuals, focusing on the work of David Lewis and Robert Stalnaker. Prerequisite: one logic course (e.g., 50, 150, or 151) or consent of instructor.

**PHIL 23D. Principia as Paradigm: Mechanics After Newton. 2 Units.**

Newton's *Principia* is widely and rightly acknowledged as a landmark achievement in physics that has had a profound impact on the subsequent development of science. This tutorial will focus on what sorts of influence the *Principia* had on the development of mechanics in roughly the first century following its publication. The work of Euler, Lagrange, and Laplace will serve as the primary examples of this development. Kuhn's description of paradigms in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* provides a starting point for understanding some of these forms of influence. In particular, this tutorial will try to explore two central areas of influence. The first is Newton's conceptual framework and how it was modified in the further development of mechanics during this period. The second is how projects suggested by residual problems within the *Principia* shaped ongoing study.

**PHIL 23E. Embodied Cognition. 2 Units.**

Where does the mind stop and the world begin? A standard assumption is that thinking is somehow local to the central nervous system; that is, cognition just amounts to brain activity. A wave of recent work in philosophy and cognitive science has questioned this assumption, insisting that the mind cannot be understood outside the context of a living body interacting dynamically with an environment. To put it more dramatically, the mind extends out into the world. We shall read some of the main proponents of this move toward embodied and embedded cognition, and try to assess the extent to which it seriously calls into question more traditional views about how mind, brain, body, and world fit together.

**PHIL 23F. Forgive and Punish. 2 Units.**

Are we ever justified in forgiving those who wrong us? Do we have more reason to seek revenge and/or punishment than we do to forgive? Does it matter if wrongdoers apologize and repent for their offenses? Are there some acts and/or persons that shouldn't be forgiven? This tutorial will take up these questions by examining (mostly recent) philosophical writings about: forgiveness, retribution, the reactive attitudes (such as resentment and hatred), and, more generally, how humans should (and shouldn't) respond to wrongdoing.

**PHIL 23G. Pessimism, Philosophy, and Human Nature. 2 Units.**

In different ways, Thucydides, Hobbes, Rousseau, Kant, and Schopenhauer all emphasize a just so, descriptive account of humankind that, on the surface at least, reveals a profound pessimism with respect to their views about human nature. But for these thinkers pessimism represents a sort of intellectual honesty about human nature, and these insights invariably underscore a profound optimism, in spite of their pessimism, with respect to what they view as the more pressing question concerning what humankind can make itself to be. Our guiding question will be to explore whether and how each of these thinkers reconciles their philosophical optimism with their psychological pessimism about human nature.

**PHIL 23H. Perfectionism: The Idea of the Perfect in Nature, Ethics, and Politics. 2 Units.**

Perfection is the full realization of what is best or most excellent. In this tutorial course we will explore philosophical thought on perfection in three different contexts: natural teleology, individual ethical life, and utopian and anti-utopian social thought. Throughout the course, we will ask the following questions: What is a perfect being? Why is perfection *per se* good or desirable? Do evaluative comparisons presuppose some absolute standard of perfection? Does it make sense to aim at perfection in ethical and political life? What are the virtues of imperfection? What are the hazards of pursuing perfection in the political realm? Is perfectionism compatible with pluralism about values? Is perfectionism compatible with government based on popular will? The primary emphasis is on close reading and discussion of classic texts in ethical theory, including selections from Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Rousseau, Kant, and Tocqueville, accompanied by contemporary selections.

**PHIL 23I. Tutorial: The Hart-Dworkin Debate in the Philosophy of Law. 2 Units.**

The Hart-Dworkin debate is a central debate in jurisprudence and the philosophy of law, and its two main antagonists are among the most important figures in the history of the subject. Hart's articulation of his Legal Positivism in *The Concept of Law* (1961) had a great deal of influence on later jurisprudence - indeed Dworkin, in the introduction to his *Hard Cases in Harvard Law Review* (1975), compared Hart's contribution in the field to a paradigm shift in the philosophy of science. In turn, Dworkin's arguments for his Legal Interpretivism, which he first put forward in *The Model of Rules* (1967) and *Hard Cases* (1975), and eventually in *Law's Empire* (1986), raised some of the most potent objections to positivism, and inspired new replies from the positivists in defense of their positions, including Hart in his *Postscript to the second edition of The Concept of Law* (1994). This tutorial aims to give its students a good sense of what the debate is about, i.e. the key views and arguments defining each side of the debate. It will attempt to do so by carefully working through both *The Concept of Law* and *Law's Empire*, accompanied by other pieces of writing by Hart, Dworkin, and others. Almost the entirety of both books will be assigned as readings throughout the course of the term, but it is likely that quite a bit of this will be designated optional.

**PHIL 23J. On the Notion of Respect: Politics, Deliberation and Disagreements. 2 Units.**

The notion of respect plays a crucial role in a variety of human contexts. We respect many different things and we respect them in many different ways: from parents and elders, to public institutions and the law, and other people's dignity, feelings and rights. Many, in fact, claim that all people deserve respect, some way or another. Public conversations lately have been plagued with calls to respect the environment, life in all of its forms, citizens, sexual orientation, etc. Additionally, it is also urged that public debates should take place under conditions of mutual respect: that above and beyond our differences and our interests, we should respect each other as persons. In particular, philosophers working in moral and political theory focus on what respect for persons might mean, including oneself and possibly other entities. Such a notion is frequently issued *inter alia* in discussions about justice and legitimacy, equality and exploitation, multiculturalism and pluralism, toleration and recognition. The main concern here centers on the ways in which citizens should respect one another in plural democracies. Explore whether or not the assumption that in order to properly respect each other as free and equal citizens we are obligated to satisfy certain requirements of justification (*viz.*, public reason) by seeking appropriate political justifications and sometimes exercising restraint in appealing to individual points of views (*viz.*, comprehensive doctrines) in political discourse.

**PHIL 23K. Feminism Past and Present. 2 Units.**

"Feminism" is a wide category, encompassing a variety of philosophical positions, but it is also an historical social movement whose meanings and aims have been subject to both change and conflict. This course will explore feminism from a combination of historical, cultural and philosophical perspectives with the overall aim of assessing what "feminism" has meant to various people in the past and what it means today. Roughly the first half of the course will focus on major texts (popular and academic) from the 1st-3rd waves of western feminism as well as texts and historical discussion of some non-western feminist movements. The second half will focus on more recent assertions of feminist positions on a few topical issues. Topics will be somewhat flexible based on the interests of the participants and may include reproductive politics; intergenerational, racial, religious and class-based conflicts within feminism; feminism and work; the sex/gender distinction in science and medicine; feminism's relation to other social movements; etc. This course is open to students of all majors, academic levels and viewpoints.

**PHIL 23L. Love and Friendship. 2 Units.**

People as different as Jesus Christ and Justin Timberlake think that love is crucial to living the good life. But what is love? What part should it play in our lives? Is it just one value among many? This course will consider questions about the nature of love, the role it plays in moral philosophy, and its effect on individual autonomy. Readings will be from both contemporary and historical sources.

**PHIL 23M. Justice and Climate Change. 2 Units.**

Does the current generation have a duty of justice to bear the brunt of the burden of combating climate change for the sake of future generations? If so, who should pay the costs of adapting to climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions? Should the costs of combating climate change be distributed according to historical emissions, to wealth, or to an equal per capita emissions principle? We'll explore these questions through readings at the intersection of political philosophy and climate change. The course includes readings on the following topics: global distributive justice, human rights, historical responsibility, economic efficiency, environmental justice, sustainability, and catastrophe. Throughout the course we'll reflect upon what role considerations of justice should play in seeking solutions to climate change.

**PHIL 23N. Neuroscience and the Self. 2 Units.**

The Self: Fiction or reality? Bundle of perceptions? Pragmatic role-concept? Fleeting moment of consciousness? Social invention? Narrative construct? Various philosophical conceptions of the self will be explored with a particular focus on the notion of the 'narrative self.' Literature from neuroscience, psychology and philosophy will be considered.

**PHIL 23O. Tutorial: Origins of the Infinite. 2 Units.**

Aristotle claims in the *Physics* that, "the student of Nature must contemplate of the infinite, with a view to determining whether it exists at all, and, if so, what is its nature." This course follows Aristotle's injunction historically -- beginning with the origins of the infinite in classical antiquity and ending with the fundamentals of the contemporary mathematical development at the turn of the 19th century. A central difficulty in this study is that of thinking consistently about infinite number and magnitude. And, more philosophically, whether we can know a priori of an ontological distinction between the finite and the infinite. In addition to Aristotle, we discuss the writings of Philoponus, Galileo, Descartes, Leibniz, Cantor, Dedekind, and Hilbert.

**PHIL 23P. Personal Responsibility: Moral and Civic. 2 Units.**

What do we as individuals owe to other people? Should we be spending our free time toiling in local politics and volunteering in soup kitchens? Should we be sending every extra penny (goodbye new shoes) to people who barely eek out a living on less than a dollar a day? Maybe we ought to spend tons of our time fighting to protect future generations from the predicted devastating effects of climate change. In this course we will explore how local, distant, and future circumstances affect our responsibilities as individuals. We'll discuss questions about what and how much we owe to others, and whether our responsibilities are part and parcel of being a morally good person, or whether they are things we owe others as good citizens of the community (and for that matter, which community do we owe them to--local, national, or global?).

**PHIL 23Q. Tutorial: Selves. 2 Units.**

The course focuses on the nature of the self. Is the self an object among other objects in the world, or something real but not spatial or temporal -- an extensionless point? Themes from literature on personal identity, self-consciousness, self-reference, and self-knowledge. Readings may include selections from Kant, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, Strawson, Williams, Evans, Nagel, Perry, McDowell.

**PHIL 23R. What's in an essay?. 2 Units.**

This course is about two questions: The first question: what is an essay? In other words, what is it that we mean when we talk about an essay instead of a précis, a paper, a report, a chronicle, a scientific paper, an opinion piece, fiction or simply other kinds of academic writing. Call this first question, the demarcation question about the essay. Essays are particularly hard to pin down, to demarcate its boundaries is almost impossible. The essay represents a distinct challenge for both theory and criticism. Unlike other literary and academic genres, at least since their modern inception in Montaigne's hands, essays challenge notions and assumptions that in other genres are transparent or can be more easily set aside. The second question is: what does essaying "the embarking upon the kind of things essayists claim to be doing" have to do with the cultivation of one's self, the examination of one's actions and deeds in ordinary contexts and the project of shaping it in self-reflective ways. Call this second question, the Socratic aspiration of the essay. To answer this question, we won't start from any pre-establish theory or framework, but rather work our way out directly from the readings of a sample of essays drawn from various sources. By the end of the course, the student will be in a better position to confront questions such as: why are the humanities part and parcel of our educational efforts, more generally, and how could they become part of my education, more particularly? What are the difficulties and advantages, the very point of, writing one's opinions in an attempt to address others? How is self-understanding connected to philosophical endeavors? What role, if any, could finding one's voice have for the purposes of reflective and critical thinking about one's self in relation to others?.

**PHIL 23T. Intellectual trust in oneself and others. 2 Units.**

Most people have many false beliefs. Yet, one routinely relies on one's own beliefs and on the views of others. Does that mean that one takes oneself to be exceptionally good at forming true beliefs, and exceptionally good at detecting false beliefs in others? When is it justified to place intellectual trust in oneself and in others?.

**PHIL 23U. Death and What Comes After. 2 Units.**

Is it irrational to fear death? Is death bad for you? Does it make sense to want to be immortal? How does what happens after our deaths matter to us? Ancient and contemporary philosophers give surprising answers to these questions about death, answers that shed light on basic questions about what matters in life. Among those we'll read are Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Bernard Williams, Thomas Nagel and Samuel Scheffler.

**PHIL 23V. Plato's Republic. 2 Units.**

Who should rule? What is the best regime? What is the role of law? What makes a regime just? What is the relation between theory and practice in politics? This course will focus on the political philosophy of the Republic, Plato's most well known dialogue and a foundational text in the history of political thought. We will also consider how Plato's psychology underlies his political philosophy and how the political philosophy of the Republic is related to political thinking in Plato's later works. Emphasis will be on primary texts, although the instructor will recommend relevant secondary sources as needed. Students will work closely with the instructor to tailor a final assignment that engages with the text and furthers the student's educational goals and interests.

**PHIL 23W. Cognition and Perception. 2 Units.**

In this tutorial, we will examine a cluster of questions concerning the relationship between cognitive states, such as beliefs and desires, and perception. We will examine the question of whether, and to what extent, concepts, beliefs, and desires can influence the content of perception. If these cognitive states can influence the content of perceptual states, how worried should we be about the ability of perception to justify belief, both in everyday life and in scientific inquiry?.

**PHIL 23Y. Knowledge in Action: Anscombe's Intention. 2 Units.**

Anscombe's Intention is one of the foundational texts of 20th century analytic philosophy. It brings together central issues from the philosophy of mind, epistemology, philosophy of language – and lays the ground for contemporary philosophy of action. Anscombe raises (and answers) questions regarding the nature of intentional action, intention, reasons for action, agential self-knowledge, and practical reasoning, connecting them all in one unified account. In the tutorial we will discuss these issues through a close reading of Intention. A short, terse, and marvelously rich self-contained piece of philosophical investigation, it is particularly well-suited for this purpose. Our work with the text should yield a solid basis notably in the philosophy of action, which will be useful for various other courses and areas (in philosophy of action, epistemology, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language, and ethics). Methodologically the tutorial will foster philosophical skills regarding the analysis, interpretation, and criticism of a dense and rich philosophical text such as Anscombe's.

**PHIL 23Z. Tutorial: Motivation, Obligation, and the Self. 2 Units.**

This tutorial will explore the relationship between one's desires, one's reasons for action, and one's self. Readings to include selections from Bernard Williams, Harry Frankfurt, Christine Korsgaard, and Julia Markovits.

**PHIL 25SI. The Animal-Human Relationship: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. 1 Unit.**

The ethical, scientific, and spiritual problems that arise from the interaction between humans and other animals. Can animals have empathy? What does it mean for an animal to feel pain? How did humans come to dominate other animals? What moral obligations do humans have towards animals? Where do animals fit in religious thought? Is animal research ethical, and is it effective? What role does meat consumption play in modern society? How can the environmental impacts of livestock production be mitigated? Guest lecturers from philosophy, literature, biology, neurology, religious studies, psychology, anthropology, and environmental science.

**PHIL 27S. Human Nature and its Discontents. 3 Units.**

In different ways, Thucydides, Hobbes, Rousseau, Kant, and Schopenhauer all emphasize a just so, descriptive account of human beings that, on the surface at least, reveals a profound pessimism with respect to their views about human nature. One of the themes running throughout Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War, for example, is the suggestion that human nature is motivated solely by passions of fear, envy, greed, and ambition. Thucydides highlights the ways in which he sees Athens as appealing to these passions while attempting to justify its unspeakable crimes against humanity in the name of "democracy." The aim of this course will be to work through some of the more salient examples of what I will call psychological or anthropological pessimism as outlined in the works of these thinkers, asking about the role their pessimism about human nature plays in their positive philosophical project. Our guiding question will be to explore whether and how each of these thinkers reconciles their philosophical optimism with their psychological pessimism about human nature.

**PHIL 28. The Literature and Philosophy of Place. 4 Units.**

Literature and philosophy, primarily, but not exclusively from Latin America, that raises questions about place and displacement through migration and exile, about how location shapes our understanding of ourselves and of our responsibilities to society and environment, about the multiple meanings of home. Among the questions we will consider are the difference between the experiences of people who are at "home" and those who are "away," how one person's claim on home can be another's experience of being invaded, the interdependence of self and place, the multiple meanings of "environment." Readings by Gabriela Mistral, Pablo Neruda, Carmen Lyra, Jorge Gracia, Otavio Paz, Maria Lugones, among others.

**PHIL 29S. Philosophy and Emerging Technologies. 3 Units.**

This course is an investigation into the philosophical questions raised by emerging technologies such as genetic engineering, self-driving cars, Mars colonization, and interactive art. For each unit, we will first familiarize ourselves with a specific emerging technology, and then look at classic philosophical readings in related topics. We will consider both how these philosophical discussions can help us think about the emerging technology and how the emerging technology might challenge our philosophical preconceptions. Through this course students will become sensitive to the various philosophical issues which new technologies raise, and learn how to apply existing philosophical theories and concepts to new topics and problems. No background in philosophy or familiarity with emerging technologies is required.

**PHIL 30S. Justifying justice at home and abroad. 3 Units.**

It is difficult to read the news today without getting enmeshed in discussions about justice both at home and abroad. Whether it be sequestration, Wall Street regulations, health care reform, the use of drones in war, or humanitarian aid abroad that grabs your attention, there is no doubt that we are living in tumultuous times. What do you think when you read about the new restrictions on abortion in Arkansas? Or about the deregulation of marijuana in Colorado? Or about the abolition of capital punishment in Connecticut? To figure out how to frame answers to these kinds of questions, we shall look at some of the main topics in social and political philosophy: rights, property, justice, criminal punishment, humanitarian intervention and just war theory.

**PHIL 32S. Socrates: The Making of a Philosopher. 3 Units.**

Socrates is a key figure in the history of western philosophy. He is credited for inventing moral philosophy and for revolutionizing the way we think about and do philosophy. Moreover, his historical influence is often compared to that of Jesus and Buddha, partly because his life's mission was to benefit others, but also because his life and cause remain mysterious. Interest in Socrates tends to divide along these exact lines: some (like Xenophon) are more interested in the man, his life and his impact on his friends and fellow citizens; others (like Aristotle) are more interested in his contribution to philosophy, his views, arguments and methods. In this course, we will try to learn more about both parts of Socrates' career by examining the relation between them. We will start by focusing on what is characteristic of his life: What did he do? And why did he do the things he did? In particular, how did he become a philosopher and how did he develop his distinctive approach to philosophy, his own philosophical voice?

**PHIL 34S. Good, Bad, and Rotten: The Philosophical Study of Moral Character. 3 Units.**

We ordinarily think there's a sense in which someone can be a good person, over and above doing well at her particular occupation (e.g., being a good firefighter), familial role (e.g., being a good sister), or political function (e.g., being a good citizen). But what does it take to be a good person, in this very general sense? And what about the opposite – what does it take to be a bad person? We also tend to feel strongly about whether others, or ourselves, are good or bad people. In particular, we blame people for being bad and praise them for being good. But only sometimes – if someone is bad only because, say, he had a traumatic childhood, then we tend to hold back from blaming him. So, what must be true if someone really is deserving of blame for being bad (or, of praise for being good)? And, finally, there seems to be an important difference between being bad and being completely depraved, or evil. But what underlies this difference? What distinguishes everyday badness from extraordinary evil? This course is dedicated to learning how to look for and evaluate answers to these questions. Readings will be pulled from historical and contemporary sources, including Aristotle, Augustine, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, Philippa Foot, Bernard Williams, Susan Wolf, Gary Watson, and Nomy Arpaly.

**PHIL 36. DANGEROUS IDEAS. 1 Unit.**

Ideas matter. Concepts such as equality, progress, and tradition have inspired social movements, shaped political systems, and dramatically influenced the lives of individuals. Others, like freedom of the press, fact versus fiction, and citizenship play an important role in contemporary debates in the United States. All of these ideas are contested, and they have a real power to change lives, for better and for worse. In this one-unit class we will examine these dangerous ideas. Each week, a faculty member from a different department in the humanities and arts will explore a concept that has shaped human experience across time and space. Some weeks will have short reading assignments, but you are not required to purchase any materials.

Same as: ARTHIST 36, EALC 36, ENGLISH 71, HISTORY 3D, MUSIC 36H

**PHIL 37S. Law and Morality. 3 Units.**

What makes a law just? How should a judge interpret the law? When, if ever, ought I to disobey a law? In this course, we will consider central questions in the philosophy of law concerning the relationship between morality and law. Students will gain an understanding of the history of these questions by reading classic works of literature and philosophy, including Homer, Sophocles, Plato, and Aquinas, alongside contemporary scholarship on the philosophy of law. We will also apply this theoretical background to practice as students assume the roles of judges and attorneys and consider how relevant law in actual court cases should be interpreted. Students will gain a grounding in the history of the natural law tradition, legal positivism, and legal interpretivism, as well as wrestle with problems of interpretation faced by judges today.

**PHIL 39S. The Good Life: An Introduction to Ethics. 3 Units.**

The basic question of ethics is 'How should I live?' In this course we'll study conceptions of the good human life proposed by philosophers from Ancient Greece to the present day, including Aristotle, Epicurus, the Stoics, J.S. Mill and Simone de Beauvoir. Among the questions we'll be asking are, 'Is moral virtue necessary for personal happiness?' 'Is the good life simply the most pleasant life?' 'What does it mean to live authentically?' 'Can we know how happy we are?' Students will learn how to engage with historical and contemporary ethical texts, and will practice the distinctive analytical skills characteristic of philosophical writing.

**PHIL 41Q. Truth. 3 Units.**

Preference to sophomores. Central issues animating current work in the philosophy of truth. What is truth? What is it about a statement or judgment that makes it true rather than false? Are there any propositions that are neither true nor false? Could truth be relative to individuals or communities? Do people have different notions of truth for different enterprises such as mathematics and ethics? Might truth be a matter of degree? Sources include the instructor's book manuscript and other contemporary writers.

**PHIL 42. Philosophy through Theater: Choice and Chance. 4 Units.**

Dramatic literature as a window into philosophical work on freedom of the will and indeterminism. Students participate in the production of original one-act plays.



**PHIL 42S. Justice and Climate Change. 3 Units.**

Global climate change is among the greatest global political challenges of our time. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in 2014 that the warming of Earth's climate system is a certainty and that it is highly likely that human influence is the dominant cause of climate change. Without action to combat climate change, the effects will worsen and could become catastrophic within a century. The effects of climate change are already being felt across the world. Communities in low lying deltas and islands have been relocated or are facing relocation due to rising sea levels. Increased droughts, storm surges, and floods threaten the lives, health and basic needs of people around the world: poor communities are particularly vulnerable. Human-caused climate change raises many questions of justice: First, is it morally wrong to emit greenhouse gases, the major cause of climate change? Is it unfair for wealthy high emitters to continue emitting given the risks of climate change to other people? What priority should be given to the wellbeing of future generations given the costs of reducing GHGs to the current generations? Finally, despite a scientific consensus about climate change's human origins, there is deep political disagreement about the facts about climate change and its alleged human-origins, especially in the United States. How should the government go about making decisions in light of these disagreements; what role should scientific expertise play in democratic deliberations? This course considers justice and climate change across these four dimensions: corrective justice, distributive justice, intergenerational justice, and procedural justice. Our discussions, reading, and writings will work back and forth between the issue of climate change and broader questions within political philosophy. The course is designed to help students develop and practice the skills needed to think and read critically, to communicate effectively across differences through speaking and writing, and to construct arguments that can withstand scrutiny. Students of any discipline are welcome and encouraged to attend. No philosophical background required or presupposed.

**PHIL 43S. Happiness: Positive Psychology and Philosophy. 3 Units.**

The connection between research in positive psychology to determine what happiness is and the conditions under which human beings are happy with issues in moral philosophy regarding whether we should aim at happiness or think of it as a good. The assumptions about happiness made by positive psychologists. The philosophical insight into the question of how people should live that is gained by looking at the empirical results provide by psychologists.

**PHIL 45S. Is it always good to 'be yourself?' Issues in Ethics and Moral Psychology. 3 Units.**

It may seem obvious that it is good to 'be yourself,' to be 'who you really are,' or to do what you 'really' want to do 'but is it? Some believe that we are our true, or real, selves when we act on our values, what we love, or what we care most about. But if that is true, then is it still good to be yourself when what you value and care most about involves a commitment to acts of terrorism, torturing others, or a life of pain and boredom? We will look at contemporary philosophical attempts to make sense of the idea of 'being yourself,' and what the nature of the value of this authenticity is." Authors include Bratman, Frankfurt, Korsgaard, Millgram and Williams.

**PHIL 46S. Modern Political Philosophy: Origins of the U.S. Constitution. 3 Units.**

In this course, we consider the political philosophy that culminated in the founding of the U.S. Constitution. We will consider, among other questions:- What assumptions about human nature were made by thinkers in this tradition?- What are rights and where do they come from?- Why do we form government and what is the common good preserved or promoted by government?- What is required to preserve our political institutions?- What is the role of law in civil society?- To what extent does the political success of the U.S. require virtue? In this discussion based seminar, we will read Machiavelli, Descartes, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Lincoln, and the American Founders.

**PHIL 47S. Introduction to Modern Philosophy: Skepticism and Scientific Rationalism. 3 Units.**

The course's narrative will broadly frame Newton's natural philosophy as a turning point in metaphysical and epistemological debates among early modern philosophies. Focusing on competing doctrines of space, time, and motion, we will investigate the relationship among kinds of skepticism and of rationalism expressed in the works of six philosophers: Descartes, Hume, Locke, Newton, Leibniz, Berkeley.

**PHIL 49. Survey of Formal Methods. 4 Units.**

Survey of important formal methods used in philosophy. The course covers the basics of propositional and elementary predicate logic, probability and decision theory, game theory, and statistics, highlighting philosophical issues and applications. Specific topics include the languages of propositional and predicate logic and their interpretations, rationality arguments for the probability axioms, Nash equilibrium and dominance reasoning, and the meaning of statistical significance tests. Assessment is through a combination of problem sets and short-answer questions designed to solidify competence with the mathematical tools and to test conceptual understanding. This course replaces PHIL 50.

**PHIL 50S. Truth, Proof and Probability: An Introduction To Philosophical and Logical Reasoning. 3 Units.**

Under what conditions does a set of true claims guarantee or make probable a particular conclusion? In this course we study rigorous tools and techniques supporting good reasoning, covering topics of particular significance to modern philosophy and logic. Contemporary philosophy continues a traditional focus on foundational problems related to value, inquiry, mind and reality, but with modern subject matter (often engaging natural, social and mathematical science) and rigorous methods, including set theory, probability theory and formal logic. This course introduces such methods, with a focus on core conceptual distinctions, motivations and debates, and basic practical skills. The presentation will be rigorous, but overly technical topics are avoided. Topics: propositional logic; valid argument forms; truth tables; Russell's paradox; infinite sets; kinds of truth; possibility and necessity; basic probability theory; subjective versus objective probability; Bayes' rule; correlation and causation. No previous philosophical or mathematical training pre-supposed. Appreciation of precise thinking an advantage. Useful preparation for relevant topics in mathematics, computer science, linguistics, economics and statistics.

**PHIL 53S. Reasoning with Diagrams. 3 Units.**

The course covers formal techniques for logical reasoning with both diagrams and sentences. The sentential part covers the same material as a standard course on first-order logic, though in less depth. It includes syntax, semantics and proof theory, but does not include any meta-theory. The diagrammatic part is novel, focusing on techniques for solving reasoning problems using diagrams and sentences in concert. We take seriously the idea that diagrams convey information in the same sense that sentences do and that it is possible to provide formal criteria for logically correct reasoning with diagrams. We use the Hyperproof courseware package which includes desktop software, an online assessment service which allows student to experiment hands-on with the material, and other online resources.

**PHIL 59S. Philosophy of Mathematics. 3 Units.**

The purpose of this course is to explore some of the themes and questions in philosophy of mathematical practice. These will include: what is the role of mathematics in natural sciences? Can we find an explanation for the applicability of mathematics or is it a completely unreasonable phenomenon? Do mathematicians invent or discover concepts? Either way, how do mathematicians develop new concepts? Is there such thing as mathematical explanation? Are there revolutions in mathematics? These questions are studied in connection to a close historical study of developments in mathematics, and the actual practice of mathematicians.

**PHIL 60. Introduction to Philosophy of Science. 5 Units.**

The nature of scientific knowledge: evidence and confirmation; scientific explanation; models and theories; objectivity; science, society, and values.

Same as: HPS 60

**PHIL 61. Philosophy and the Scientific Revolution. 5 Units.**

Galileo's defense of the Copernican world-system that initiated the scientific revolution of the 17th century, led to conflict between science and religion, and influenced the development of modern philosophy.

Readings focus on Galileo and Descartes.

Same as: HPS 61

**PHIL 61S. A Meaningful Life in a Physical World. 3 Units.**

Questions about the meaning of life have occupied a central place in philosophical thought throughout its history. However, the scientific view of human beings as essentially complex, evolutionarily-designed biological systems in a purely material world (one governed by fundamental physical laws) seemingly puts pressure on the idea that humans can live a life of genuine meaningfulness. The guiding questions of this course will be: Is there the prospect of our living truly meaningful lives even if we are just complex biological systems? If so, what kind(s) of meaning can we hope to achieve? If not, how should we live our lives? In exploring these questions, we will read works by philosophers (and psychologists) approaching these questions from many different traditions and perspectives. Possible authors will include Plato, Hobbes, Rousseau, Nietzsche, Sartre, Camus, Sigmund Freud, Viktor Frankl, Bertrand Russell, John Searle, Owen Flanagan, Daniel Dennett, and Ruth Millikan.

**PHIL 63S. Introduction to Bioethics. 3 Units.**

In this course we will explore ethical questions that arise in health care and the biological sciences. We will consider the following issues (perhaps together with others): allocation of health-care resources, the responsibilities of doctors to patients, the distinction between killing someone and letting them die, medically-assisted suicide, abortion, and the use of technologies for genetic screening and manipulation. Throughout, our focus will be on moral questions about how decisions in these areas should be made.

**PHIL 64S. Introduction to Environmental Philosophy. 3 Units.**

Environmental problems define and dominate the times. Climate Change threatens to displace and impoverish millions of people, species extinctions promise to reach unprecedented numbers, and sustainability has become a buzzword in discussions of responsible business practices. In this course we will explore some of the most pivotal environmental issues facing us today using the tools of philosophy. Together we'll ask questions such as: Are individuals or governments responsible for solving environmental problems? What objects should we care about in the natural world (animals, living things, ecosystems?), and what do we do when environmental problems force us to make tough choices in the face of competing values? Do we have responsibilities to future generations? This course will provide a foundation for thinking about these questions and for facing our environmental problems head on.

**PHIL 65S. Technology and the Good Life. 3 Units.**

Can we engineer our way to happiness? Should we try to? An introduction to select issues in engineering ethics, the course examines various threats to human welfare, environmental catastrophe, social injustice, the limitations of "human nature" that could be amenable to engineering solutions. We consider whether it is ethically permissible to address these threats via engineering (referring to various conceptions of the good life for human beings: hedonism, liberalism, virtue ethics) and what the costs of such solutions are.

**PHIL 70. Egalitarianism. 4 Units.**

Egalitarianism is a conception of justice that takes the value of equality to be of primary political and moral importance. There are many different ways to be an egalitarian - it all depends on what we take to be the currency of egalitarian justice. Are we trying to equalize basic rights and liberties, or resources, opportunities, welfare, capabilities? This class will introduce students to the theory of egalitarian and anti-egalitarian thought by looking both at the history of egalitarian thinking and at contemporary accounts in defense of the value of equality. It will provide an in depth introduction to the concepts that are used when inequalities are discussed by philosophers, economists, scientists and politicians. We will read, for instance, on the Code Noir and the abolitionist movement; we will learn from the 19th century debate on racial inequalities to understand how anti-egalitarian discourses are constructed; and we will look into Rousseau's conception of social equality in the Second Discourse and the Social Contract. The class will also engage with contemporary egalitarian theories by studying Rawlsian and post-Rawlsian forms of egalitarianism (including discussions of the fair equality of opportunity principle, the difference principle, the luck egalitarianism vs relational egalitarianism debate, etc.) By the end of the class, students will be able to understand and critically assess contemporary inequalities, as well as economic and political discourses on inequalities.

**PHIL 71H. Philosophy and the Real World. 2 Units.**

Introduction to the humanities as an applied discipline; how literary and philosophical ideas illuminate and change how people live their lives as individuals and members of society. Focus is on short texts that illustrate how literary and philosophical ideas arise from social problems and attempt to confront those problems. Methods and approaches: how to read such texts; how to make arguments about them; how such texts shed light on contemporary situations.

**PHIL 71Q. Emerging Issues in Neuroethics. 3 Units.**

What is the mind? Today, most philosophers and neuroscientists believe it is, in one way or another, just the brain. Brain research is progressing at a staggering pace. Neuroimaging technology seems to be closing in on "thought identification", i.e. determining an individual's thought content merely by scanning the brain. Do we have a right to keep our thoughts private or is it permissible to use imaging technologies, perhaps in judicial settings, to identify someone's thoughts? What happens to our concepts of moral responsibility when a brain scan reveals abnormalities in the brain? Do these findings have bearing on our understanding of free will? Commonplace drugs can prevent the forming of memories of painful events. Should we take these drugs to shield ourselves from traumatic memories or is it good for us to remember unpleasant events in order to learn and grow from them? Neurotechnology and pharmacology that enhances cognition is advancing rapidly. Is manipulating our brains into smarter, more efficient ones ethical? These are some of the questions we will consider in this course on the ethics of neuroscience that will allow you to critically assess complicated, cutting edge issues.

**PHIL 72. Contemporary Moral Problems. 4-5 Units.**

This course considers some of the moral problems encountered on campus and elsewhere in our lives as citizens and individuals. We will begin with questions that pertain to our own classroom and gradually broaden our scope to include, eventually, questions about terrorism and torture. The primary aims of the course are to encourage students to recognize and address moral questions as they appear in the concrete messiness of life and to help students develop the skills necessary to do this. Questions to be considered include: What would make this a good class and is this very question a moral one? What is education and who is entitled to it? What is the value of equality on campus and beyond? What is institutional discrimination? Are Stanford athletes being exploited? What should count as sexual harassment and is it properly captured by Stanford sexual harassment policies? Should abortions be offered by the Stanford Division of Family Planning? Is it permissible to kill animals for the purpose of scientific experimentation? Should Stanford divest from coal companies? Ought the City of San Francisco allow the homeless to reside in its streets? Who has the standing to condemn acts of terror and how do such acts compare to torture?.

Same as: ETHICSOC 185M, POLISCI 134P

**PHIL 73. The Ethics and Politics of Collective Action. 3-4 Units.**

Collective action problems arise when actions that are individually rational give rise to results that are collectively irrational. Scholars have used such a framework to shed light on various political phenomena such as revolutions, civil disobedience, voting, climate change, and the funding of social services. We examine their findings and probe the theoretical foundations of their approach. What does this way of thinking about politics bring into focus, and what does it leave out? What role do institutions play in resolving collective action problems? And what if the required institutions are absent? Can we, as individuals, be required to cooperate even if we expect that others may not play their part? Readings drawn from philosophy, political science, economics, and sociology.

Same as: ETHICSOC 180M, POLISCI 131A, PUBLPOL 304A

**PHIL 74. Business Ethics. 4 Units.**

What do people mean when they say, "it's just business"? Do they mean that there are no moral norms in business or do they mean that there are special moral norms in business that differ from those of personal relationships and other spheres of social activity? In this class we will examine ethical questions that arise in the domain of business. We will ask, for example: What does the market reward and what should it reward? What are the moral responsibilities of a business owner in a competitive environment? Is it acceptable to employ "sweatshop labor"? How do the moral responsibilities of a business owner differ from that of a policy maker? What information does a seller (or buyer) have a moral duty to disclose? In real estate, is a strategic default morally wrong? How much government regulation of Wall Street is morally justified? We will use the writings of Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, J. S. Mill, Marx, Jevons and Menger, Hayek, Walzer, and Sandel, among others, to help us answer these questions. We will see, for example, what Aristotle thought about day trading.

Same as: ETHICSOC 182M

**PHIL 74A. Ethics in a Human Life. 4 Units.**

Ethical questions pervade a human life from before a person is conceived until after she dies, and at every point in between. This course raises a series of ethical questions, following along the path of a person's life - questions that arise before, during, and after she lives it. We will explore distinctive questions that a life presents at each of several familiar stages: prior to birth, childhood, adulthood, death, and even beyond. We will consider how some philosophers have tried to answer these questions, and we will think about how answering them might help us form a better understanding of the ethical shape of a human life as a whole.

Same as: HUMBIO 74

**PHIL 75. Philosophy of Public Policy. 4 Units.**

This course aims to train students in the normative analysis of public policies. It offers a critical examination of diverse policy proposals from the perspective of moral and political philosophy. From healthcare to parliamentary reforms to educational policies, social and public policies are underpinned by normative justifications that is by different conceptions of what justice and fairness require. By analyzing these assumptions and justifications, we can in turn discuss and challenge the rightness of policy X or Y. Drawing on theories such as political liberalism, republicanism and feminist theory we will ask question such as: is workfare ever justified? What is wrong with racial profiling? When (if ever) is compulsory voting justified? Should children have the right to vote? Does affirmative action promote equality? Should freedom of expression ever be restricted? What are the duties of citizens of affluent countries toward asylum seekers and economic migrants? Do we have a right to privacy? Etc. We will work on a number of theories, texts and examples to make sense of the process of normative evaluation of public policy. By the end of the seminar, students will be prepared to take more advanced classes in ethics, political theory, as well as moral and political philosophy. They will have developed competences in the normative analysis of public policy and they will be able to deploy those competences to assess a broad range of other policies.

**PHIL 75S. Liberty and Equality. 3 Units.**

This course concerns recent attempts by social contract theorists to reconcile liberty and equality. We would begin by looking at Rawls's attempt to give due respect to both liberty and equality in his two principles. We would then look at criticisms of his attempt from Nozick, G.A. Cohen, possibly Mills and Okin or Pateman. I again would structure each session around a question, such as: Is there a conflict between equality and liberty? What is liberty? Equality. Equality of opportunity? Or equality of condition? What tools do these social contract theorists offer for criticizing racial or gender inequality?.

**PHIL 76. Introduction to Global Justice. 4 Units.**

This course provides an overview of core ethical problems in international politics, with special emphasis on the question of what demands justice imposes on institutions and agents acting in a global context. The course is divided into three sections. The first investigates the content of global justice, and comprises of readings from contemporary political theorists and philosophers who write within the liberal contractualist, utilitarian, cosmopolitan, and nationalist traditions. The second part of the course looks at the obligations which global justice generates in relation to five issues of international concern: global poverty, climate change, immigration, warfare, and well-being of women. The final section of the course asks whether a democratic international order is necessary for global justice to be realized.

Same as: ETHICSOC 136R, INTNLREL 136R, POLISCI 136R, POLISCI 336

**PHIL 77S. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Units.**

(Formerly RELIGST 62S) Explores fundamental questions about the existence of God, free will and determinism, faith and reason, through traditional philosophical texts. Course is divided into four sections: first asks what is religion; second surveys the western philosophical tradition from Boethius through Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Kierkegaard regarding the foundation for theist beliefs; third investigates questions mystical experience raises through both western and Buddhist materials; and fourth takes up the ethics of belief, what we have a right to believe, through the Clifford and James debate and the opposing stances of Camus and Pascal.

Same as: RELIGST 36

**PHIL 80. Mind, Matter, and Meaning. 5 Units.**

Intensive study of central topics in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language and mind in preparation for advanced courses in philosophy. Emphasis on development of analytical writing skills. Prerequisite: one prior course in Philosophy or permission of instructor.



**PHIL 81. Philosophy and Literature. 5 Units.**

Required gateway course for Philosophical and Literary Thought; crosslisted in departments sponsoring the Philosophy and Literature track. Majors should register in their home department; non-majors may register in any sponsoring department. Introduction to major problems at the intersection of philosophy and literature, with particular focus on the question of value: what, if anything, does engagement with literary works do for our lives? Issues include aesthetic self-fashioning, the paradox of tragedy, the paradox of caring, the truth-value of fiction, metaphor, authorship, irony, make-believe, expression, edification, clarification, and training. Readings are drawn from literature and film, philosophical theories of art, and stylistically interesting works of philosophy. Authors may include Sophocles, Chaucer, Dickinson, Proust, Woolf, Borges, Beckett, Kundera, Charlie Kaufman; Barthes, Foucault, Nussbaum, Walton, Nehamas; Plato, Montaigne, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Sartre. Taught in English.

Same as: CLASSICS 42, COMPLIT 181, ENGLISH 81, FRENCH 181, GERMAN 181, ITALIAN 181, SLAVIC 181

**PHIL 90A. The Philosophy of John Perry. 4 Units.**

John Perry is among the most influential philosophers of the last several decades, making important contributions to the philosophy of language, metaphysics, and the philosophy of mind. Focus on Perry's work on indexicality, belief reports, reference, pragmatics, identity, personal identity, modality, and consciousness. Perry's work in these areas will be studied in conjunction with that of some key figures in the surrounding literatures, including Kaplan, Lewis, Stalnaker, Kripke, and Chalmers.

**PHIL 90B. The Ethics of War. 4 Units.**

Issues both in contemporary just war theory and political philosophy. Relevant questions include: Can conscription ever be justified? If not, is there anything wrong with targeting poor people as part of efforts to recruit a 'volunteer' military? If, during war itself, combatants act in ways prohibited by the moral requirements governing war's conduct, then does it make any moral difference whether they were acting as ordered? And how do we identify these moral requirements in the first place? For example, what distinguishes a legitimate target from an illegitimate one? What determines whether military action is disproportionate? What, if anything, is morally distinctive about terrorism? Explores the complexities behind these questions and others, with a view to evaluating the potential answers to them.

**PHIL 90C. Predicting the Future: Puzzles of Induction. 4 Units.**

Can we know that the future is likely to resemble the past? Do we have reason to believe that the Sun is even remotely likely to rise again tomorrow? Are we rationally justified in accepting the confident predictions of science and commonsense, based on well-observed regularities? Consider several paradoxes of induction (that is, extrapolation from observed to unobserved), including those raised by Hume, Hempel, and Goodman, the Doomsday and Sleeping Beauty paradoxes, as well as some attempts to solve or cope with them.

**PHIL 90D. What do Philosophers do?. 4 Units.****PHIL 90E. Ethics in Real Life: How Philosophy Can Make Us Better People. 4 Units.**

Socrates thought that philosophy was supposed to be practical, but most of the philosophy we do today is anything but. This course will convince you that philosophy actually is useful outside of the classroom—and can have a real impact on your everyday decisions and how to live your life. We'll grapple with tough practical questions such as: 'Is it selfish if I choose to have biological children instead of adopting kids who need homes?' 'Am I behaving badly if I don't wear a helmet when I ride my bike?' 'Should I major in a subject that will help me make a lot of money so I can then donate most of it to overseas aid instead of choosing a major that will make me happy?' Throughout the course, we will discuss philosophical questions about blame, impartiality, the force of different 'shoulds,' and whether there are such things as universal moral rules that apply to everyone.

Same as: ETHICSOC 203R

**PHIL 90G. Native American Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Examine traditional philosophical questions like "How do we know?" "What exists?" "What is a person?" and "What is the good life?" from the perspectives of classical and contemporary Native American thinkers. We will look at Native American beliefs about respect for persons and places; reactions to colonial doctrines of conversion, treaties, and removal; and the importance of the themes of circularity and performance in classical and contemporary Native philosophical thought. Also of importance will be to contrast some Native American approaches to philosophical questions against Western attempts to answer these same questions. How are the approaches the same? How are they different? What assumptions about the natures of reality or humanity account for the similarities or differences?.

**PHIL 90J. Is it Always Good to "Be Yourself?" - Issues at the Intersection of Ethics and Moral Psychology. 4 Units.**

It may seem obvious that it is always good to 'be yourself,' to be who you 'really' are, or to do what you 'really' want to do - but is it? Some philosophers believe that we are our 'true,' or 'real,' selves when we act on our values, or what we care most about. But if that is true, then is it still good to be yourself when what you value and care most about involves a commitment to acts of terrorism, torturing others, or a life of pain and boredom? We will look at contemporary philosophical attempts to make sense of the idea of 'being yourself,' and potential reasons in favor of its supposed value. Authors include Bratman, Frankfurt, Korsgaard, Millgram and Williams.

**PHIL 90K. REALISM. 4 Units.**

The purpose of this course is to explore questions concerning Scientific and Mathematical Realism. We ask, do entities to which scientific theories refer REALLY exist? For instance, do electrons or genes exist? How about mathematical entities? Do numbers or vectors exist? And if so, do they exist independent of our minds?.

**PHIL 90L. Probability and the Law. 4 Units.**

What does it mean to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt? Can we interpret legal standards of proof probabilistically? What is the role of probability and statistics in the courtroom? How are quantitative methods changing legal proceedings? Courtroom movies, criminal and civil cases, and academic scholarship will help us address these and related questions. No statistical or legal background is expected.

**PHIL 90N. The Nature of Morality. 4 Units.**

We make moral claims. We say things like "Kicking dogs for fun is wrong." But what is the function of such claims? To describe the world? To prescribe ways of acting? To express our feelings? Moreover, can such claims ever be true? If they cannot, would this be a problem? If they can, what makes them true? God's will? Evolution? Human conventions? Rationality? What, in the end, is the nature of this practice that we all engage in and that we call morality? We will explore some of the most influential answers to these questions. The course should serve as a good introduction to contemporary metaethics (with a slight focus on expressivist theories).

**PHIL 90P. Is logic a source of metaphysical knowledge?. 4 Units.**

The most characteristic feature of analytic metaphysics is the prominent role that it assigns to logic, and analytic philosophy owes its existence to the revolutionary logical developments that occurred in the late 19th century. But what, exactly, is the relationship between logic and metaphysics? How did developments in the study of inference bring about radical changes in philosophers' approach and answers to questions about the nature of existence? Can one infer metaphysical truths directly from truths of logic, or does logic merely provide philosophers with a helpful tool for analyzing metaphysical issues? This course will begin with a brief study of Kant's conception of the relationship between logic and metaphysics, and then explore this relationship in the work of early analytic philosophers, particularly Gottlob Frege. In the final two weeks of the course, we will read several contemporary metaphysical papers on a subject selected by the students. Our discussion of those papers will focus on the role that logic plays and how that role may have changed since the early analytic period.



**PHIL 90S. Philosophical Dimensions of Cognitive Science. 4 Units.**

What is consciousness? What is the relation between the mind and the body? How does the mind represent the world around it? Are our minds just sophisticated computers? If they are, what functions as the 1s and 0s in our brains? Or are our minds something else altogether? This course will look at the philosophical foundations of cognitive science with a particular focus on cognitive architecture. In addition we will consider the nature of mental representation and the challenges presented by subjective experience.

**PHIL 90V. Children, and what to do with them. 4 Units.**

In this course, we investigate a number of ethical questions that arise in relation to children. Is it morally appropriate to create children, knowing that, over the course of their lives, those children will inevitably be subjected to a range of serious harms? Is it permissible for parents to favor their own children, even if their children are already advantaged in comparison to many other children? Who should decide how children are educated, the government, the parents, or someone else?.

**PHIL 97SI. Homeless Services in Silicon Valley. 2 Units.**

Through hands-on, meaningful projects with local service providers, students will engage with the issue of homelessness in the Bay Area. Students will partner with service providers to create a final deliverable while learning from a diverse set of guest speakers, including formerly unhoused individuals. As Stanford's only course dedicated to homelessness this academic year, it provides students with a unique opportunity to engage with a pressing issue in their neighborhood.

**PHIL 99. Minds and Machines. 4 Units.**

(Formerly SYMSYS 100). An overview of the interdisciplinary study of cognition, information, communication, and language, with an emphasis on foundational issues: What are minds? What is computation? What are rationality and intelligence? Can we predict human behavior? Can computers be truly intelligent? How do people and technology interact, and how might they do so in the future? Lectures focus on how the methods of philosophy, mathematics, empirical research, and computational modeling are used to study minds and machines. Undergraduates considering a major in symbolic systems should take this course as early as possible in their program of study. Same as: LINGUIST 35, PSYCH 35, SYMSYS 1

**PHIL 100. Greek Philosophy. 4 Units.**

We shall cover the major developments in Greek philosophical thought, focusing on Plato, Aristotle, and the Hellenistic schools (the Epicureans, the Stoics, and the Skeptics). Topics include epistemology, metaphysics, psychology, ethics and political theory. Same as: CLASSICS 40

**PHIL 101. Introduction to Medieval Philosophy. 4 Units.**

This course is an introduction to medieval moral philosophy, broadly construed. In addition to doctrines that we would nowadays readily think of as falling within the domain of ethics, we will be looking at closely related topics that might today be thought to belong more properly to metaphysics, the philosophy of religion, or the philosophy of human nature.

Same as: PHIL 201

**PHIL 102. Modern Philosophy, Descartes to Kant. 4 Units.**

Major figures in early modern philosophy in epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind. Writings by Descartes, Leibniz, Hume, and Kant.

**PHIL 102M. Fichte. 1-2 Unit.**

This three-day intensive mini-course will introduce the moral and political thought of Johann Gottlieb Fichte, the founder of the German idealist movement. The topics to be discussed are: Fichte's theory of subjectivity and transcendental idealism; Fichte's defense of radical freedom of the will; Fichte's transcendental deduction of other selves; the relation of right between rational beings and the foundations of political philosophy; Fichte's deduction of the moral law from the absolute freedom of the rational being; the application of the moral law through conscience. No previous acquaintance with Fichte's philosophy will be presupposed. Same as: PHIL 202M

**PHIL 103. 19th-Century Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Focus is on ethics and the philosophy of history. Works include Mill's *Utilitarianism*, Hegel's *The Philosophy of World History*, Marx's *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts*, Kierkegaard's *The Sickness Unto Death*, and Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morals*.

**PHIL 104. Philosophy of Religion. 4 Units.**

Key issues in the philosophy of religion. Topics include the relationship between faith and reason, the concept of God, proofs of God's existence, the meaning of religious language, arguments for and against divine command theory in ethics and the role of religious belief in a liberal society.

**PHIL 105C. Beauty in Ancient Greek Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Beauty occupies a peculiarly central place in ancient Greek philosophical thought, figuring prominently in Plato's and Aristotle's ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics. The ancient conception of beauty is also in various ways at odds with our modern conception: far from being "in the eye of the beholder", ancient philosophers thought of beauty as a paradigm of objectivity, and closely aligned with moral goodness. Why this discrepancy between the ancient and modern conceptions of beauty? And what might the centrality of beauty in ancient thought reveal about ancient ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics? This course is an investigation into these questions, by means of a close reading of the major ancient texts in which beauty appears. Some background in ancient Greek philosophy and/or contemporary aesthetics is preferred, but not required.

Same as: PHIL 205C

**PHIL 106. Ancient Greek Skepticism. 4 Units.**

The ancient Pyrrhonian skeptics who think that for any claim there is no more reason to assert it than deny it and that a life without any beliefs is the best route to happiness. Some ancient opponents of the Pyrrhonian skeptics and some relations between ancient and modern skepticism. Same as: PHIL 206

**PHIL 106A. Philosophy of Neuroscience. 4 Units.**

How can we explain the mind? With approaches ranging from computational models to cellular-level characterizations of neural responses to the characterization of behavior, neuroscience aims to explain how we see, think, decide, and even feel. While these approaches have been highly successful in answering some kinds of questions, they have resulted in surprisingly little progress in others. We'll look at the relationships between the neuroscientific enterprise, philosophical investigations of the nature of the mind, and our everyday experiences as creatures with minds. Prerequisite: PHIL 80.n(Not open to freshmen.). Same as: PHIL 206A, SYMSYS 206A

**PHIL 107. Plato's Early Dialogues. 4 Units.**

We shall read some of the most important and difficult of Plato's early dialogues: the Charmides, parts of the Euthydemus, the Gorgias, the Hippias Minor, the Meno, and the Protagoras. Topics include: the nature of pleasure and its role in the good life, good luck and the good life, self-knowledge, the relation between knowledge and virtue, whether virtue can be taught, learning and recollection, rhetoric, the relations among the virtues, Socratic ignorance, and the Socratic method of the elenchus.

Same as: PHIL 207

**PHIL 107A. The Greeks on Irrationality. 2-4 Units.**

In this course, we shall examine the views of some central Greek philosophers (Plato, Aristotle, the Epicureans, and the Stoics) on the irrational and non-rational aspects of human life. What makes something irrational and what roles (negative and perhaps positive as well) does the irrational play in our lives? We shall examine their views on anger, fear, madness, love, pleasure and pain, sexual desire and so on. We shall also consider more briefly some depictions of these psychic items in ancient Greek literature.

Same as: PHIL 207A

**PHIL 107B. Plato's Later Metaphysics and Epistemology. 4 Units.**

A close reading of Plato's Theaetetus and Parmenides, his two mature dialogues on the topics of knowledge and reality. We will consider various definitions of knowledge, metaphysical problems about the objects of knowledge, and a proposed method for examining and resolving such problems. Some background in ancient Greek philosophy and/or contemporary metaphysics and epistemology is preferred, but not required. Prerequisite: Phil 80.

Same as: PHIL 207B

**PHIL 107C. Plato's Timaeus. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 207C

**PHIL 108. Aristotle's Metaphysics Book Alpha. 4 Units.**

An introduction both to Aristotle's own metaphysics and to his treatment of his predecessors on causality, included the early Ionian cosmologists, atomism, Pythagoreans, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Empedocles, Anaxagoras and Plato. Prerequisite: one course in ancient Greek philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 208

**PHIL 108A. Aristotelian Logic. 2-4 Units.**

A careful examination of Aristotle's syllogistic, with special emphasis on the interpretation of his modal syllogistic. This course will serve both as an introduction to ancient term logic and to the difference between sentential modal operators and modal modifiers to the copula. Topics will include the analysis of syllogisms into figures and moods, the reduction of 2nd and 3rd figure syllogisms to the first, the consistency of the modal syllogistic, models for the syllogistic, and de re versus de dicto modalities. For students with at least some introductory background in logic.

Same as: PHIL 208A

**PHIL 108B. Aristotle's Physics Book One. 4 Units.**

A chapter by chapter analysis of Aristotle's introductory discussions of physical theory. Topics to be considered include Aristotle's treatment of Eleatic monism, the role of opposites in pre-Socratic physics, the role of matter in physics, and an analysis of the elements of changing objects into form, privation and a subject.

Same as: PHIL 208B

**PHIL 109. Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle on Art and Rhetoric. 4 Units.**

Plato's and Aristotle's views on the nature of art and rhetoric and their connections with the emotions, reason and the good life. Readings include Plato's Gorgias, Ion and parts of the Republic and the Laws and Aristotle's Poetics and Rhetoric.

Same as: PHIL 209

**PHIL 109A. Special Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle's Metaphysics Zeta. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 209A

**PHIL 109B. Greek philosophers read their ancestors: Intro to the ancient reception of Presocratic philosophy. 4 Units.**

The first Greek philosophers are known to us only through fragments of their original works, generally few in number and transmitted by later authors, as well as through a set of testimonies covering a thousand years and more. Thus it is crucial, in order to understand archaic thought, to get a sense of how they were read by those to whom we owe their transmission. What was their aim, their method, their presuppositions or prejudices? The course will employ this perspective to examine authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Theophrastus, Diogenes Laertius, Simplicius & among others. We shall also reflect, on the basis of the paradigmatic case of the Presocratics, on some of the more general problems raised by literary and philosophical approaches to the notion of reception.

Same as: PHIL 209B

**PHIL 109C. Aristotle's cosmology and theology. 4 Units.**

PHIL 109C/209C now meets in Raubitschek Room, Green Library Room 351. Undergrads please sign up for 109C; grads sign up for 209C.

Same as: PHIL 209C

**PHIL 110. Plato's Republic. 4 Units.**

The Republic is one most famous and influential texts in the history of Western philosophy. We shall read in its entirety closely (along with some other related Platonic texts) focusing on its epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of art, and political philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 210

**PHIL 110C. The Stoics on Freedom and Determinism. 4 Units.**

We will investigate ancient Stoic conceptions of causality and freedom, their arguments for causal determinism, and ancient attaches on and defenses of compatibilism.

Same as: PHIL 210C

**PHIL 111. Aristotle's Logic. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 211

**PHIL 112. Causality in Ancient Greek Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 212

**PHIL 112A. Aristotle's metaphysics. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 212A

**PHIL 113. Hellenistic Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Epicureans, skeptics, and stoics on epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, and psychology.

Same as: PHIL 213

**PHIL 115. Problems in Medieval Philosophy: Islamic Aristotelianism and Western Scholasticism. 3-5 Units.**

The western world adopted Aristotle's metaphysics and natural philosophy as the foundation of its educational system and scholarly life between 1210 and 1255. Christian Europe was thereby following the example set by Islam in Spain and the Near East. Today some people believe that this development was independent, and others think that the scholastics copied even their methods from Arabic philosophers. Historical evaluation of those claims.

Same as: PHIL 215

**PHIL 116. Aquinas. 4 Units.**

This course is an introduction to the metaphysical thought of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 & 1274), one of the most important and influential philosopher-theologians of the High Middle Ages. Readings will be drawn primarily from the "Summa theologiae."

Same as: PHIL 216

**PHIL 117. Descartes. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 121/221.) Descartes's philosophical writings on rules for the direction of the mind, method, innate ideas and ideas of the senses, mind, God, eternal truths, and the material world.

Same as: PHIL 217

**PHIL 117D. Aristotle's De Anima. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 217D

**PHIL 118. British Empiricism, 1660s-1730s. 4 Units.**

Focus is on the big three British Empiricists and their developments of thought based on the foundational role that they give to sensory perception or experience as the source of knowledge. Topics may include the theory of ideas, idealism, personal identity, human agency, moral motivation, causation, and induction. Readings predominantly from Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

**PHIL 118A. Origins of Empiricism: Gassendi, Locke, and Berkeley. 4 Units.**

Particular light is shed on both the strengths and weaknesses of empiricism by studying it as it first arose during the 17th century revolution in philosophy and the sciences initiated by Descartes. Three philosophers of that period helped to advance empiricism: Pierre Gassendi (1592-1655), John Locke (1632-1704), and George Berkeley (1685-1753). A brief introduction to Descartes is followed by Gassendi's reaction to Descartes and his influence on Locke; Locke's theory of ideas, mind, language, reality, and natural philosophy expounded in his *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Fourth Edition, 1689); and Berkeley's later reaction to Locke.

Same as: PHIL 218A

**PHIL 119. Rationalists. 4 Units.**

Developments in 17th-century continental philosophy. Descartes's views on mind, necessity, and knowledge. Spinoza and Leibniz emphasizing their own doctrines and their criticism of their predecessors. Prerequisite: 102. Same as: PHIL 219

**PHIL 120A. The Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence. 4 Units.**

Correspondence on metaphysics, theology, and science. Same as: PHIL 220A

**PHIL 120W. Richard Rufus on Aristotle's Metaphysics: Ontology, Unity, Universals, & Individuation. 1-2 Unit.**

Mini-Course taught by Rega Wood in association with Santiago Melo Arias & Professors Alan Code & Calvin Normore. Code, Wood, & Melo Arias have spent the last 6 months intensively studying Richard Rufus of Cornwall's commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics Zeta, Eta, & Theta*. This June we will present Rufus' views on ontology, unity, & universals. There will be 6 two hour sessions on June, 4, 5, & 6 (Thurs - Saturday), 10-12 noon, 2-4 pm. Readings will be taken chiefly from Melo Arias' new translations of Rufus' circa 1238 commentary; other readings, from Aristotle and Averroes. We will consider the difference between the treatment of definition, essence and being in logic and in metaphysics, the sense in which accidents have definitions, the unity of genus and differentia in the definitions of substances, the unity of form and proximate matter in hylomorphic compounds, and the unity of the parts of the rational soul. In this context we will discuss the formal distinction pioneered by Rufus as a description of differences in formal predication consistent with real sameness. Richard Rufus was the first Western professor to lecture on Aristotle's metaphysics in Medieval Europe. Same as: PHIL 220W

**PHIL 122. Hume. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 120/220; graduate students enroll in 222.) Hume's theoretical philosophy, in particular, skepticism and naturalism, the theory of ideas and belief, space and time, causation and necessity, induction and laws of nature, miracles, a priori reasoning, the external world, and the identity of the self.

Same as: PHIL 222

**PHIL 123. Introduction to Chinese Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 223

**PHIL 124. Topics in Early Modern Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Philosophical views of the highly influential rationalist philosophers Benedict (or Baruch) Spinoza (1632-1677) and G. W. Leibniz (1646-1716). Topics to be treated include: the nature of God and the question of his providential care for human beings, the concept of substance and its extension, the ontological relation of finite beings to God, the mental and its relation to the corporeal, and the nature of human freedom.

**PHIL 125. Kant's First Critique. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 225.) The founding work of Kant's critical philosophy emphasizing his contributions to metaphysics and epistemology. His attempts to limit metaphysics to the objects of experience. Prerequisite: course dealing with systematic issues in metaphysics or epistemology, or with the history of modern philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 225

**PHIL 126B. Kant's Ethical Theory. 2-4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 226B.) Kant's moral philosophy based primarily on the *Groundwork of Metaphysics of Morals*, *Critique of Practical Reason*, and *The Metaphysics of Morals*.

Same as: PHIL 226B

**PHIL 127. Kant's Ethics. 4 Units.**

A study of Kant's ethical thought, focusing on *The Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, *The Critique of Practical Reason*, and *The Metaphysics of Morals*. Prerequisite: Phil. 2, Phil. 170, or equivalent (consult the instructor). Designed for undergraduate department majors and graduate students.

Same as: PHIL 227

**PHIL 127A. Kant's Value Theory. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 227A.) The role of autonomy, principled rational self-governance, in Kant's account of the norms to which human beings are answerable as moral agents, citizens, empirical inquirers, and religious believers. Relations between moral values (goodness, rightness) and aesthetic values (beauty, sublimity).

Same as: PHIL 227A

**PHIL 127B. Kant's Anthropology and Philosophy of History. 4 Units.**

Kant's conception of anthropology or human nature, based on his philosophy of history, which influenced and anticipated 18th- and 19th-century philosophers of history such as Herder, Fichte, Hegel, and Marx. Texts include *Idea for a Universal History*, *Conjectural Beginning of Human History*, and *Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View*. Topics include: Kant's pragmatic approach to the study of human nature; the difficulty of human self knowledge; the role of regulative and teleological principles in studying human history; and Kant's theory of race.

Same as: PHIL 227B

**PHIL 127M. Richard Rufus of Cornwall. 1-2 Unit.**

*Metaphysics and Epistemology*, readings from Rufus' newly translated *Contra Averroem & Speculum animae*. In these works, Rufus solves a problem for Aristotelian epistemology that was to bedevil later scolastics such as Thomas Aquinas. He also states for the first time a theory of individuation by form that was subsequently adopted by Duns Scotus. Though Scotus like Rufus preferred to speak of individual forms, the theory itself is often identified by a term very seldom used by Scotus, 'haecceitas' or thisness. Taught jointly by Rega Wood and Calvin Normore.

Same as: PHIL 227M

**PHIL 127W. Introducing Ockham & His Razor: Mind & Metaphysics, Logic, Epistemology, & Ethics. 1-2 Unit.**

Three day mini course on topics in Medieval Philosophy. This year's topic is "Introducing Ockham & His Razor: Mind & Metaphysics, Logic, Epistemology, & Ethics." Course runs June 2-4, 2017. Guest lectures by Peter King (Toronto), Elizabeth Karger (CNRS, Paris). We begin with a general introduction to Ockham's place in the history of philosophy from Democritus to Descartes. Then we turn to Ockham's logic and his most popular work, the *Summa logicae*. In this connection we will discuss Ockham's distinction between absolute and connotative terms and his theory of supposition, a theory that corresponds roughly to modern reference theory. On day two we take up Ockham's Epistemology, the distinction he drew between intuitive & abstractive cognition, his approach to problems of certainty and judgment, and his response to skeptical worries. In this connection we will discuss the razor in its application of sensible species. That afternoon our topic will be nominalist metaphysics & the razor as Ockham deploys the principle of parsimony to justify his denial of common natures and his rejection of some of the Aristotelian categories, such as motion and relation. More generally we see an approach to physics with minimal reliance on metaphysics. Day three begins with philosophy of mind. Here we will see Ockham refusing to posit faculties of will and intellect distinct from the intellective soul itself, while admitting a distinction between the sensitive and intellective souls. The course will close with a discussion of Ockham's ethics and politics. In ethics we will consider the ground of the good and the connection of the virtues; in politics we will focus on property rights, a major source of controversy within the church. Undergraduates are welcome to take the course, but must have the instructor's permission.

Same as: PHIL 227W

**PHIL 128. Fichte's Ethics. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 228.) The founder of the German Idealist movement who adopted but revised Kant's project of transcendental philosophy basing it on the principle of awareness of free self-activity. The awareness of other selves and of ethical relations to them as a necessary condition for self-awareness. His writings from 1793-98 emphasizing the place of intersubjectivity in his theory of experience.

Same as: PHIL 228

**PHIL 130. Hegel. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 122/222; graduate students register for 230.) Introduction to Hegel's philosophy, emphasizing his moral and political philosophy, through study of his last major work (1821). May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: course in the history of modern philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 230

**PHIL 131W. Kant's Theory of Law and Justice. 1-2 Unit.**

This course will look at Kant's theory of right or law (*Recht*) and its implications for morality and politics. The topics we will discuss are: the difference between right and ethics in Kant's metaphysics of morals; the relation of law to property and morality; the moral obligations of politicians as holders of rightful authority; and the standards of right as they apply to international relations and war.

Same as: PHIL 231W

**PHIL 132W. Mini Course: Topics in Kant's Ethics. 1-2 Unit.**

This mini-course will deal with several selected topics relating to Kant's ethics: (1) Kant's formulas of the moral law, their meaning and their relation to one another; (2) Kant's concept of imperfect (wide, meritorious) duties and its role in his ethical theory; (3) the place of feeling, emotion, desire and inclination, their relation to our empirical nature and to human reason, in Kant's moral psychology; and (4) the place of duties regarding animals and other non-human beings in Kant's ethical theory. There will be six sessions, each two hours in length. Either the instructor or one of the guest lecturers will be in charge of each session, which will consist in part of a presentation by the person in charge and partly of discussion. Instructor: Allen Wood (Indiana University/Stanford University); guest lecturers: Barbara Herman (UCLA), Janelle DeWitt (Indiana University). Course meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 6, 7, 8, 2016. May be repeated for credit.

Same as: PHIL 232W

**PHIL 133S. Heidegger and Daoism: Differences and Dialogue. 5 Units.**

The new paradigm for understanding Heidegger makes possible a fresh look at his long-standing interest in Daoism. Part One: a radical recasting of Heidegger's thought, including his readings of the Presocratics (6th century BCE). In light of that, Part Two: a reading of Laozi's *Dao De Jing* / *Tao Te Ching* (6th century BCE). Permission of instructor required.

Same as: RELIGST 181

**PHIL 133T. Atheism: Hegel to Heidegger. 5 Units.**

The radical changes in ideas of God between Hegel and Heidegger, arguing that their questions about theism and atheism are still pertinent today. Texts from Hegel, Feuerbach, Marx, Nietzsche, and Heidegger: on God, history, and the social dimensions of human nature. N.B.: Class size limited. Apply early at [tsheehan@stanford.edu](mailto:tsheehan@stanford.edu).

Same as: RELIGST 183

**PHIL 134. Phenomenology and Intersubjectivity. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 234.) Readings from Husserl, Stein, Heidegger, Sartre, and Merleau-Ponty on subjects related to awareness of others. Topics include solipsism, collective experience, empathy, and objectification of the other.

Same as: PHIL 234

**PHIL 135. Existentialism. 4 Units.**

Focus is on the existentialist preoccupation with human freedom. What constitutes authentic individuality? What is one's relation to the divine? How can one live a meaningful life? What is the significance of death? A rethinking of the traditional problem of freedom and determinism in readings from Rousseau, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche, and the extension of these ideas by Sartre, Beauvoir, and Camus, including their social and political consequences in light of 20th-century fascism and feminism.

Same as: PHIL 235

**PHIL 136. History of Analytic Philosophy. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 147/247; graduate students register for 236.) Theories of knowledge in Frege, Carnap, and Quine. Emphasis is on conceptions of analyticity and treatment of logic and mathematics. Prerequisite: 50 and one course numbered 150-165 or 181-90.

Same as: PHIL 236

**PHIL 137. Wittgenstein. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 237.) An exploration of Wittgenstein's changing views about meaning, mind, knowledge, and the nature of philosophical perplexity and philosophical insight, focusing on the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* and *Philosophical Investigations*.

Same as: PHIL 237

**PHIL 138. Recent European Philosophy: Between Nature and History. 4 Units.**

A critical introduction to the novel understandings of time, language, and cultural power developed by 20th-century continental thinkers, with close attention to work by Heidegger, Saussure, Benjamin, and Foucault.

Same as: PHIL 238



**PHIL 142. Race, Justice, and Integration. 3 Units.**

Recent philosophical research on injustice, race, and the ideal of racial integration.

Same as: EDUC 241, PHIL 242

**PHIL 143. Quine. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 183/283; graduate students register for 243.) The philosophy of Quine: meaning and communication; analyticity, modality, reference, and ontology; theory and evidence; naturalism; mind and the mental.

Same as: PHIL 243

**PHIL 150. Mathematical Logic. 4 Units.**

An introduction to the concepts and techniques used in mathematical logic, focusing on propositional, modal, and predicate logic. Highlights connections with philosophy, mathematics, computer science, linguistics, and neighboring fields.

Same as: PHIL 250

**PHIL 150E. Logic in Action: A New Introduction to Logic. 4 Units.**

A new introduction to logic, covering propositional, modal, and first-order logic, with special attention to major applications in describing information and information-driven action. Highlights connections with philosophy, mathematics, computer science, linguistics, and neighboring fields. Based on the open source course 'Logic in Action,' available online at <http://www.logicinaction.org/>.nFulfills the undergraduate philosophy logic requirement.

**PHIL 150X. Mathematical Logic. 2 Units.**

Equivalent to the second half of 150. Students attend the first meeting of 150 and rejoin the class on October 30. Prerequisite: CS 103A or X, or PHIL 50.

**PHIL 151. Metalogic. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 160A.) The syntax and semantics of sentential and first-order logic. Concepts of model theory. Gödel's completeness theorem and its consequences: the Löwenheim-Skolem theorem and the compactness theorem. Prerequisite: 150 or consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 251

**PHIL 151A. Recursion Theory. 4 Units.**

Computable functions, Turing degrees, generalized computability and definability. "What does it mean for a function from the natural numbers to themselves to be computable?" and "How can noncomputable functions be classified into a hierarchy based on their level of noncomputability?". Theory of relative computability, reducibility notions and degree structures. Prerequisite is PHIL 150, or PHIL 151 or CS 103.

Same as: PHIL 251A

**PHIL 152. Computability and Logic. 4 Units.**

Approaches to effective computation: recursive functions, register machines, and Turing machines. Proof of their equivalence, discussion of Church's thesis. Elementary recursion theory. These techniques used to prove Gödel's incompleteness theorem for arithmetic, whose technical and philosophical repercussions are surveyed. Prerequisite: 151.

Same as: PHIL 252

**PHIL 153. Feminist Theories and Methods Across the Disciplines. 2-5 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for PHIL 253 or FEMGEN 203) Concepts and questions distinctive of feminist and LGBT scholarship and how they shape research: gender, intersectionality, disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, standpoint, "queering," postmodern critiques, postcolonial critiques.nPrerequisites: Feminist Studies 101 or equivalent with consent of instructor.nNOTE: This course must be taken for a letter grade and a minimum of 3 units to be eligible for WAYS credit. The 2 unit option is for graduate students only.

Same as: FEMGEN 103, FEMGEN 203, PHIL 253

**PHIL 154. Modal Logic. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 254.) Syntax and semantics of modal logic and its basic theory: including expressive power, axiomatic completeness, correspondence, and complexity. Applications to topics in philosophy, computer science, mathematics, linguistics, and game theory. Prerequisite: 150 or preferably 151.

Same as: PHIL 254

**PHIL 155. General Interest Topics in Mathematical Logic. 4 Units.**

Introduction to formalization using language of logic and to problems of philosophical logic and computer science that can be handled this way. Propositional calculus, Sudoku puzzles, resolution rule, problem P=NP. Possible worlds, modal logic with emphasis on individuation problems.

May be repeated for credit.

Same as: PHIL 255

**PHIL 157. Topics in Philosophy of Logic. 3 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 257.) Disputed foundational issues in logic; the question of what the subject matter and boundaries of logic are, such as whether what is called second-order logic should be counted as logic. What is the proper notion of logical consequence? May be repeated for credit. Pre- or prerequisite: 151, or consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 257

**PHIL 158. Topics in Logic: Ten Problems in Deontic Logic. 2 Units.**

As witnessed by the handbook of deontic logic and normative systems, the area of deontic logic is in flux. Traditional questions and logical methods of deontic logic are being supplemented by new questions and new techniques. This tutorial gives an introduction to the current discussion in deontic logic. In what sense are obligations different from norms? Jorgensen's dilemma, from preference based modal logic to the modern approach. How to reason about dilemmas, contrary-to-duty and defeasible norms? Distinguishing various kinds of defeasibility. How to relate various kinds of permissive and constitutive norms? Permissions as exceptions and prioritized norms. How do norms relate to other modalities like beliefs, desires, and intentions How do norms change? What is the role of time, action and games in deontic reasoning? For each problem, we discuss traditional as well as new research questions. We see the new questions as good questions for current research, in the sense that they point to modern theories and applications. We are especially interested in new questions that make older traditional questions obsolete in the sense that they are now addressed from a modern perspective, or in a more general setting. This mini-course will from the week of 15 April through the week of 13 May.

Same as: PHIL 258

**PHIL 159. Non-Classical Logic. 4 Units.**

This course surveys a range of non-classical logics. Each week, we discuss the formal rules and philosophical underpinnings of a different system. Key topics include modal logic (the logic of possibility and necessity), many-valued logics (in which propositions can be both true and false, or neither), relevant logics (which aim to bring the concept of valid inference into line with everyday ideas about relevance), and logical pluralism (the view that there is more than one correct logic).

Same as: PHIL 259

**PHIL 160A. Newtonian Revolution. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 260A.) 17th-century efforts in science including by Kepler, Galileo, Descartes, and Huygens, that formed the background for and posed the problems addressed in Newton's *Principia*.

Same as: PHIL 260A

**PHIL 160B. Newtonian Revolution. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 260B.) Newton's *Principia* in its historical context, emphasizing how it produced a revolution in the conduct of empirical research and in standards of evidence in science.

Same as: PHIL 260B

**PHIL 162. Philosophy of Mathematics. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for PHIL 262.) General survey of the philosophy of mathematics, focusing on epistemological issues. Includes survey of some basic concepts (proof, axiom, definition, number, set); mind-bending theorems about the limits of our current mathematical knowledge, such as Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems, and the independence of the continuum hypothesis from the current axioms of set theory; major philosophical accounts of mathematics: Logicism, Intuitionism, Hilbert's program, Quine's empiricism, Field's program, Structuralism; concluding with a discussion of Eugene Wigner's 'The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences'. Students won't be expected to prove theorems or complete mathematical exercises. However, includes some material of a technical nature. Prerequisite: PHIL150 or consent of instructor. Same as: MATH 162, PHIL 262

**PHIL 163. Significant Figures in Philosophy of Science. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 263.) Directed study of two or more thinkers, past or present, who have made a lasting impact on contemporary philosophy of science. Subjects last year were Henri Poincaré, Pierre Duhem, and Gaston Bachelard. Same as: PHIL 263

**PHIL 164. Central Topics in the Philosophy of Science: Theory and Evidence. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 264.) Is reductionism opposed to emergence? Are they compatible? If so, how or in what sense? We consider methodological, epistemological, logical and metaphysical dimensions of contemporary discussions of reductionism and emergence in physics, in the  $\zeta$ sciences of complexity $\zeta$ , and in philosophy of mind. Same as: PHIL 264

**PHIL 164A. Central Topics in Philosophy of Science: Causation. 4 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for 264A.) Establishing causes in science, engineering, and medicine versus establishing them in Anglo-American law, considered in the context of Hume and Mill on causation. May be repeated for credit. Same as: PHIL 264A

**PHIL 165. Philosophy of Physics. 4 Units.**

Graduate students register for 265.) TOPICS: Absolute and relational theories of space, time, and motion: the problem of motion from Descartes, Newton and Leibniz to Einstein and beyond. The principle of relativity leads from space and time to space-time. Mach's attempt to 'relativize' inertia and its influence on Einstein in formulating the general theory of relativity. Space-time substantialism and relationism. The problem of determinism in Einstein's  $\zeta$ Lochbetrachtung $\zeta$ , and the physical meaning of general covariance. Background independence as a requirement for fundamental physical theory, including quantum gravity. May be repeated for credit if content is different. Same as: PHIL 265

**PHIL 166. Probability: Ten Great Ideas About Chance. 4 Units.**

Foundational approaches to thinking about chance in matters such as gambling, the law, and everyday affairs. Topics include: chance and decisions; the mathematics of chance; frequencies, symmetry, and chance; Bayes great idea; chance and psychology; misuses of chance; and harnessing chance. Emphasis is on the philosophical underpinnings and problems. Prerequisite: exposure to probability or a first course in statistics at the level of STATS 60 or 116. Same as: PHIL 266, STATS 167, STATS 267

**PHIL 166A. Foundations of Quantum Mechanics. 4 Units.**

This seminar will concentrate on a variety of probability questions that arise in quantum mechanics, including some from recent experiments. Negative probabilities and nonmonotonic upper probabilities will be emphasized. Same as: PHIL 266A

**PHIL 167A. Philosophy of Biology. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 267A.) Evolutionary theory and in particular, on characterizing natural selection and how it operates. We examine debates about fitness, whether selection is a cause or force, the levels at which selection operates, and whether cultural evolution is a Darwinian process. Prerequisites: one PHIL course and either one BIO course or Human Biology core; or equivalent with consent of instructor. Same as: PHIL 267A

**PHIL 167B. Philosophy, Biology, and Behavior. 4 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for 267B) Philosophical study of key theoretical ideas in biology as deployed in the study of behavior. Topics to include genetic, neurobiological, ecological approaches to behavior; the classification and measurement of behaviors: reductionism, determinism, interactionism. Prerequisites: one PHIL course and either one BIO course or Human Biology core; or equivalent with consent of instructor. Same as: PHIL 267B

**PHIL 167C. Associative Theories of Mind and Brain. 4 Units.**

After a historical survey of associative theories from Hume to William James, current versions will be analyzed including the important early ideas of Karl Lashley. Emphasis will be on the computational power of associative networks and their realization in the brain. Same as: PHIL 267C

**PHIL 169. Evolution of the Social Contract. 4 Units.**

Explore naturalizing the social contract. Classroom presentations and term papers. nTexts: Binmore - Natural Justice n Skyrms - Evolution of the Social Contract. Same as: PHIL 269

**PHIL 170. Ethical Theory. 4 Units.**

A more challenging version of Phil 2 designed primarily for juniors and seniors (may also be appropriate for some freshmen and sophomores - contact professor). Fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement. Graduate section (270) will include supplemental readings and discussion, geared for graduate students new to moral philosophy, as well as those with some background who would like more. Same as: ETHICSOC 170, PHIL 270

**PHIL 170B. Metaphor. 4 Units.**

In metaphor we think and talk about two things at once: two different subject matters are mingled to rich and unpredictable effect. A close critical study of the main modern accounts of metaphor's nature and interest, drawing on the work of writers, linguists, philosophers, and literary critics. Attention to how understanding, appreciation, and pleasure connect with one another in the experience of metaphor. Consideration of the possibility that metaphor or something very like it occurs in nonverbal media: gesture, dance, painting, music. Same as: PHIL 270B

**PHIL 170D. Trust and Trustworthiness. 4 Units.**

An exploration of the place of interpersonal trust in ethical thought. What is it to trust another person? How is trusting related to, though different from, other attitudes we sometimes bear towards others (e.g. justified beliefs we form about others and their conduct; ethically significant expectations we have of others, etc.)? What is involved in acquiring/possessing the virtue of trustworthiness? How should trust (and trustworthiness) figure in our thinking about important ethical activities, for example promising, friendship, or the practice of politics?. Same as: PHIL 270D

**PHIL 171. Justice. 4-5 Units.**

Focus is on the ideal of a just society, and the place of liberty and equality in it, in light of contemporary theories of justice and political controversies. Topics include financing schools and elections, regulating markets, discriminating against people with disabilities, and enforcing sexual morality. Counts as Writing in the Major for PoliSci majors. Same as: ETHICSOC 171, IPS 208, PHIL 271, POLISCI 103, POLISCI 136S, POLISCI 336S, PUBLPOL 103C, PUBLPOL 307

**PHIL 172. History of Modern Moral Philosophy. 4 Units.**

A critical exploration of some of the main forms of systematic moral theorizing in Western philosophy from Hobbes onward and their roots in ancient ethical thought. Prerequisites are some prior familiarity with utilitarianism and Kantian ethics and a demonstrated interest in philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 272

**PHIL 172B. Recent Ethical Theory: Moral Obligation. 4 Units.**

Some moral obligations are "relational," "directional," or "bipolar" in structure: in promising you to act in a certain way, for example, I incur an obligation to you to so act and you acquire a corresponding claim or right against me that I so act. This entails that if I violate my obligation to you, I will not merely be doing something that is morally wrong, but will be wronging you in particular. What does explain this? Do all moral obligations have this structure? We will discuss how different moral theories (consequentialist, deontological, contractualist) try to account for such obligations. Readings include Adams, Anscombe, Darwall, Feinberg, Hart, Parfit, Raz, Scanlon, Skorupski, Thompson, Thomson, Wallace, and Wolf.

Same as: PHIL 272B

**PHIL 172D. Bernard Williams. 4 Units.**

An exploration of some central themes from the work of Bernard Williams. Particular attention will be paid to his discussion of the character and identity of the self, his sustained critique of morality and moral philosophy. We will also read several of Williams's interlocutors, including Nagel, Parfit, Korsgaard, and Herman.

Same as: PHIL 272D

**PHIL 172N. Prudence and Morality. 4 Units.**

We sometimes think we should do something just because it will benefit us in the future, even though we don't particularly feel like doing it now (e.g. we exercise, go to the dentist for a check-up, or set aside money for retirement). And we sometimes think we should do something for the sake of another person, even when it is inconvenient, costly, or unpleasant (e.g. we stop to help a stranded motorist, donate to charity, or tell someone an embarrassing truth rather than a face-saving lie). When we do the former, we act prudently. When we do the latter, we act morally. This course explores the debate among philosophers about the source of our reasons for acting prudently and morally. Some argue that our reasons to be prudent and moral stem directly from the fact that we are rational & that it is contrary to reason to ignore our own future interests, or the interests of other people. Others disagree, arguing that the source of these reasons must lie elsewhere. Course readings will include work by Thomas Nagel, Bernard Williams, Christine Korsgaard, Derek Parfit, Philippa Foot, and others.

Same as: PHIL 272N

**PHIL 173B. Metaethics. 4 Units.**

This is an undergraduate only class. Can moral and ethical values be justified or is it just a matter of opinion? Is there a difference between facts and values? Are there any moral truths? Does it matter if there are not? Is anything in life really valuable or meaningful? Focus is not on which things or actions are valuable or morally right, but what is value or rightness itself. Contemporary metaethics. Prerequisites: 1 and 80.

**PHIL 173W. Aesthetics. 4 Units.**

This course will investigate a cluster of varied but related philosophical issues concerning the arts - music, painting, literature, poetry, photography, theater, film, etc.- issues most of which are, at the same time, problems in philosophy of mind or language, value theory, or epistemology. We will address questions like the following (though probably not all of them): What, if anything, is distinctive about art and aesthetic experience?, What is aesthetic value, and how do aesthetic values relate to and interact with moral values and values of other kinds?, What is fiction and why are people interested in it?, In what ways are works of art expressive of feelings or emotions? What similarities and differences are there in the expressive qualities of music, literature, painting, poetry? How might we learn from works of art of one or another kind, and how might they work to change people's perspectives or attitudes?, In what ways do artworks serve as vehicles of communication? Are the values of works of art fundamentally different from those of beautiful natural objects? Along the way, we will bump into more specific questions such as: Why and in what ways is photography more (or less) 'realistic' than painting and drawing, or more or less revealing of reality? Does (instrumental) music have cognitive or semantic content? Is music representational in anything like the way literature and figurative painting are?, Do all literary works have narrators? Is there ever (or always?) anything like narrators in paintings, films, music? Prerequisite: One course in philosophy, or permission of the instructor.

Same as: PHIL 273W

**PHIL 174. Freedom and the Practical Standpoint. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 274.) Confronted with the question of how to act, people think of themselves as freely determining their own conduct. Natural science poses a challenge to this by explaining all events, including human actions, in terms of causal processes. Are people justified in thinking of themselves as free? Major philosophical approaches to this question: incompatibilism, compatibilism, and the two-standpoint view.

Same as: PHIL 274

**PHIL 174A. Moral Limits of the Market. 4 Units.**

Morally controversial uses of markets and market reasoning in areas such as organ sales, procreation, education, and child labor. Would a market for organ donation make saving lives more efficient; if it did, would it thereby be justified? Should a nation be permitted to buy the right to pollute? Readings include Walzer, Arrow, Rawls, Sen, Frey, Titmuss, and empirical cases.

Same as: ETHICSOC 174A, PHIL 274A, POLISCI 135P

**PHIL 174D. Moral Luck. 4 Units.**

We draw a fundamental distinction between what a person voluntarily does, and what is beyond her control. Such a distinction seems central to how we think about what it is to justify our actions (whether to ourselves or to one another), as well as to our practice of holding one another morally responsible for what we do. Yet under pressure, this distinction can appear to collapse & we find that we cannot successfully disentangle what a person controls from what she does not when she acts. This course examines this problem in depth, and considers how we might respond in the face of it: Is it really a problem? If so, does it threaten our moral practices? How should it influence the way in which we make choices, or the way we understand those choices once we've made them?.

Same as: PHIL 274D

**PHIL 174L. Betrayal and Loyalty, Treason and Trust. 2 Units.**

The main topic of the seminar is Betrayal: its meaning as well as its moral, legal and political implications. We shall discuss various notions of betrayal: Political (military) betrayal such as treason, Religious betrayal with Judas as its emblem, but also apostasy (converting one's religion) which is regarded both as a basic human right and also as an act of betrayal, social betrayal - betraying class solidarity as well as Ideological betrayal - betraying a cause. On top of political betrayal we shall deal with personal betrayal, especially in the form of infidelity and in the form of financial betrayal of the kind performed by Madoff. The contrasting notions to betrayal, especially loyalty and trust, will get special consideration so as to shed light or cast shadow, as the case may be, on the idea of betrayal. The seminar will focus not only on the normative aspect of betrayal - moral or legal, but also on the psychological motivations for betraying others. The seminar will revolve around glaring historical examples of betrayal but also use informed fictional novels, plays and movies from Shakespeare and Pinter, to John Le Carre. SAME AS LAW 520.

Same as: ETHICSOC 174L, ETHICSOC 274L, PHIL 274L

**PHIL 175. Philosophy of Law. 4 Units.**

This course will explore foundational questions about the nature of law, including questions about the relationship between law and morality. Topics to be discussed include the following: a) the foundations of legal authority, b) legal reasoning and argument, and c) the nature of persistent legal disputes (e.g., disputes about how to best interpret the US constitution). We will focus on contemporary work on these topics, including work by Scott Shapiro, Joseph Raz, Ronald Dworkin, David Enoch, Connie Rosati, and Mark Greenberg. Prerequisite: PHIL 80.

**PHIL 175A. Ethics and Politics of Public Service. 3-5 Units.**

Ethical and political questions in public service work, including volunteering, service learning, humanitarian assistance, and public service professions such as medicine and teaching. Motives and outcomes in service work. Connections between service work and justice. Is mandatory service an oxymoron? History of public service in the U.S. Issues in crosscultural service work. Integration with the Haas Center for Public Service to connect service activities and public service aspirations with academic experiences at Stanford.

Same as: CSRE 178, ETHICSOC 133, HUMBIO 178, PHIL 275A, POLISCI 133, PUBLPOL 103D, URBANST 122

**PHIL 175M. Two Ethical Theories and Being a Person. 4 Units.**

The distinction between the ethics of being a person and the ethics of rules as opposed to the distinction between Kantian ethics and utilitarianism or consequentialism consequentialism. Comparison of these two types of ethics with respect to their relationship to agency and being a good person. Relations between Western ethics and those of other continents.

Same as: PHIL 275M

**PHIL 175P. Philosophy of Law and Conceptions of Agency. 4 Units.**

In this course we will explore the connections between recent work in philosophy of law and philosophy of action. Current philosophy of law draws on philosophy of action. One example is the work of Scott Shapiro, who interprets legal activity as a form of social planning that enables citizens to coordinate their activities as agents. We will consider what normative requirements are necessary to make citizens self-legislating autonomous agents. Are formal requirements like consistency and coherence sufficient, or does law have to meet substantial normative and moral requirements? We will also discuss whether the deficiency of evil legal systems can be explained in terms of agency. Can distorted legal system provide agents a coherent form of self-understanding? We will explore these questions through readings by Scott Shapiro, Ronald Dworkin, Lon F. Fuller, David Dyzenhaus, Kristen Rundle, Michael Bratman, David Velleman, and Christine Korsgaard.

Same as: PHIL 275P

**PHIL 176. Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 276.) Why and under what conditions do human beings need political institutions? What makes them legitimate or illegitimate? What is the nature, source, and extent of the obligation to obey the legitimate ones, and how should people alter or overthrow the others? Study of the answers given to such questions by major political theorists of the early modern period: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Kant. Same as: PHIL 276, POLISCI 137A, POLISCI 337A

**PHIL 176A. Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought. 4-5 Units.**

(Formerly CLASSHIS 133/333.) Political philosophy in classical antiquity, focusing on canonical works of Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero. Historical background. Topics include: political obligation, citizenship, and leadership; origins and development of democracy; and law, civic strife, and constitutional change.

Same as: CLASSICS 181, CLASSICS 381, PHIL 276A, POLISCI 230A, POLISCI 330A

**PHIL 176B. The Economic Individual in the Behavioral Sciences. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 276B.)

Same as: PHIL 276B

**PHIL 176C. Religion and Politics: a Latin American Perspective. 4 Units.**

Religion has traditionally been banished from politics in some places in Latin America. Religious symbols may not be displayed in public buildings, political discourse is expected to be free from all religious content, and religious ministers are not allowed to run for public office, among other measures. This course examines the political motivation for this kind of policies towards religion taking a comparative perspective with American and French variants of secularism.

Same as: ETHICSOC 276R, ETHICSOC 376R, PHIL 276C

**PHIL 177B. EMOTIONS: MORALITY AND LAW. 2 Units.**

If emotions are the stuff of life, some emotions are the stuff of our moral and legal life. Emotions such as: guilt, shame, revenge, indignation, resentment, disgust, envy, jealousy and humiliation, along with forgiveness, compassion, pity, mercy and patriotism, play a central role in our moral and legal life. The course is about these emotions, their meaning and role in morality and law. Issues such as the relationship between punishment and revenge, or between envy and equality, or St. Paul's contrast between law and love, or Nietzsche's idea that resentment is what feeds morality, will be discussed alongside other intriguing topics.

Same as: ETHICSOC 202, ETHICSOC 302, PHIL 277B

**PHIL 177C. Ethics of Climate Change. 4 Units.**

Climate change is an ethical failure. When we cause greenhouse gas to be emitted for our own benefit, the gas spreads around the world and does harm everywhere. Many of those who are harmed emit very little greenhouse gas themselves. When some people harm others for their own benefit, something is morally wrong. Specifically, there is an injustice. One of the ethical problems raised by climate change is how to rectify this injustice. Climate change also raises a different range of ethical questions, which may be classified as questions of value. For example, in making decisions, how should the distant future be valued in comparison with the present and how should we take account of the great loss of human life that climate change will cause? This course investigates the issues of justice and the issues of value. It considers the moral demands that climate change puts both on private individuals and on public institutions. Because the effects of climate change are so widespread and so complex, the methods of economics can be useful in putting ethical principles into effect. The course will therefore assess some of these methods.

Same as: PHIL 277C



**PHIL 177W. Human Rights. 4 Units.**

In this course we will think critically about human rights by evaluating complex moral situations and weighing powerful but opposed arguments. In our discussions we will explore a variety of alleged human rights and ask: Which of these is really a human right? What could the justification of human rights be? If some right is a real human right, what exactly does it require of us and others? Are there really any human rights at all, or are human rights just another means for Western societies to impose their way of life on the rest of the world? What is a human right? Case studies will include the death penalty, democratic participation, gay rights and duties of corporations to respect human rights.

Same as: PHIL 277W

**PHIL 178. Ethics in Society Honors Seminar. 3 Units.**

For students planning honors in Ethics in Society. Methods of research. Students present issues of public and personal morality; topics chosen with advice of instructor.

Same as: ETHICSOC 190

**PHIL 178M. Introduction to Environmental Ethics. 4-5 Units.**

How should human beings relate to the natural world? Do we have moral obligations toward non-human animals and other parts of nature? And what do we owe to other human beings, including future generations, with respect to the environment? The first part of this course will examine such questions in light of some of our current ethical theories: considering what those theories suggest regarding the extent and nature of our environmental obligations; and also whether reflection on such obligations can prove informative about the adequacy of our ethical theories. In the second part of the course, we will use the tools that we have acquired to tackle various ethical questions that confront us in our dealings with the natural world, looking at subjects such as: animal rights; conservation; economic approaches to the environment; access to and control over natural resources; environmental justice and pollution; climate change; technology and the environment; and environmental activism.

Same as: ETHICSOC 178M, ETHICSOC 278M, PHIL 278M, POLISCI 134L

**PHIL 179S. Moral Psychology, Reasons for Action, and Moral Theory. 4 Units.**

What sorts of considerations does an ethical agent take to be good reasons for action? Work in moral psychology to illuminate the theory of practical reasons, and the theory of practical reasons to test the prospects for systematic moral theory. Can any systematic moral theory be reconciled with the moral psychology of ordinary, morally respectable agents? Reading include Bernard Williams, Rosalind Hursthouse, Peter Railton, T.M. Scanlon, and Barbara Herman.

Same as: PHIL 279S

**PHIL 180. Metaphysics. 4 Units.**

This is an introduction to core topics in metaphysics, plus a little meta-metaphysics.

Same as: PHIL 280

**PHIL 180A. Realism, Anti-Realism, Irrealism, Quasi-Realism. 4 Units.**

Realism and its opponents as options across a variety of different domains: natural science, mathematics, ethics, and aesthetics. Clarify the various conceptions that fall under these terms and outline the reasons for and against adopting realism for the various domains. Highlight the general issues involved. Prerequisites: 80, 181.

Same as: PHIL 280A

**PHIL 181. Philosophy of Language. 4 Units.**

The study of conceptual questions about language as a focus of contemporary philosophy for its inherent interest and because philosophers see questions about language as behind perennial questions in other areas of philosophy including epistemology, philosophy of science, metaphysics, and ethics. Key concepts and debates about the notions of meaning, truth, reference, and language use, with relations to psycholinguistics and formal semantics. Readings from philosophers such as Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Grice, and Kripke. Prerequisites: 80 and background in logic.

Same as: PHIL 281

**PHIL 182. Advanced Philosophy of Language. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 282

**PHIL 184. Epistemology. 4 Units.**

This is an advanced introduction to core topics in epistemology – the philosophical study of human knowledge. Questions covered will include: What is knowledge? Can we know anything outside our own minds? Must all knowledge rest on secure foundations? Does knowing something require knowing that you know it? What are the connections between knowledge and rationality? Does 'knowledge' mean the same in the philosophy classroom as it does in everyday life? Prerequisite Phil 80 or consent of the instructor.

Same as: PHIL 284

**PHIL 184C. Epistemology of Testimony. 4 Units.**

Many of our beliefs come from others, and not from direct experience. Is testimony a source of fundamental reasons? reasons that do not have to be supported or validated by other sources like perception or inference? What sort of responsibility does one have to one's hearers, when one gives testimony?

Same as: PHIL 284C

**PHIL 184F. Feminist Theories of Knowledge. 4 Units.**

Feminist critique of traditional approaches in epistemology and alternative feminist approaches to such topics as reason and rationality, objectivity, experience, truth, the knowing subject, knowledge and values, knowledge and power.

Same as: FEMST 166, PHIL 284F

**PHIL 184P. Probability and Epistemology. 4 Units.**

Confirmation theory and various ways of trying to understand the concept of evidence. Discuss a series of issues in epistemology including probabilism (the view that you should assign degrees of belief to various propositions), conditionalization, confirmational holism, reliabilism and justification, and disagreement.

**PHIL 184V. The Epistemology of Disagreement. 4 Units.**

What should you do when you learn that equally informed and equally competent reasoners disagree with you? Should you give up your beliefs, or should you stick to your views? In this course, we'll look at the recent debate in epistemology about disagreement. We will investigate the effects of disagreement on the justification of our beliefs, and explore the implications for the justification of our religious, moral, and philosophical views.

**PHIL 185. Theory of Understanding. 4 Units.**

This course will survey some of the ongoing work on understanding in philosophy and psychology. The questions considered will include: What exactly is understanding? How does understanding differ from knowledge of commonplace facts? What are the different forms understanding takes (e.g. scientific, social, historical, aesthetic, etc), and how are the different forms of understanding related? Is there such a thing as implicit understanding?

Same as: PHIL 285

**PHIL 185B. Philosophy of Perception. 4 Units.**

The nature of perceptual experience and the role it plays in securing empirical knowledge. Focus will be on what is sometimes called "the problem of perception": the question of how perception could provide us with direct awareness of the surrounding environment given the possibility of illusions or hallucinations. Topics, include the relationship between perception and belief, the nature of perceptual phenomenology, whether or not perceptual experiences are representational states, and the philosophical relevance of empirical research on perception.

Same as: PHIL 285B

**PHIL 186. Philosophy of Mind. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 286.) This is an advanced introduction to core topics in the philosophy of mind. Prerequisite: PHIL 80.

Same as: PHIL 286

**PHIL 186A. Self-fashioning. 3 Units.**

This undergraduate and graduate seminar will examine philosophical and psychological literature relevant to self-fashioning. Meetings will be discussion oriented, and each meeting will focus on a different question of theoretical and applied significance. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. May be repeat for credit.

Same as: PHIL 286A, PSYCH 172

**PHIL 186B. Inner Sense. 4 Units.**

Often the label "inner" is used to describe aspects of ourselves we believe are not immediately observable to another. Thoughts, feelings, sensations; these all happen on the "inside," whereas speech, mannerisms, and actions are "outward" expressions. But how useful is this way of thinking? And what does it assume about what is "inner" versus what is "outer"? How reliable are the various internal mechanisms that allow us to know ourselves? Do we have a special kind of direct access to our own inner lives? And what can we know about the inner lives of others? Readings from philosophy of mind and cognitive science.

**PHIL 187. Philosophy of Action. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 287.) Contemporary research in the philosophy of action. Topics include: What is it to be an agent? Is there a philosophically defensible contrast between being an agent and being a locus of causal forces to which one is subject? What is it to act purposively? What is intention? What is the relation between intention and belief? What is it to act intentionally? What is it to act for a reason? What is the relation between explaining why someone acted by citing the reasons for which she acted and causal explanation of her action? What is the relation between theoretical and practical rationality? What is the nature of our knowledge of our own intentional activity? What is it to act autonomously? What is shared cooperative activity? Prerequisite: 80.

Same as: PHIL 287

**PHIL 188. Personal Identity. 4 Units.**

Do you persist through time the way that a skyscraper persists through space, by having different parts at different locations? Or are you wholly present at every moment of your life, in something more like the way that an elevator is present in each place as it travels up to the top floor? What criteria determine whether you now are the very same person as some unique person located at some time in the past? Is the continuity of your memories or other mental states sufficient for your survival? Can you survive the loss or destruction of your body? Do you really exist for more than just the present moment? How do different answers to these questions bear on your moral, personal, and professional obligations? What kinds of considerations could possibly help us to answer these questions? This course explores these and related issues. Readings include a mix of introductory survey, historical, and contemporary material.

Same as: PHIL 288

**PHIL 189. Examples of Free Will. 4 Units.**

Examples drawn from three domains: choice, computation, and conflict of norms. Conceptually, a distinction is made between examples that are predictable and those that are not, but skepticism about making a sharp distinction between determinism and indeterminism is defended.

Same as: PHIL 289

**PHIL 189R. Philosophy of Religion. 4 Units.****PHIL 193C. Film & Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Issues of authenticity, morality, personal identity, and the value of truth explored through film; philosophical investigation of the filmic medium itself. Screenings to include *Blade Runner* (Scott), *Do The Right Thing* (Lee), *The Seventh Seal* (Bergman), *Fight Club* (Fincher), *La Jetée* (Marker), *Memento* (Nolan), and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (Kaufman). Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 154A, FRENCH 154, ITALIAN 154, PHIL 293C

**PHIL 193D. Dante and Aristotle. 5 Units.**

Students will read all of Dante's *Commedia* alongside works by Aristotle and various ancient and medieval philosophers. Our aim will be to understand the way an Aristotelian worldview informs the *Commedia*. For instance, what is the role of pleasure in the ethical life? What is the highest good of the human being? All readings will be in translation.

**PHIL 193H. The Art of the Movies: Story, Drama, and Image. 4 Units.**

A philosophical study of how movies coordinate and transform elements they borrow from older arts of literary narrative, live theater, and graphic illustration. Examples from the career of Alfred Hitchcock.

**PHIL 193W. Nietzsche, Dostoevsky, and Sartre. 4 Units.**

Literary works in which philosophical ideas and issues are put forward, such as prose poems, novels, and plays. Ideas and issues and the dramatic or narrative structures through which they are presented. Texts include: Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*; Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*; and Sartre, *Nausea* and *No Exit*.

**PHIL 194A. Rationality Over Time. 4 Units.**

Our beliefs and intentions seem to be subject to norms of rationality that enjoin consistency and coherence at a given time. Are there also norms of rationality that concern the relations among and changes in our beliefs and intentions over time? What might such norms of rationality over time be, how might we defend them (or argue that they are not defensible), how are they related to norms of rationality at a time, and how does our approach to these rationality norms affect our overall understanding of the kind of thinkers and actors we are? Our focus will be primarily on potential norms of practical rationality concerning intention, but we will also consider potential norms of theoretical rationality concerning belief. We will proceed by studying contemporary work on these issues, including Richard Holton's *Willing, Wanting, Waiting*.

**PHIL 194B. Reason and Passion. 4 Units.**

An influential strand of the Western philosophical tradition maintains that human beings are composites of two motivational sources: reason and passion (sometimes called 'feeling,' or 'emotion'). What are the philosophical reasons for positing this division? If there is such a division, how are we to conceive of passion? In what ways is it like and/or unlike reason? In what ways does it interact and/or fail to interact with reason? And how are both sources related to the self as a whole? We will explore these questions by drawing on both classical and contemporary readings.

**PHIL 194C. Time and Free Will. 4 Units.**

Classic and contemporary reading on free will, with special attention to the consequence argument for incompatibilism, and issues involving causation and time.

**PHIL 194D. Capstone Seminar: Analyticity. 4 Units.**

Survey of philosophical work on analyticity. We will start with some of the classic works on the topic, including papers by Frege, Russell and Quine. Next, we'll look at the cutting edge of research on analyticity, including work by Amie Thomasson, Agustín Rayo, and Paul Boghossian.

**PHIL 194E. Ethical Antitheory. 4 Units.****PHIL 194F. Capstone seminar: Beauty. 4 Units.**

The nature and importance of beauty and our susceptibility to beauty, our capacity to discern it and enjoy it and prize it, as discussed by philosophers, artists, and critics from various traditions and historical periods. Relations between beauty and ethical values (such as moral goodness) and cognitive values (such as truth). Capstone seminar for undergrad majors.

**PHIL 194G. Philosophical Issues in Language. 4 Units.****PHIL 194H. Explanation and Justification. 4 Units.**

We will discuss the nature of epistemic justification; in particular, whether it's "internal" or "external" and how, if at all, justification can explain belief. Assignments include a term paper + an oral presentation.

**PHIL 194J. Capstone Seminar: Nietzsche. 4 Units.**

Undergraduate capstone seminar; preference to philosophy majors and seniors; not appropriate for graduate students. Close study of Nietzsche's later works, emphasizing *The Gay Science*, *Beyond Good and Evil*, and *On the Genealogy of Morality*. Focus is on Nietzsche's philosophical projects and core doctrines (e.g., will to power, eternal recurrence, perspectivism), as well as broad issues about the role of science, morality, art, and illusion in life. Some attention to Nietzsche's literary strategies.

**PHIL 194K. Slurs and Derogation: Semantic, Pragmatic and Ethical Perspectives. 4 Units.**

Do slurring words differ in semantic character from their so-called neutral counterparts? If so how do we explain the difference in meaning between a slur and its neutral counterpart. Or is slurring better explained by appeal to the resources of pragmatics, speech act theory or sociolinguistics? What is the source of the offensiveness of a slur? How can mere words subordinate and marginalize? We attempt to answer these and other questions about slurs and derogatory language. A previous course in either the philosophy of language or linguistic semantics or pragmatics is strongly recommended, though students without such background who are willing to do additional reading to fill in gaps in their knowledge are also welcome.

**PHIL 194L. Montaigne. 4 Units.**

Preference to Philosophy seniors. Philosophical and literary aspects of Montaigne's *Essays* including the nature of the self and self-fashioning, skepticism, fideism, and the nature of Montaigne's philosophical project. Montaigne's development of the essay as a literary genre.

**PHIL 194N. Philosophical Issues in Cognitive Science. 4 Units.**

Philosophers generally do not perform systematic empirical observations or construct computational models. But philosophy remains important to cognitive science because it deals with fundamental issues that underlie the experimental and computational approach to mind. Abstract questions such as the nature of representation and computation. Relation of mind and body and methodological questions such as the nature of explanations found in cognitive science. Normative questions about how people should think as well as with descriptive ones about how they do. In addition to the theoretical goal of understanding human thinking, cognitive science can have the practical goal of improving it, which requires normative reflection on what we want thinking to be. Philosophy of mind does not have a distinct method, but should share with the best theoretical work in other fields a concern with empirical results.

**PHIL 194P. Naming and Necessity. 4 Units.**

Saul Kripke's lectures on reference, modal metaphysics, and the mind/body problem.

**PHIL 194R. Epistemic Paradoxes. 4 Units.**

Paradoxes that arise from concepts of knowledge and rational belief, such as the skeptical paradox, the preface paradox, and Moore's paradox. Can one lose knowledge without forgetting anything? Can one change one's mind in a reasonable way without gaining new evidence?.

**PHIL 194S. Skepticism. 4 Units.**

Modern arguments for skepticism are hard to combat, but also curiously inert in ordinary life. We will look at a variety of contemporary attempts to come to terms with skepticism about the external world, each of which seeks to exploit the curious inertness of skeptical hypotheses.

**PHIL 194T. Practical Reason. 4 Units.**

Contemporary research on practical reason, practical rationality, and reasons for action. Enrollment limited to 12. Priority given to undergraduate Philosophy majors.

**PHIL 195A. Unity of Science. 4-5 Units.**

Primarily for seniors.

**PHIL 195B. Donor Seminar: Practical Reasoning. 4 Units.**

Primarily for seniors. Relationships among action, deliberation, reasons, and rationality. On what basis do people decide what to do? What norms or rules structure reasoning? What constitutes rationality?.

**PHIL 196. Tutorial, Senior Year. 5 Units.**

(Staff).

**PHIL 197. Individual Work, Undergraduate. 1-15 Unit.**

May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 198. The Dualist. 1 Unit.**

Weekly meeting of the editorial board of *The Dualist*, a national journal of undergraduate work in philosophy. Open to all undergraduates. May be taken 1-3 quarters. (AU) (Potochnik, Yap).

**PHIL 199. Seminar for Prospective Honors Students. 2 Units.**

Open to juniors intending to do honors in philosophy. Methods of research in philosophy. Topics and strategies for completing honors project. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 201. Introduction to Medieval Philosophy. 4 Units.**

This course is an introduction to medieval moral philosophy, broadly construed. In addition to doctrines that we would nowadays readily think of as falling within the domain of ethics, we will be looking at closely related topics that might today be thought to belong more properly to metaphysics, the philosophy of religion, or the philosophy of human nature.

Same as: PHIL 101

**PHIL 201B. John Duns Scotus: Politics, Metaphysics & Philosophy of Mind. 1-2 Unit.**

Life and an introduction to the difficulties of medieval biography. Franciscanism and Scotus' view on property and ownership. Proofs for the existence of God. Philosophy of mind. Metaphysics in general. Universals, Common natures, Formal Distinction, and Individuation. Formal distinction, individual forms and the precedents for Scotus' view in Richard Rufus.

**PHIL 202M. Fichte. 1-2 Unit.**

This three-day intensive mini-course will introduce the moral and political thought of Johann Gottlieb Fichte, the founder of the German idealist movement. The topics to be discussed are: Fichte's theory of subjectivity and transcendental idealism; Fichte's defense of radical freedom of the will; Fichte's transcendental deduction of other selves; the relation of right between rational beings and the foundations of political philosophy; Fichte's deduction of the moral law from the absolute freedom of the rational being; the application of the moral law through conscience. No previous acquaintance with Fichte's philosophy will be presupposed. Same as: PHIL 102M

**PHIL 205C. Beauty in Ancient Greek Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Beauty occupies a peculiarly central place in ancient Greek philosophical thought, figuring prominently in Plato's and Aristotle's ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics. The ancient conception of beauty is also in various ways at odds with our modern conception: far from being "in the eye of the beholder", ancient philosophers thought of beauty as a paradigm of objectivity, and closely aligned with moral goodness. Why this discrepancy between the ancient and modern conceptions of beauty? And what might the centrality of beauty in ancient thought reveal about ancient ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics? This course is an investigation into these questions, by means of a close reading of the major ancient texts in which beauty appears. Some background in ancient Greek philosophy and/or contemporary aesthetics is preferred, but not required.

Same as: PHIL 105C

**PHIL 205R. JUST AND UNJUST WARS. 2 Units.**

War is violent, but also a means by which political communities pursue collective interests. When, in light of these features, is the recourse to armed force justified? Pacifists argue that because war is so violent it is never justified, and that there is no such thing as a just war. Realists, in contrast, argue that war is simply a fact of life and not a proper subject for moral judgment, any more than we would judge an attack by a pack of wolves in moral terms. In between is just war theory, which claims that some wars, but not all, are morally justified. We will explore these theories, and will consider how just war theory comports with international law rules governing recourse to force. We will also explore justice in war, that is, the moral and legal rules governing the conduct of war, such as the requirement to avoid targeting non-combatants. Finally, we will consider how war should be terminated; what should be the nature of justified peace? We will critically evaluate the application of just war theory in the context of contemporary security problems, including: (1) transnational conflicts between states and nonstate groups and the so-called "war on terrorism"; (2) civil wars; (3) demands for military intervention to halt humanitarian atrocities taking place in another state.

Same as LAW 751.

Same as: ETHICSOC 205R, ETHICSOC 305R, PHIL 305R

**PHIL 206. Ancient Greek Skepticism. 4 Units.**

The ancient Pyrrhonian skeptics who think that for any claim there is no more reason to assert it than deny it and that a life without any beliefs is the best route to happiness. Some ancient opponents of the Pyrrhonian skeptics and some relations between ancient and modern skepticism.

Same as: PHIL 106

**PHIL 206A. Philosophy of Neuroscience. 4 Units.**

How can we explain the mind? With approaches ranging from computational models to cellular-level characterizations of neural responses to the characterization of behavior, neuroscience aims to explain how we see, think, decide, and even feel. While these approaches have been highly successful in answering some kinds of questions, they have resulted in surprisingly little progress in others. We'll look at the relationships between the neuroscientific enterprise, philosophical investigations of the nature of the mind, and our everyday experiences as creatures with minds. Prerequisite: PHIL 80.n(Not open to freshmen.).

Same as: PHIL 106A, SYMSYS 206A

**PHIL 207. Plato's Early Dialogues. 4 Units.**

We shall read some of the most important and difficult of Plato's early dialogues: the Charmides, parts of the Euthydemus, the Gorgias, the Hippias Minor, the Meno, and the Protagoras. Topics include: the nature of pleasure and its role in the good life, good luck and the good life, self-knowledge, the relation between knowledge and virtue, whether virtue can be taught, learning and recollection, rhetoric, the relations among the virtues, Socratic ignorance, and the Socratic method of the elenchus.

Same as: PHIL 107

**PHIL 207A. The Greeks on Irrationality. 2-4 Units.**

In this course, we shall examine the views of some central Greek philosophers (Plato, Aristotle, the Epicureans, and the Stoics) on the irrational and non-rational aspects of human life. What makes something irrational and what roles (negative and perhaps positive as well) does the irrational play in our lives? We shall examine their views on anger, fear, madness, love, pleasure and pain, sexual desire and so on. We shall also consider more briefly some depictions of these psychic items in ancient Greek literature.

Same as: PHIL 107A

**PHIL 207B. Plato's Later Metaphysics and Epistemology. 4 Units.**

A close reading of Plato's Theaetetus and Parmenides, his two mature dialogues on the topics of knowledge and reality. We will consider various definitions of knowledge, metaphysical problems about the objects of knowledge, and a proposed method for examining and resolving such problems. Some background in ancient Greek philosophy and/or contemporary metaphysics and epistemology is preferred, but not required. Prerequisite: Phil 80.

Same as: PHIL 107B

**PHIL 207C. Plato's Timaeus. 4 Units.**

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Same as: PHIL 107C

**PHIL 208. Aristotle's Metaphysics Book Alpha. 4 Units.**

An introduction both to Aristotle's own metaphysics and to his treatment of his predecessors on causality, included the early Ionian cosmologists, atomism, Pythagoreans, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Empedocles, Anaxagoras and Plato. Prerequisite: one course in ancient Greek philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 108

**PHIL 208A. Aristotelian Logic. 2-4 Units.**

A careful examination of Aristotle's syllogistic, with special emphasis on the interpretation of his modal syllogistic. This course will serve both as an introduction to ancient term logic and to the difference between sentential modal operators and modal modifiers to the copula. Topics will include the analysis of syllogisms into figures and moods, the reduction of 2nd and 3rd figure syllogisms to the first, the consistency of the modal syllogistic, models for the syllogistic, and de re versus de dicto modalities. For students with at least some introductory background in logic.

Same as: PHIL 108A

**PHIL 208B. Aristotle's Physics Book One. 4 Units.**

A chapter by chapter analysis of Aristotle's introductory discussions of physical theory. Topics to be considered include Aristotle's treatment of Eleatic monism, the role of opposites in pre-Socratic physics, the role of matter in physics, and an analysis of the elements of changing objects into form, privation and a subject.

Same as: PHIL 108B

**PHIL 209. Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle on Art and Rhetoric. 4 Units.**

Plato's and Aristotle's views on the nature of art and rhetoric and their connections with the emotions, reason and the good life. Readings include Plato's Gorgias, Ion and parts of the Republic and the Laws and Aristotle's Poetics and Rhetoric.

Same as: PHIL 109

**PHIL 209A. Special Topics in Ancient Philosophy: Aristotle's Metaphysics Zeta. 4 Units.**

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Same as: PHIL 109A



**PHIL 209B. Greek philosophers read their ancestors: Intro to the ancient reception of Presocratic philosophy. 4 Units.**

The first Greek philosophers are known to us only through fragments of their original works, generally few in number and transmitted by later authors, as well as through a set of testimonies covering a thousand years and more. Thus it is crucial, in order to understand archaic thought, to get a sense of how they were read by those to whom we owe their transmission. What was their aim, their method, their presuppositions or prejudices? The course will employ this perspective to examine authors such as Plato, Aristotle, Theophrastus, Diogenes Laertius, Simplicius & among others. We shall also reflect, on the basis of the paradigmatic case of the Presocratics, on some of the more general problems raised by literary and philosophical approaches to the notion of reception.

Same as: PHIL 109B

**PHIL 209C. Aristotle's cosmology and theology. 4 Units.**

PHIL 109C/209C now meets in Raubitschek Room, Green Library Room 351. Undergrads please sign up for 109C; grads sign up for 209C.

Same as: PHIL 109C

**PHIL 210. Plato's Republic. 4 Units.**

The Republic is one most famous and influential texts in the history of Western philosophy. We shall read in its entirety closely (along with some other related Platonic texts) focusing on its epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of art, and political philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 110

**PHIL 210C. The Stoics on Freedom and Determinism. 4 Units.**

We will investigate ancient Stoic conceptions of causality and freedom, their arguments for causal determinism, and ancient attaches on and defenses of compatibilism.

Same as: PHIL 110C

**PHIL 211. Aristotle's Logic. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 111

**PHIL 212. Causality in Ancient Greek Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 112

**PHIL 212A. Aristotle's metaphysics. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 112A

**PHIL 213. Hellenistic Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Epicureans, skeptics, and stoics on epistemology, ethics, metaphysics, and psychology.

Same as: PHIL 113

**PHIL 215. Problems in Medieval Philosophy: Islamic Aristotelianism and Western Scholasticism. 3-5 Units.**

The western world adopted Aristotle's metaphysics and natural philosophy as the foundation of its educational system and scholarly life between 1210 and 1255. Christian Europe was thereby following the example set by Islam in Spain and the Near East. Today some people believe that this development was independent, and others think that the scholastics copied even their methods from Arabic philosophers. Historical evaluation of those claims.

Same as: PHIL 115

**PHIL 216. Aquinas. 4 Units.**

This course is an introduction to the metaphysical thought of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 & 1274), one of the most important and influential philosopher-theologians of the High Middle Ages. Readings will be drawn primarily from the "Summa theologiae."

Same as: PHIL 116

**PHIL 217. Descartes. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 121/221.) Descartes's philosophical writings on rules for the direction of the mind, method, innate ideas and ideas of the senses, mind, God, eternal truths, and the material world.

Same as: PHIL 117

**PHIL 217D. Aristotle's De Anima. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 117D

**PHIL 218A. Origins of Empiricism: Gassendi, Locke, and Berkeley. 4 Units.**

Particular light is shed on both the strengths and weaknesses of empiricism by studying it as it first arose during the 17th century revolution in philosophy and the sciences initiated by Descartes. Three philosophers of that period helped to advance empiricism: Pierre Gassendi (1592-1655), John Locke (1632-1704), and George Berkeley (1685-1753). A brief introduction to Descartes is followed by Gassendi's reaction to Descartes and his influence on Locke; Locke's theory of ideas, mind, language, reality, and natural philosophy expounded in his *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Fourth Edition, 1689); and Berkeley's later reaction to Locke.

Same as: PHIL 118A

**PHIL 219. Rationalists. 4 Units.**

Developments in 17th-century continental philosophy. Descartes's views on mind, necessity, and knowledge. Spinoza and Leibniz emphasizing their own doctrines and their criticism of their predecessors. Prerequisite: 102.

Same as: PHIL 119

**PHIL 220A. The Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence. 4 Units.**

Correspondence on metaphysics, theology, and science.

Same as: PHIL 120A

**PHIL 220W. Richard Rufus on Aristotle's Metaphysics: Ontology, Unity, Universals, & Individuation. 1-2 Unit.**

Mini-Course taught by Rega Wood in association with Santiago Melo Arias & Professors Alan Code & Calvin Normore. Code, Wood, & Melo Arias have spent the last 6 months intensively studying Richard Rufus of Cornwall's commentary on Aristotle's *Metaphysics Zeta, Eta, & Theta*. This June we will present Rufus' views on ontology, unity, & universals. There will be 6 two hour sessions on June, 4, 5, & 6 (Thurs - Saturday), 10-12 noon, 2-4 pm. Readings will be taken chiefly from Melo Arias' new translations of Rufus' circa 1238 commentary; other readings, from Aristotle and Averroes. We will consider the difference between the treatment of definition, essence and being in logic and in metaphysics, the sense in which accidents have definitions, the unity of genus and differentia in the definitions of substances, the unity of form and proximate matter in hylomorphic compounds, and the unity of the parts of the rational soul. In this context we will discuss the formal distinction pioneered by Rufus as a description of differences in formal predication consistent with real sameness. Richard Rufus was the first Western professor to lecture on Aristotle's metaphysics in Medieval Europe.

Same as: PHIL 120W

**PHIL 222. Hume. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 120/220; graduate students enroll in 222.) Hume's theoretical philosophy, in particular, skepticism and naturalism, the theory of ideas and belief, space and time, causation and necessity, induction and laws of nature, miracles, a priori reasoning, the external world, and the identity of the self.

Same as: PHIL 122

**PHIL 223. Introduction to Chinese Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 123

**PHIL 224. Kant's Philosophy of Physical Science. 2-4 Units.**

Kant's *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science* (1786), published between the first (1781) and second (1787) editions of the *Critique of Pure Reason*, in the scientific and philosophical context provided by Newtonian natural philosophy and the Leibnizian tradition. The place of this work in the development of Kant's thought. Prerequisite: acquaintance with either Kant's theoretical philosophy or the contemporaneous scientific context, principally Newton, Leibniz, and Euler.

**PHIL 224A. Mathematics in Kant's Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Recent work in Kant's philosophy of mathematics, examined with a view to the role of mathematics, both pure and applied, within Kant's theory of experience. Particular attention to the Transcendental Deduction and the Categories of Quantity. Prerequisite: prior acquaintance with Kant's theoretical philosophy and the Critique of Pure Reason.

**PHIL 225. Kant's First Critique. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 225.) The founding work of Kant's critical philosophy emphasizing his contributions to metaphysics and epistemology. His attempts to limit metaphysics to the objects of experience. Prerequisite: course dealing with systematic issues in metaphysics or epistemology, or with the history of modern philosophy. Same as: PHIL 125

**PHIL 226B. Kant's Ethical Theory. 2-4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 226B.) Kant's moral philosophy based primarily on the *Groundwork of Metaphysics of Morals, Critique of Practical Reason, and The Metaphysics of Morals.*

Same as: PHIL 126B

**PHIL 227. Kant's Ethics. 4 Units.**

A study of Kant's ethical thought, focusing on *The Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, The Critique of Practical Reason, and The Metaphysics of Morals.* Prerequisite: Phil. 2, Phil. 170, or equivalent (consult the instructor). Designed for undergraduate department majors and graduate students.

Same as: PHIL 127

**PHIL 227A. Kant's Value Theory. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 227A.) The role of autonomy, principled rational self-governance, in Kant's account of the norms to which human beings are answerable as moral agents, citizens, empirical inquirers, and religious believers. Relations between moral values (goodness, rightness) and aesthetic values (beauty, sublimity).

Same as: PHIL 127A

**PHIL 227B. Kant's Anthropology and Philosophy of History. 4 Units.**

Kant's conception of anthropology or human nature, based on his philosophy of history, which influenced and anticipated 18th- and 19th-century philosophers of history such as Herder, Fichte, Hegel, and Marx. Texts include *Idea for a Universal History, Conjectural Beginning of Human History, and Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View.* Topics include: Kant's pragmatic approach to the study of human nature; the difficulty of human self knowledge; the role of regulative and teleological principles in studying human history; and Kant's theory of race.

Same as: PHIL 127B

**PHIL 227C. Rousseau and Kant. 1-2 Unit.**

Kant considered Rousseau the Newton of the moral world. A portrait of Rousseau was reportedly the only decoration in Kant's study, and it was Kant's reading of *Émile, or On Education* and *On the Social Contract* in the early 1760s which, more than anything else, first awakened Kant's interest in moral philosophy. In a three-day intensive mini-course, we will explore the relation between Rousseau's philosophy and Kant's on such topics as the standards of right and virtue, human equality, the relation of reason and feeling in human nature, and the philosophy of history.

**PHIL 227M. Richard Rufus of Cornwall. 1-2 Unit.**

Metaphysics and Epistemology, readings from Rufus' newly translated *Contra Averroem & Speculum animae.* In these works, Rufus solves a problem for Aristotelian epistemology that was to bedevil later scolastics such as Thomas Aquinas. He also states for the first time a theory of individuation by form that was subsequently adopted by Duns Scotus. Though Scotus like Rufus preferred to speak of individual forms, the theory itself is often identified by a term very seldom used by Scotus, 'haecitas' or thisness. Taught jointly by Rega Wood and Calvin Normore.

Same as: PHIL 127M

**PHIL 227W. Introducing Ockham & His Razor: Mind & Metaphysics, Logic, Epistemology, & Ethics. 1-2 Unit.**

Three day mini course on topics in Medieval Philosophy. This year's topic is "Introducing Ockham & His Razor: Mind & Metaphysics, Logic, Epistemology, & Ethics." Course runs June 2-4, 2017. Guest lectures by Peter King (Toronto), Elizabeth Karger (CNRS, Paris). We begin with a general introduction to Ockham's place in the history of philosophy from Democritus to Descartes. Then we turn to Ockham's logic and his most popular work, the *Summa logicae.* In this connection we will discuss Ockham's distinction between absolute and connotative terms and his theory of supposition, a theory that corresponds roughly to modern reference theory. On day two we take up Ockham's Epistemology, the distinction he drew between intuitive & abstractive cognition, his approach to problems of certainty and judgment, and his response to skeptical worries. In this connection we will discuss the razor in its application of sensible species. That afternoon our topic will be nominalist metaphysics & the razor as Ockham deploys the principle of parsimony to justify his denial of common natures and his rejection of some of the Aristotelian categories, such as motion and relation. More generally we see an approach to physics with minimal reliance on metaphysics. Day three begins with philosophy of mind. Here we will see Ockham refusing to posit faculties of will and intellect distinct from the intellectual soul itself, while admitting a distinction between the sensitive and intellectual souls. The course will close with a discussion of Ockham's ethics and politics. In ethics we will consider the ground of the good and the connection of the virtues; in politics we will focus on property rights, a major source of controversy within the church. Undergraduates are welcome to take the course, but must have the instructor's permission.

Same as: PHIL 127W

**PHIL 228. Fichte's Ethics. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 228.) The founder of the German Idealist movement who adopted but revised Kant's project of transcendental philosophy basing it on the principle of awareness of free self-activity. The awareness of other selves and of ethical relations to them as a necessary condition for self-awareness. His writings from 1793-98 emphasizing the place of intersubjectivity in his theory of experience.

Same as: PHIL 128

**PHIL 230. Hegel. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 122/222; graduate students register for 230.) Introduction to Hegel's philosophy, emphasizing his moral and political philosophy, through study of his last major work (1821). May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: course in the history of modern philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 130

**PHIL 231. Introduction to Philosophy of Education. 3 Units.**

How to think philosophically about educational problems. Recent influential scholarship in philosophy of education. No previous study in philosophy required.

Same as: EDUC 204

**PHIL 231W. Kant's Theory of Law and Justice. 1-2 Unit.**

This course will look at Kant's theory of right or law (*Recht*) and its implications for morality and politics. The topics we will discuss are: the difference between right and ethics in Kant's metaphysics of morals; the relation of law to property and morality; the moral obligations of politicians as holders of rightful authority; and the standards of right as they apply to international relations and war.

Same as: PHIL 131W

**PHIL 232W. Mini Course: Topics in Kant's Ethics. 1-2 Unit.**

This mini-course will deal with several selected topics relating to Kant's ethics: (1) Kant's formulas of the moral law, their meaning and their relation to one another; (2) Kant's concept of imperfect (wide, meritorious) duties and its role in his ethical theory; (3) the place of feeling, emotion, desire and inclination, their relation to our empirical nature and to human reason, in Kant's moral psychology; and (4) the place of duties regarding animals and other non-human beings in Kant's ethical theory. There will be six sessions, each two hours in length. Either the instructor or one of the guest lecturers will be in charge of each session, which will consist in part of a presentation by the person in charge and partly of discussion. Instructor: Allen Wood (Indiana University/Stanford University); guest lecturers: Barbara Herman (UCLA), Janelle DeWitt (Indiana University). Course meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 6, 7, 8, 2016. May be repeated for credit. Same as: PHIL 132W

**PHIL 233. Husserl. 4 Units.**

Husserl's phenomenology. Main themes in his philosophy and their interconnections, including consciousness, perception, intersubjectivity, lifeworld, ethics, mathematics and the sciences, and time and space. Works in English translation.

**PHIL 234. Phenomenology and Intersubjectivity. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 234.) Readings from Husserl, Stein, Heidegger, Sartre, and Merleau-Ponty on subjects related to awareness of others. Topics include solipsism, collective experience, empathy, and objectification of the other. Same as: PHIL 134

**PHIL 234B. The Later Heidegger: Art, Poetry, Language. 3 Units.**

Lectures and seminar discussions of the problematic of the later Heidegger (1930 - 1976) in the light of his entire project. Readings from "On the Origin of the Work of Art" and Elucidations of Holderlin's Poetry. Same as: RELIGST 277, RELIGST 377

**PHIL 235. Existentialism. 4 Units.**

Focus is on the existentialist preoccupation with human freedom. What constitutes authentic individuality? What is one's relation to the divine? How can one live a meaningful life? What is the significance of death? A rethinking of the traditional problem of freedom and determinism in readings from Rousseau, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche, and the extension of these ideas by Sartre, Beauvoir, and Camus, including their social and political consequences in light of 20th-century fascism and feminism. Same as: PHIL 135

**PHIL 236. History of Analytic Philosophy. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 147/247; graduate students register for 236.) Theories of knowledge in Frege, Carnap, and Quine. Emphasis is on conceptions of analyticity and treatment of logic and mathematics. Prerequisite: 50 and one course numbered 150-165 or 181-90. Same as: PHIL 136

**PHIL 237. Wittgenstein. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 237.) An exploration of Wittgenstein's changing views about meaning, mind, knowledge, and the nature of philosophical perplexity and philosophical insight, focusing on the Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus and Philosophical Investigations. Same as: PHIL 137

**PHIL 238. Recent European Philosophy: Between Nature and History. 4 Units.**

A critical introduction to the novel understandings of time, language, and cultural power developed by 20th-century continental thinkers, with close attention to work by Heidegger, Saussure, Benjamin, and Foucault. Same as: PHIL 138

**PHIL 239. Teaching Methods in Philosophy. 1-4 Unit.**

For Ph.D. students in their first or second year who are or are about to be teaching assistants for the department. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 240. Individual Work for Graduate Students. 1-15 Unit.**

May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 241. Dissertation Development Seminar. 1-4 Unit.**

Required of second-year Philosophy Ph.D. students; restricted to Stanford Philosophy Ph.D. students. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

**PHIL 242. Race, Justice, and Integration. 3 Units.**

Recent philosophical research on injustice, race, and the ideal of racial integration.

Same as: EDUC 241, PHIL 142

**PHIL 243. Quine. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 183/283; graduate students register for 243.) The philosophy of Quine: meaning and communication; analyticity, modality, reference, and ontology; theory and evidence; naturalism; mind and the mental.

Same as: PHIL 143

**PHIL 248. Medieval Latin Paleography. 3-5 Units.**

The history of medieval scripts and medieval abbreviation. Dating and placing Latin European medieval manuscripts. Editing medieval texts in philosophy, psychology, physics, and theology. Class project: an early 13th century encyclopedia (with entries citing both Plato and Aristotle). Intellectually exciting, easy to read (textualis script).

**PHIL 249. Evidence and Evolution. 3-5 Units.**

The logic behind the science. The concept of evidence and how it is used in science with regards to testing claims in evolutionary biology and using tools from probability theory, Bayesian, likelihoodist, and frequentist ideas. Questions about evidence that arise in connection with evolutionary theory. Creationism and intelligent design. Questions that arise in connection with testing hypotheses about adaptation and natural selection and hypotheses about phylogenetic relationships.

Same as: PHIL 349

**PHIL 250. Mathematical Logic. 4 Units.**

An introduction to the concepts and techniques used in mathematical logic, focusing on propositional, modal, and predicate logic. Highlights connections with philosophy, mathematics, computer science, linguistics, and neighboring fields.

Same as: PHIL 150

**PHIL 251. Metalogic. 4 Units.**

(Formerly 160A.) The syntax and semantics of sentential and first-order logic. Concepts of model theory. Gödel's completeness theorem and its consequences: the Löwenheim-Skolem theorem and the compactness theorem. Prerequisite: 150 or consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 151

**PHIL 251A. Recursion Theory. 4 Units.**

Computable functions, Turing degrees, generalized computability and definability. "What does it mean for a function from the natural numbers to themselves to be computable?" and "How can noncomputable functions be classified into a hierarchy based on their level of noncomputability?". Theory of relative computability, reducibility notions and degree structures. Prerequisite is PHIL 150, or PHIL 151 or CS 103.

Same as: PHIL 151A

**PHIL 252. Computability and Logic. 4 Units.**

Approaches to effective computation: recursive functions, register machines, and Turing machines. Proof of their equivalence, discussion of Church's thesis. Elementary recursion theory. These techniques used to prove Gödel's incompleteness theorem for arithmetic, whose technical and philosophical repercussions are surveyed. Prerequisite: 151.

Same as: PHIL 152

**PHIL 253. Feminist Theories and Methods Across the Disciplines. 2-5 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for PHIL 253 or FEMGEN 203) Concepts and questions distinctive of feminist and LGBT scholarship and how they shape research: gender, intersectionality, disciplinarity and interdisciplinarity, standpoint, "queering," postmodern critiques, postcolonial critiques. Prerequisites: Feminist Studies 101 or equivalent with consent of instructor. NOTE: This course must be taken for a letter grade and a minimum of 3 units to be eligible for WAYS credit. The 2 unit option is for graduate students only.

Same as: FEMGEN 103, FEMGEN 203, PHIL 153

**PHIL 254. Modal Logic. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 254.) Syntax and semantics of modal logic and its basic theory: including expressive power, axiomatic completeness, correspondence, and complexity. Applications to topics in philosophy, computer science, mathematics, linguistics, and game theory. Prerequisite: 150 or preferably 151.

Same as: PHIL 154

**PHIL 255. General Interest Topics in Mathematical Logic. 4 Units.**

Introduction to formalization using language of logic and to problems of philosophical logic and computer science that can be handled this way. Propositional calculus, Sudoku puzzles, resolution rule, problem  $P=NP$ . Possible worlds, modal logic with emphasis on individuation problems. May be repeated for credit.

Same as: PHIL 155

**PHIL 257. Topics in Philosophy of Logic. 3 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 257.) Disputed foundational issues in logic; the question of what the subject matter and boundaries of logic are, such as whether what is called second-order logic should be counted as logic. What is the proper notion of logical consequence? May be repeated for credit. Pre- or corequisite: 151, or consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 157

**PHIL 258. Topics in Logic: Ten Problems in Deontic Logic. 2 Units.**

As witnessed by the handbook of deontic logic and normative systems, the area of deontic logic is in flux. Traditional questions and logical methods of deontic logic are being supplemented by new questions and new techniques. This tutorial gives an introduction to the current discussion in deontic logic. In what sense are obligations different from norms? Jorgensen's dilemma, from preference based modal logic to the modern approach. How to reason about dilemmas, contrary-to-duty and defeasible norms? Distinguishing various kinds of defeasibility. How to relate various kinds of permissive and constitutive norms? Permissions as exceptions and prioritized norms. How do norms relate to other modalities like beliefs, desires, and intentions How do norms change? What is the role of time, action and games in deontic reasoning? For each problem, we discuss traditional as well as new research questions.

We see the new questions as good questions for current research, in the sense that they point to modern theories and applications. We are especially interested in new questions that make older traditional questions obsolete in the sense that they are now addressed from a modern perspective, or in a more general setting. This mini-course will from the week of 15 April through the week of 13 May.

Same as: PHIL 158

**PHIL 259. Non-Classical Logic. 4 Units.**

This course surveys a range of non-classical logics. Each week, we discuss the formal rules and philosophical underpinnings of a different system. Key topics include modal logic (the logic of possibility and necessity), many-valued logics (in which propositions can be both true and false, or neither), relevant logics (which aim to bring the concept of valid inference into line with everyday ideas about relevance), and logical pluralism (the view that there is more than one correct logic).

Same as: PHIL 159

**PHIL 260A. Newtonian Revolution. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 260A.) 17th-century efforts in science including by Kepler, Galileo, Descartes, and Huygens, that formed the background for and posed the problems addressed in Newton's *Principia*. Same as: PHIL 160A

**PHIL 260B. Newtonian Revolution. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 260B.) Newton's *Principia* in its historical context, emphasizing how it produced a revolution in the conduct of empirical research and in standards of evidence in science.

Same as: PHIL 160B

**PHIL 262. Philosophy of Mathematics. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for PHIL 262.) General survey of the philosophy of mathematics, focusing on epistemological issues. Includes survey of some basic concepts (proof, axiom, definition, number, set); mind-bending theorems about the limits of our current mathematical knowledge, such as Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems, and the independence of the continuum hypothesis from the current axioms of set theory; major philosophical accounts of mathematics: Logicism, Intuitionism, Hilbert's program, Quine's empiricism, Field's program, Structuralism; concluding with a discussion of Eugene Wigner's 'The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences'. Students won't be expected to prove theorems or complete mathematical exercises. However, includes some material of a technical nature.

Prerequisite: PHIL 150 or consent of instructor.

Same as: MATH 162, PHIL 162

**PHIL 263. Significant Figures in Philosophy of Science. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 263.) Directed study of two or more thinkers, past or present, who have made a lasting impact on contemporary philosophy of science. Subjects last year were Henri Poincaré, Pierre Duhem, and Gaston Bachelard.

Same as: PHIL 163

**PHIL 264. Central Topics in the Philosophy of Science: Theory and Evidence. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 264.) Is reductionism opposed to emergence? Are they compatible? If so, how or in what sense? We consider methodological, epistemological, logical and metaphysical dimensions of contemporary discussions of reductionism and emergence in physics, in the sciences of complexity, and in philosophy of mind.

Same as: PHIL 164

**PHIL 264A. Central Topics in Philosophy of Science: Causation. 4 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for 264A.) Establishing causes in science, engineering, and medicine versus establishing them in Anglo-American law, considered in the context of Hume and Mill on causation. May be repeated for credit.

Same as: PHIL 164A

**PHIL 265. Philosophy of Physics. 4 Units.**

Graduate students register for 265.) TOPICS: Absolute and relational theories of space, time, and motion: the problem of motion from Descartes, Newton and Leibniz to Einstein and beyond. The principle of relativity leads from space and time to space-time. Mach's attempt to relativize inertia and its influence on Einstein in formulating the general theory of relativity. Space-time substantialism and relationism. The problem of determinism in Einstein's *Lochbetrachtung*, and the physical meaning of general covariance. Background independence as a requirement for fundamental physical theory, including quantum gravity. May be repeated for credit if content is different.

Same as: PHIL 165

**PHIL 265C. Philosophy of Physics: Probability and Relativity. 4 Units.**

Conceptual puzzles in formulating probability concepts to be invariant in the sense of the Lorentz transformation of special relativity. Problems arise in both classical and quantum physics.



**PHIL 266. Probability: Ten Great Ideas About Chance. 4 Units.**

Foundational approaches to thinking about chance in matters such as gambling, the law, and everyday affairs. Topics include: chance and decisions; the mathematics of chance; frequencies, symmetry, and chance; Bayes great idea; chance and psychology; misuses of chance; and harnessing chance. Emphasis is on the philosophical underpinnings and problems. Prerequisite: exposure to probability or a first course in statistics at the level of STATS 60 or 116.

Same as: PHIL 166, STATS 167, STATS 267

**PHIL 266A. Foundations of Quantum Mechanics. 4 Units.**

This seminar will concentrate on a variety of probability questions that arise in quantum mechanics, including some from recent experiments. Negative probabilities and nonmonotonic upper probabilities will be emphasized.

Same as: PHIL 166A

**PHIL 267A. Philosophy of Biology. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 267A.) Evolutionary theory and in particular, on characterizing natural selection and how it operates. We examine debates about fitness, whether selection is a cause or force, the levels at which selection operates, and whether cultural evolution is a Darwinian process. Prerequisites: one PHIL course and either one BIO course or Human Biology core; or equivalent with consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 167A

**PHIL 267B. Philosophy, Biology, and Behavior. 4 Units.**

(Graduate Students register for 267B) Philosophical study of key theoretical ideas in biology as deployed in the study of behavior.

Topics to include genetic, neurobiological, ecological approaches to behavior; the classification and measurement of behaviors: reductionism, determinism, interactionism. Prerequisites: one PHIL course and either one BIO course or Human Biology core; or equivalent with consent of instructor.

Same as: PHIL 167B

**PHIL 267C. Associative Theories of Mind and Brain. 4 Units.**

After a historical survey of associative theories from Hume to William James, current versions will be analyzed including the important early ideas of Karl Lashley. Emphasis will be on the computational power of associative networks and their realization in the brain.

Same as: PHIL 167C

**PHIL 269. Evolution of the Social Contract. 4 Units.**

Explore naturalizing the social contract. Classroom presentations and term papers. nTexts: Binmore - Natural Justicen Skyrms - Evolution of the Social Contract.

Same as: PHIL 169

**PHIL 270. Ethical Theory. 4 Units.**

A more challenging version of Phil 2 designed primarily for juniors and seniors (may also be appropriate for some freshmen and sophomores - contact professor). Fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement. Graduate section (270) will include supplemental readings and discussion, geared for graduate students new to moral philosophy, as well as those with some background who would like more.

Same as: ETHICSOC 170, PHIL 170

**PHIL 270B. Metaphor. 4 Units.**

In metaphor we think and talk about two things at once: two different subject matters are mingled to rich and unpredictable effect. A close critical study of the main modern accounts of metaphor's nature and interest, drawing on the work of writers, linguists, philosophers, and literary critics. Attention to how understanding, appreciation, and pleasure connect with one another in the experience of metaphor.

Consideration of the possibility that metaphor or something very like it occurs in nonverbal medial: gesture, dance, painting, music.

Same as: PHIL 170B

**PHIL 270D. Trust and Trustworthiness. 4 Units.**

An exploration of the place of interpersonal trust in ethical thought. What is it to trust another person? How is trusting related to, though different from, other attitudes we sometimes bear towards others (e.g. justified beliefs we form about others and their conduct; ethically significant expectations we have of others, etc.)? What is involved in acquiring/possessing the virtue of trustworthiness? How should trust (and trustworthiness) figure in our thinking about important ethical activities, for example promising, friendship, or the practice of politics?. Same as: PHIL 170D

**PHIL 270E. Sexual Ethics. 4 Units.**

What is sex? What are the implications of different conceptions of sex for sexual ethics? Are there any distinctively sexual ethical principles or virtues or are principles and virtues that govern the sexual domain specific instances of principles and virtues that govern human activity more generally? Readings will range from historical to contemporary sources.

**PHIL 271. Justice. 4-5 Units.**

Focus is on the ideal of a just society, and the place of liberty and equality in it, in light of contemporary theories of justice and political controversies. Topics include financing schools and elections, regulating markets, discriminating against people with disabilities, and enforcing sexual morality. Counts as Writing in the Major for PoliSci majors.

Same as: ETHICSOC 171, IPS 208, PHIL 171, POLISCI 103, POLISCI 136S, POLISCI 336S, PUBLPOL 103C, PUBLPOL 307

**PHIL 272. History of Modern Moral Philosophy. 4 Units.**

A critical exploration of some of the main forms of systematic moral theorizing in Western philosophy from Hobbes onward and their roots in ancient ethical thought. Prerequisites are some prior familiarity with utilitarianism and Kantian ethics and a demonstrated interest in philosophy.

Same as: PHIL 172

**PHIL 272B. Recent Ethical Theory: Moral Obligation. 4 Units.**

Some moral obligations are "relational," "directional," or "bipolar" in structure: in promising you to act in a certain way, for example, I incur an obligation to you to so act and you acquire a corresponding claim or right against me that I so act. This entails that if I violate my obligation to you, I will not merely be doing something that is morally wrong, but will be wronging you in particular. What does explain this? Do all moral obligations have this structure? We will discuss how different moral theories (consequentialist, deontological, contractualist) try to account for such obligations. Readings include Adams, Anscombe, Darwall, Feinberg, Hart, Parfit, Raz, Scanlon, Skorupski, Thompson, Thomson, Wallace, and Wolf.

Same as: PHIL 172B

**PHIL 272D. Bernard Williams. 4 Units.**

An exploration of some central themes from the work of Bernard Williams. Particular attention will be paid to his discussion of the character and identity of the self, his sustained critique of morality and moral philosophy. We will also read several of Williams's interlocutors, including Nagel, Parfit, Korsgaard, and Herman.

Same as: PHIL 172D

**PHIL 272N. Prudence and Morality. 4 Units.**

We sometimes think we should do something just because it will benefit us in the future, even though we don't particularly feel like doing it now (e.g. we exercise, go to the dentist for a check-up, or set aside money for retirement). And we sometimes think we should do something for the sake of another person, even when it is inconvenient, costly, or unpleasant (e.g. we stop to help a stranded motorist, donate to charity, or tell someone an embarrassing truth rather than a face-saving lie). When we do the former, we act prudently. When we do the latter, we act morally. This course explores the debate among philosophers about the source of our reasons for acting prudently and morally. Some argue that our reasons to be prudent and moral stem directly from the fact that we are rational & that it is contrary to reason to ignore our own future interests, or the interests of other people. Others disagree, arguing that the source of these reasons must lie elsewhere. Course readings will include work by Thomas Nagel, Bernard Williams, Christine Korsgaard, Derek Parfit, Philippa Foot, and others.  
Same as: PHIL 172N

**PHIL 273B. Graduate Introduction to Metaethics. 2-4 Units.**

This is a graduate student only introduction to contemporary metaethics. Can moral and ethical values be justified or is it just a matter of opinion? Is there a difference between facts and values? Are there any moral truths? Does it matter if there are not? Focus is not on which things or actions are valuable or morally right, but what is value or rightness itself. Prerequisites: 280, 281, and an ethics course.

**PHIL 273U. Grad Seminar: Philosophy of Basic Income. 2-4 Units.**

The past three decades have seen the elaboration of a vast body of literature on unconditional basic income a radical policy proposal Philippe Van Parijs referred to as a disarmingly simple idea. It consists of a monthly cash allowance given to all citizens, regardless of personal desert and without means test to provide them with a standard of living above the poverty line. The seminar will seek to engage students in normative debates in political theory (feminism, liberalism, republicanism, communism, libertarianism, etc.) by appealing to the concrete example of basic income. It will allow students to learn a great deal about a policy that is gaining tremendous currency in academic and public debates, while discussing and learning about prominent political theorists - many of whom have written against or for basic income at one point in their career. The seminar is open to graduate students in all departments. There are no pre-requisites. Juniors and Seniors interested can email the PI to express interest. We will ask questions such as: is giving people cash no strings attached desirable and just? Would basic income promote a more gender equal society through the remuneration of care-work, or would it risks further entrenching the position of women as care-givers? Would alternative policies be more successful (such as the job guarantees, stakeholder grants or a negative income tax)? How can we test out basic income? What makes for a reliable and ethical basic income pilot? Students in Politics, Philosophy, Public Policy, Social Work, and Sociology should find most of those questions relevant to their interests. Some discussions on how to fund basic income, on the macro-economic implications of basic income and on the existing pilots projects (in Finland, Namibia, India Canada and the US) may be of interest to Economists; while our readings on the impact of new technologies and artificial intelligence on the future of work and whether a basic income could be a solution, are likely to be on interest to computer scientists and engineers. By the end of the class, students will have an in depth knowledge of the policy and will have developed skills in the normative analysis of public policy. They will be able to deploy those critical and analytical skills to assess a broad range of other policies. May be repeated for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only. This course must be taken for a minimum of 3 units and a letter grade to be eligible for Ways credit.  
Same as: PHIL 373B

**PHIL 273W. Aesthetics. 4 Units.**

This course will investigate a cluster of varied but related philosophical issues concerning the arts - music, painting, literature, poetry, photography, theater, film, etc.- issues most of which are, at the same time, problems in philosophy of mind or language, value theory, or epistemology. We will address questions like the following (though probably not all of them): What, if anything, is distinctive about art and aesthetic experience?, What is aesthetic value, and how do aesthetic values relate to and interact with moral values and values of other kinds?, What is fiction and why are people interested in it?, In what ways are works of art expressive of feelings or emotions? What similarities and differences are there in the expressive qualities of music, literature, painting, poetry? How might we learn from works of art of one or another kind, and how might they work to change people's perspectives or attitudes?, In what ways do artworks serve as vehicles of communication? Are the values of works of art fundamentally different from those of beautiful natural objects? Along the way, we will bump into more specific questions such as: Why and in what ways is photography more (or less) 'realistic' than painting and drawing, or more or less revealing of reality? Does (instrumental) music have cognitive or semantic content? Is music representational in anything like the way literature and figurative painting are?, Do all literary works have narrators? Is there ever (or always?) anything like narrators in paintings, films, music? Prerequisite: One course in philosophy, or permission of the instructor.  
Same as: PHIL 173W

**PHIL 274. Freedom and the Practical Standpoint. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 274.) Confronted with the question of how to act, people think of themselves as freely determining their own conduct. Natural science poses a challenge to this by explaining all events, including human actions, in terms of causal processes. Are people justified in thinking of themselves as free? Major philosophical approaches to this question: incompatibilism, compatibilism, and the two-standpoint view.  
Same as: PHIL 174

**PHIL 274A. Moral Limits of the Market. 4 Units.**

Morally controversial uses of markets and market reasoning in areas such as organ sales, procreation, education, and child labor. Would a market for organ donation make saving lives more efficient; if it did, would it thereby be justified? Should a nation be permitted to buy the right to pollute? Readings include Walzer, Arrow, Rawls, Sen, Frey, Titmuss, and empirical cases.  
Same as: ETHICSOC 174A, PHIL 174A, POLISCI 135P

**PHIL 274D. Moral Luck. 4 Units.**

We draw a fundamental distinction between what a person voluntarily does, and what is beyond her control. Such a distinction seems central to how we think about what it is to justify our actions (whether to ourselves or to one another), as well as to our practice of holding one another morally responsible for what we do. Yet under pressure, this distinction can appear to collapse & we find that we cannot successfully disentangle what a person controls from what she does not when she acts. This course examines this problem in depth, and considers how we might respond in the face of it: Is it really a problem? If so, does it threaten our moral practices? How should it influence the way in which we make choices, or the way we understand those choices once we've made them?  
Same as: PHIL 174D

**PHIL 274L. Betrayal and Loyalty, Treason and Trust. 2 Units.**

The main topic of the seminar is Betrayal: its meaning as well as its moral, legal and political implications. We shall discuss various notions of betrayal: Political (military) betrayal such as treason, Religious betrayal with Judas as its emblem, but also apostasy (converting one's religion) which is regarded both as a basic human right and also as an act of betrayal, social betrayal - betraying class solidarity as well as Ideological betrayal - betraying a cause. On top of political betrayal we shall deal with personal betrayal, especially in the form of infidelity and in the form of financial betrayal of the kind performed by Madoff. The contrasting notions to betrayal, especially loyalty and trust, will get special consideration so as to shed light or cast shadow, as the case may be, on the idea of betrayal. The seminar will focus not only on the normative aspect of betrayal - moral or legal, but also on the psychological motivations for betraying others. The seminar will revolve around glaring historical examples of betrayal but also use informed fictional novels, plays and movies from Shakespeare and Pinter, to John Le Carre. SAME AS LAW 520.

Same as: ETHICSOC 174L, ETHICSOC 274L, PHIL 174L

**PHIL 275A. Ethics and Politics of Public Service. 3-5 Units.**

Ethical and political questions in public service work, including volunteering, service learning, humanitarian assistance, and public service professions such as medicine and teaching. Motives and outcomes in service work. Connections between service work and justice. Is mandatory service an oxymoron? History of public service in the U.S. Issues in crosscultural service work. Integration with the Haas Center for Public Service to connect service activities and public service aspirations with academic experiences at Stanford.

Same as: CSRE 178, ETHICSOC 133, HUMBIO 178, PHIL 175A, POLISCI 133, PUBLPOL 103D, URBANST 122

**PHIL 275M. Two Ethical Theories and Being a Person. 4 Units.**

The distinction between the ethics of being a person and the ethics of rules as opposed to the distinction between Kantian ethics and utilitarianism or consequentialism consequentialism. Comparison of these two types of ethics with respect to their relationship to agency and being a good person. Relations between Western ethics and those of other continents.

Same as: PHIL 175M

**PHIL 275P. Philosophy of Law and Conceptions of Agency. 4 Units.**

In this course we will explore the connections between recent work in philosophy of law and philosophy of action. Current philosophy of law draws on philosophy of action. One example is the work of Scott Shapiro, who interprets legal activity as a form of social planning that enables citizens to coordinate their activities as agents. We will consider what normative requirements are necessary to make citizens self-legislating autonomous agents. Are formal requirements like consistency and coherence sufficient, or does law have to meet substantial normative and moral requirements? We will also discuss whether the deficiency of evil legal systems can be explained in terms of agency. Can distorted legal system provide agents a coherent form of self-understanding?

We will explore these questions through readings by Scott Shapiro, Ronald Dworkin, Lon F. Fuller, David Dyzenhaus, Kristen Rundle, Michael Bratman, David Velleman, and Christine Korsgaard.

Same as: PHIL 175P

**PHIL 275R. Roads Not Taken, 1880-1960. 4 Units.**

This course is intended to illuminate ideas about justice, freedom, equality, democracy, peace, and social conflict, and to raise persisting questions about such topics as the role of violence in politics through looking at the ideas of America writers such as Edward Bellamy, W.E.B. DuBois, Eugene Debs, Jane Addams, Emma Goldman, John Dewey and Reinhold Niebuhr.

Same as: AMSTUD 275R, ETHICSOC 275R, POLISCI 335L

**PHIL 276. Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 276.) Why and under what conditions do human beings need political institutions? What makes them legitimate or illegitimate? What is the nature, source, and extent of the obligation to obey the legitimate ones, and how should people alter or overthrow the others? Study of the answers given to such questions by major political theorists of the early modern period: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Kant. Same as: PHIL 176, POLISCI 137A, POLISCI 337A

**PHIL 276A. Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought. 4-5 Units.**

(Formerly CLASSHIS 133/333.) Political philosophy in classical antiquity, focusing on canonical works of Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, and Cicero. Historical background. Topics include: political obligation, citizenship, and leadership; origins and development of democracy; and law, civic strife, and constitutional change.

Same as: CLASSICS 181, CLASSICS 381, PHIL 176A, POLISCI 230A, POLISCI 330A

**PHIL 276B. The Economic Individual in the Behavioral Sciences. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 276B.)

Same as: PHIL 176B

**PHIL 276C. Religion and Politics: a Latin American Perspective. 4 Units.**

Religion has traditionally been banished from politics in some places in Latin America. Religious symbols may not be displayed in public buildings, political discourse is expected to be free from all religious content, and religious ministers are not allowed to run for public office, among other measures. This course examines the political motivation for this kind of policies towards religion taking a comparative perspective with American and French variants of secularism.

Same as: ETHICSOC 276R, ETHICSOC 376R, PHIL 176C

**PHIL 277B. EMOTIONS: MORALITY AND LAW. 2 Units.**

If emotions are the stuff of life, some emotions are the stuff of our moral and legal life. Emotions such as: guilt, shame, revenge, indignation, resentment, disgust, envy, jealousy and humiliation, along with forgiveness, compassion, pity, mercy and patriotism, play a central role in our moral and legal life. The course is about these emotions, their meaning and role in morality and law. Issues such as the relationship between punishment and revenge, or between envy and equality, or St. Paul's contrast between law and love, or Nietzsche's idea that resentment is what feeds morality, will be discussed alongside other intriguing topics.

Same as: ETHICSOC 202, ETHICSOC 302, PHIL 177B

**PHIL 277C. Ethics of Climate Change. 4 Units.**

Climate change is an ethical failure. When we cause greenhouse gas to be emitted for our own benefit, the gas spreads around the world and does harm everywhere. Many of those who are harmed emit very little greenhouse gas themselves. When some people harm others for their own benefit, something is morally wrong. Specifically, there is an injustice. One of the ethical problems raised by climate change is how to rectify this injustice. Climate change also raises a different range of ethical questions, which may be classified as questions of value. For example, in making decisions, how should the distant future be valued in comparison with the present and how should we take account of the great loss of human life that climate change will cause? This course investigates the issues of justice and the issues of value. It considers the moral demands that climate change puts both on private individuals and on public institutions. Because the effects of climate change are so widespread and so complex, the methods of economics can be useful in putting ethical principles into effect. The course will therefore assess some of these methods.

Same as: PHIL 177C

**PHIL 277W. Human Rights. 4 Units.**

In this course we will think critically about human rights by evaluating complex moral situations and weighing powerful but opposed arguments. In our discussions we will explore a variety of alleged human rights and ask: Which of these is really a human right? What could the justification of human rights be? If some right is a real human right, what exactly does it require of us and others? Are there really any human rights at all, or are human rights just another means for Western societies to impose their way of life on the rest of the world? What is a human right? Case studies will include the death penalty, democratic participation, gay rights and duties of corporations to respect human rights.

Same as: PHIL 177W

**PHIL 278C. Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and Democracy. 3 Units.**

The course examines connected ideas of free speech, academic freedom, and democratic legitimacy that are still widely shared by many of us but have been subject to skeptical pressures both outside and inside the academy in recent years. The course explores the principled basis of these ideas, how well they might (or might not) be defended against skeptical challenge, and how they might be applied in particular controversies about the rights of students, instructors, and researchers.

Same as: EDUC 217, ETHICSOC 217X

**PHIL 278M. Introduction to Environmental Ethics. 4-5 Units.**

How should human beings relate to the natural world? Do we have moral obligations toward non-human animals and other parts of nature? And what do we owe to other human beings, including future generations, with respect to the environment? The first part of this course will examine such questions in light of some of our current ethical theories: considering what those theories suggest regarding the extent and nature of our environmental obligations; and also whether reflection on such obligations can prove informative about the adequacy of our ethical theories. In the second part of the course, we will use the tools that we have acquired to tackle various ethical questions that confront us in our dealings with the natural world, looking at subjects such as: animal rights; conservation; economic approaches to the environment; access to and control over natural resources; environmental justice and pollution; climate change; technology and the environment; and environmental activism.

Same as: ETHICSOC 178M, ETHICSOC 278M, PHIL 178M, POLISCI 134L

**PHIL 279S. Moral Psychology, Reasons for Action, and Moral Theory. 4 Units.**

What sorts of considerations does an ethical agent take to be good reasons for action? Work in moral psychology to illuminate the theory of practical reasons, and the theory of practical reasons to test the prospects for systematic moral theory. Can any systematic moral theory be reconciled with the moral psychology of ordinary, morally respectable agents? Reading include Bernard Williams, Rosalind Hursthouse, Peter Railton, T.M. Scanlon, and Barbara Herman.

Same as: PHIL 179S

**PHIL 280. Metaphysics. 4 Units.**

This is an introduction to core topics in metaphysics, plus a little meta-metaphysics.

Same as: PHIL 180

**PHIL 280A. Realism, Anti-Realism, Irrealism, Quasi-Realism. 4 Units.**

Realism and its opponents as options across a variety of different domains: natural science, mathematics, ethics, and aesthetics. Clarify the various conceptions that fall under these terms and outline the reasons for and against adopting realism for the various domains. Highlight the general issues involved. Prerequisites: 80, 181.

Same as: PHIL 180A

**PHIL 281. Philosophy of Language. 4 Units.**

The study of conceptual questions about language as a focus of contemporary philosophy for its inherent interest and because philosophers see questions about language as behind perennial questions in other areas of philosophy including epistemology, philosophy of science, metaphysics, and ethics. Key concepts and debates about the notions of meaning, truth, reference, and language use, with relations to psycholinguistics and formal semantics. Readings from philosophers such as Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Grice, and Kripke. Prerequisites: 80 and background in logic.

Same as: PHIL 181

**PHIL 281B. Philosophy of Language: Contemporary Debates. 4 Units.**

This course builds on the material of 181/281, focusing on debates and developments in the pragmatics of conversation, the semantics/pragmatics distinction, the contextuality of meaning, the nature of truth and its connection to meaning, and the workings of particular linguistic constructions of special philosophical relevance. Students who have not taken 181/281 should seek the instructor's advice as to whether they have sufficient background.

**PHIL 282. Advanced Philosophy of Language. 4 Units.**

Same as: PHIL 182

**PHIL 284. Epistemology. 4 Units.**

This is an advanced introduction to core topics in epistemology – the philosophical study of human knowledge. Questions covered will include: What is knowledge? Can we know anything outside our own minds? Must all knowledge rest on secure foundations? Does knowing something require knowing that you know it? What are the connections between knowledge and rationality? Does 'knowledge' mean the same in the philosophy classroom as it does in everyday life? Prerequisite Phil 80 or consent of the instructor.

Same as: PHIL 184

**PHIL 284C. Epistemology of Testimony. 4 Units.**

Many of our beliefs come from others, and not from direct experience. Is testimony a source of fundamental reasons? reasons that do not have to be supported or validated by other sources like perception or inference? What sort of responsibility does one have to one's hearers, when one gives testimony?

Same as: PHIL 184C

**PHIL 284F. Feminist Theories of Knowledge. 4 Units.**

Feminist critique of traditional approaches in epistemology and alternative feminist approaches to such topics as reason and rationality, objectivity, experience, truth, the knowing subject, knowledge and values, knowledge and power.

Same as: FEMST 166, PHIL 184F

**PHIL 285. Theory of Understanding. 4 Units.**

This course will survey some of the ongoing work on understanding in philosophy and psychology. The questions considered will include: What exactly is understanding? How does understanding differ from knowledge of commonplace facts? What are the different forms understanding takes (e.g. scientific, social, historical, aesthetic, etc), and how are the different forms of understanding related? Is there such a thing as implicit understanding?

Same as: PHIL 185

**PHIL 285B. Philosophy of Perception. 4 Units.**

The nature of perceptual experience and the role it plays in securing empirical knowledge. Focus will be on what is sometimes called "the problem of perception": the question of how perception could provide us with direct awareness of the surrounding environment given the possibility of illusions or hallucinations. Topics, include the relationship between perception and belief, the nature of perceptual phenomenology, whether or not perceptual experiences are representational states, and the philosophical relevance of empirical research on perception.

Same as: PHIL 185B



**PHIL 286. Philosophy of Mind. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 286.) This is an advanced introduction to core topics in the philosophy of mind. Prerequisite: PHIL 80. Same as: PHIL 186

**PHIL 286A. Self-fashioning. 3 Units.**

This undergraduate and graduate seminar will examine philosophical and psychological literature relevant to self-fashioning. Meetings will be discussion oriented, and each meeting will focus on a different question of theoretical and applied significance. Prerequisite: consent of instructor. May be repeat for credit. Same as: PHIL 186A, PSYCH 172

**PHIL 287. Philosophy of Action. 4 Units.**

(Graduate students register for 287.) Contemporary research in the philosophy of action. Topics include: What is it to be an agent? Is there a philosophically defensible contrast between being an agent and being a locus of causal forces to which one is subject? What is it to act purposively? What is intention? What is the relation between intention and belief? What is it to act intentionally? What is it to act for a reason? What is the relation between explaining why someone acted by citing the reasons for which she acted and causal explanation of her action? What is the relation between theoretical and practical rationality? What is the nature of our knowledge of our own intentional activity? What is it to act autonomously? What is shared cooperative activity? Prerequisite: 80. Same as: PHIL 187

**PHIL 288. Personal Identity. 4 Units.**

Do you persist through time the way that a skyscraper persists through space, by having different parts at different locations? Or are you wholly present at every moment of your life, in something more like the way that an elevator is present in each place as it travels up to the top floor? What criteria determine whether you now are the very same person as some unique person located at some time in the past? Is the continuity of your memories or other mental states sufficient for your survival? Can you survive the loss or destruction of your body? Do you really exist for more than just the present moment? How do different answers to these questions bear on your moral, personal, and professional obligations? What kinds of considerations could possibly help us to answer these questions? This course explores these and related issues. Readings include a mix of introductory survey, historical, and contemporary material. Same as: PHIL 188

**PHIL 289. Examples of Free Will. 4 Units.**

Examples drawn from three domains: choice, computation, and conflict of norms. Conceptually, a distinction is made between examples that are predictable and those that are not, but skepticism about making a sharp distinction between determinism and indeterminism is defended. Same as: PHIL 189

**PHIL 293C. Film & Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Issues of authenticity, morality, personal identity, and the value of truth explored through film; philosophical investigation of the filmic medium itself. Screenings to include Blade Runner (Scott), Do The Right Thing (Lee), The Seventh Seal (Bergman), Fight Club (Fincher), La Jetée (Marker), Memento (Nolan), and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (Kaufman). Taught in English. Same as: COMPLIT 154A, FRENCH 154, ITALIAN 154, PHIL 193C

**PHIL 300. Proseminar. 4 Units.**

Topically focused seminar. Required of all first year Philosophy PhD students.

**PHIL 301. Dissertation Development Proseminar. 2-4 Units.**

A required seminar for third year philosophy PhD students, designed to extend and consolidate work done in the dissertation development seminar the previous summer.

**PHIL 305. Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. 2-4 Units.**

In this seminar, we shall study one of the classic works of ethical philosophy, Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Topics include: eudaimonism, the nature of the virtues, responsibility, practical reason, pleasure, akrasia, friendship, and contemplation. 2 unit option is for PhD students only.

**PHIL 305R. JUST AND UNJUST WARS. 2 Units.**

War is violent, but also a means by which political communities pursue collective interests. When, in light of these features, is the recourse to armed force justified? Pacifists argue that because war is so violent it is never justified, and that there is no such thing as a just war. Realists, in contrast, argue that war is simply a fact of life and not a proper subject for moral judgment, any more than we would judge an attack by a pack of wolves in moral terms. In between is just war theory, which claims that some wars, but not all, are morally justified. We will explore these theories, and will consider how just war theory comports with international law rules governing recourse to force. We will also explore justice in war, that is, the moral and legal rules governing the conduct of war, such as the requirement to avoid targeting non-combatants. Finally, we will consider how war should be terminated; what should be the nature of justified peace? We will critically evaluate the application of just war theory in the context of contemporary security problems, including: (1) transnational conflicts between states and nonstate groups and the so-called "war on terrorism"; (2) civil wars; (3) demands for military intervention to halt humanitarian atrocities taking place in another state. Same as LAW 751.

Same as: ETHICSOC 205R, ETHICSOC 305R, PHIL 205R

**PHIL 306C. Plato on Eros and Beauty. 3-5 Units.**

We read Plato's Symposium and Phaedrus; topics: love, beauty, language (oral and written). Graduate seminar, but open to seniors. Same as: CLASSICS 336

**PHIL 308. Aristotle's Politics. 4 Units.**

The seminar will be a critical examination of Aristotle's political philosophy and we shall focus on his Politics as our primary text. We'll supplement this with some other texts by Aristotle that are relevant and explore the most important connections between Aristotle's political philosophy and his ethics.

**PHIL 308B. Aristotle on his Predecessors. 2-4 Units.**

An introduction both to Aristotle's own metaphysics and to his treatment of his predecessors on causality, included the early Ionian cosmologists, atomism, Pythagoreans, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Empedocles, Anaxagoras and Plato. Prerequisite: one course in ancient Greek philosophy.

**PHIL 309. Hume's Psychology and Political Theory. 3-5 Units.**

This seminar will concentrate on Hume's political ideas, which to a large extent have been neglected, both by philosophers and political scientists. We will read passages from three important works of Hume, as listed above, together with the lively support of a strong view concerning the importance of Hume's ideas about politics. The requirement for the course will be a paper on a subject relevant to the main topic, and mutually agreed to. The first six sessions of the seminar will be held jointly by live video with Professor Russell Hardin of NYU and his students. By the end of the sixth session, NYU's Spring Term will have ended. We will decide at that point how many more joint sessions to have, and how much time should be devoted to individual consultation about the paper to be written.

**PHIL 309C. Aristotle's Metaphysics Zeta and its Medieval Reception: Definition. 4 Units.**

Grad seminar on the medieval reception of Book Zeta of Aristotle's Metaphysics.

**PHIL 310. Plato's Phaedo. 4 Units.**

A close reading of Plato's Phaedo, with a special emphasis on its metaphysical aspects, such as its discussions of Forms, causation, and coming-to-be. Also to be investigated: the nature and immortality of the soul, the correct attitude to have toward one's death, the theory of recollection, the method of hypothesis, and the respective roles of argument and myth.

**PHIL 311. Plato's Philebus and Timaeus. 4 Units.**

We shall carefully examine two Platonic dialogues, the Philebus and the Timaeus. We shall focus on the dialogues' ethics, metaphysics, and psychology.

**PHIL 312. Aristotle's Psychology. 4 Units.**

*De Anima* and parts of *Parva Naturalia*.

**PHIL 314. Practical Reasoning in Plato and Aristotle. 2-4 Units.**

It is often said that the greatest difference between Plato's ethics and those of Aristotle is that the latter thinks that practical and theoretical reason are distinct, but the former does not. We shall read some of both Plato and Aristotle and ask whether the above claim is true and then consider what the implications the differences between their views of practical reason have for the rest of their ethics.

**PHIL 317. Topics in Plato: Middle and Late Ethics & Politics. 2-4 Units.**

Examine the fundamentals of Plato's political philosophy by reading the Politics as well relevant parts of some of his other ethical and political works.

**PHIL 318. Aristotle and the Object of Mathematical Reasoning. 4 Units.**

The concept of definition plays a central role in Aristotle's treatment of both philosophical and scientific inquiry, as well as explanation. A definition is an account of what something is, and some definitions are used to guide causal inquiry whereas others function as explanatory starting points. In this course we will examine texts from his logic, natural science and metaphysics in order to see what the different kinds of definition are, how they obtained, and how they capture the nature or essence of a definable object. Particular attention will be given to the role of matter in the definition of the form of a natural substance, state, process or activity. For instance, what role does a specification of physiological processes play in the definitions of emotions such as anger? No knowledge of Greek is required. May be repeat for credit. Same as: CLASSICS 315

**PHIL 319. Topics in Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle on Knowledge and Action. 2-4 Units.**

Aristotle's views about substance and the nature and possibility of metaphysics. Focus is on *Categories* and *Metaphysics* Book Zeta.

**PHIL 321. Leibniz's Metaphysics. 2-4 Units.**

Leibniz's metaphysical views during his so-called "mature period" (early 1680s to 1716). Topics will include Leibniz's conception of substance, his alleged idealism, his doctrine of possible worlds and his doctrine of pre-established harmony. Reading of the Discourse on Metaphysics (1686) and the correspondence with Arnauld (1686-1690).

**PHIL 322. Hume. 2-4 Units.**

Hume's theoretical philosophy emphasizing skepticism and naturalism, the theory of ideas and belief, space and time, causation and necessity, induction and laws of nature, miracles, a priori reasoning, the external world, and the identity of the self. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 323. Kant's Criticism of Metaphysics. 4 Units.**

Motivations and strategies of Kant's criticisms of traditional metaphysics in the *Critique of Pure Reason*. Leibnizian and Wolffian versions of the concept containment theory of truth and the Wolffian ideal of a conceptual system of metaphysical knowledge. Kant's analytic/synthetic distinction, focusing on its place in the rejection of metaphysics and in arguments about the ideas of reason in the transcendental dialectic. Prerequisite: course on the first *Critique*, or consent of instructor.

**PHIL 324. Kant's System of Nature and Freedom. 4 Units.**

The aim is to acquire a sense of how the two main parts of Kant's philosophy, theoretical and practical, fit together. These two parts, according to the Critique of the Power of Judgment, concern the realm of nature and the realm of freedom respectively. We shall study parts of all three Critiques, along with appropriate supplementary materials. Prior acquaintance with both Kant's theoretical and his practical philosophy is presupposed.

**PHIL 326. Kant's Transcendental Deduction. 4 Units.****PHIL 327. Scientific Philosophy: From Kant to Kuhn and Beyond. 2-4 Units.**

Examines the development of scientific philosophy from Kant, through the Naturphilosophie of Schelling and Hegel, to the neo-Kantian scientific tradition initiated by Hermann von Helmholtz and the neo-Kantian history and philosophy of science of Ernst Cassirer and Thomas Kuhn. Proposes a post-Kuhnian approach to the history and philosophy of science in light of these developments.

**PHIL 330. Social and Political Philosophy of Hegel and Marx. 4 Units.**

Same as: ETHICSOC 330R, POLISCI 330

**PHIL 332. Nietzsche. 2-4 Units.**

Preference to doctoral students. Nietzsche's later works emphasizing *The Gay Science*, *Beyond Good and Evil*, and *On the Genealogy of Morals*. The shape of Nietzsche's philosophical and literary projects, and his core doctrines such as eternal recurrence, will to power, and perspectivism. Problems such as the proper regulation of belief, and the roles of science, morality, art, and illusion in life.

**PHIL 333. Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts Core Seminar. 2-4 Units.**

This course serves as the Core Seminar for the PhD Minor in Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts. It introduces students to a wide range of topics at the intersection of philosophy with literary and arts criticism. In this year's installment of the seminar, we will focus on issues about the nature of fiction, about the experience of appreciation and what it does for us, about the ethical consequences of imaginative fictions, and about different conceptions of the importance of the arts in life more broadly. The seminar is intended for graduate students. It is suitable for theoretically ambitious students of literature and the arts, philosophers with interests in value theory, aesthetics, and topics in language and mind, and other students with strong interest in the psychological importance of engagement with the arts. Same as: DLCL 333

**PHIL 334. Habermas. 3-5 Units.**

Does Habermas have a distinctive account of normativity and normative judgements?.

**PHIL 335. Topics in Aesthetics. 4 Units.**

May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 339. Marx. 2-4 Units.**

This course examines the works of a thinker who radically transformed the ways that we think about modern society. Marx saw fundamental problems with capitalist societies, including: un-freedom, alienation, inequality, and bureaucratization. He developed a theory to account for these problems. Our task will be to read his works critically and to evaluate their contributions to our understanding the relationship between politics, social structure, knowledge and human agency. We will also be especially interested in comparing his view with alternative diagnoses of the problems of modern capitalist societies, especially those of Max Weber and John Rawls. Same as: POLISCI 333S

**PHIL 340. Time and Free Will. 3-5 Units.**

Free will and the consequence argument of Peter van Inwagen and others. Focus is on the principle that one cannot change the past and the problem of backtracking conditionals, and less on the problem raised by determinism. Hypotheses less drastic than determinism support backtrackers; given the backtracker, would someone's not having done something require that he change the past? Issues related to time, change, the phenomenology of agency, and McTaggart's argument about the reality of time.

**PHIL 344. Narrative Knowing. 1-2 Unit.**

Philosophers and historians have been debating the status of narrative explanation for well over 50 years. Until quite recently, a supposed dichotomy between natural science and history has shaped the discussion. Beginning from the origins, history, and limitations of the dichotomy, this seminar will explore how claims for narrative understanding and explanation have come to occupy an increasingly important role in the natural sciences as well as the social sciences. Some classic contributors are Hempel, Danto, Mink, Kuhn, White, Ricouer, Geertz, and Ginzburg. Current authors include Roth, Rheinberger, Kitcher, Beatty, Morgan, and (yes) Wise.  
Same as: HISTORY 344

**PHIL 348. Evolution of Signalling. 2-4 Units.**

Explores evolutionary (and learning) dynamics applied to simple models of signaling, emergence of information and inference. Classroom presentations and term papers. Text: Skyrms - SIGNALS: EVOLUTION, LEARNING and INFORMATION and selected articles.

**PHIL 349. Evidence and Evolution. 3-5 Units.**

The logic behind the science. The concept of evidence and how it is used in science with regards to testing claims in evolutionary biology and using tools from probability theory, Bayesian, likelihoodist, and frequentist ideas. Questions about evidence that arise in connection with evolutionary theory. Creationism and intelligent design. Questions that arise in connection with testing hypotheses about adaptation and natural selection and hypotheses about phylogenetic relationships.  
Same as: PHIL 249

**PHIL 350A. Model Theory. 3 Units.**

Back-and-forth arguments with applications to completeness, quantifier-elimination and omega-categoricity. Elementary extensions and the monster model. Preservation theorems. Interpolation and definability theorems. Imaginaries. Prerequisite: Phil 151A or consent of the instructor.

**PHIL 351. Representation Theorems. 4 Units.**

Representation theorems show that beliefs which obey certain qualitative constraints have the structure of probabilities, while preferences which obey certain qualitative constraints have the structure of expected-utility maximization. In this course, we prove several representation theorems in detail, and discuss the philosophic controversies surrounding them: how to justify the qualitative constraints, the difference between normative and descriptive interpretations, and what the formal relation of representability amounts to in real terms.

**PHIL 351A. Recursion Theory. 3 Units.**

Theory of recursive functions and recursively enumerable sets. Register machines, Turing machines, and alternative approaches. Gödel's incompleteness theorems. Recursively unsolvable problems in mathematics and logic. Introduction to higher recursion theory. The theory of combinators and the lambda calculus. Prerequisites: 151, 152, and 161, or equivalents.

**PHIL 351B. Proof Mining. 1-3 Unit.**

Uses of proof theory in analysis and number theory. Proof mining: extraction of bounds from non-effective proofs. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 151, 152 or equivalents, and a calculus course.

**PHIL 351C. Formal Methods in Ethics. 2-4 Units.**

Grad seminar. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 353B. Proof Theory B. 2-3 Units.**

Consistency ordinal as a measure of the strength of a mathematical theory. The open problem of describing the ordinal of mathematical analysis (second order arithmetic). Present state of the problem and approaches to a solution. Prerequisites: Phil 151, 152 or equivalents.

**PHIL 353C. Functional Interpretations. 4 Units.**

Finite-type arithmetic. Gödel's functional interpretation and Kreisel's modified realizability. Systems based on classical logic. Spector's extension by bar-recursive functionals. Kohlenbach's monotone interpretation and the bounded functional interpretation. The elimination of weak König's lemma. Uniform boundedness. A look at Tao's hard/soft analysis distinction.

**PHIL 354. Topics in Logic. 1-3 Unit.**

Complexity of propositional calculi. P=NP problem. Exponential lower bounds for resolution and for intuitionistic derivations. Problem of saving proofs. Complexity of derivations in arithmetic. Inventor's paradox. Synthesis of inductive invariants. Prerequisites: Phil 151, 152 or equivalents.

**PHIL 355. Logic and Social Choice. 4 Units.**

Topics in the intersection of social choice theory and formal logic. Voting paradoxes, impossibility theorems and strategic manipulation, logical modeling of voting procedures, preference versus judgment aggregation, role of language in social choice, and metatheory of social choice. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: 151 or consent of instructor.

**PHIL 356. Applications of Modal Logic. 3 Units.**

Applications of modal logic to knowledge and belief, and actions and norms. Models of belief revision to develop a dynamic doxastic logic. A workable modeling of events and actions to build a dynamic deontic logic on that foundation. (Staff).

**PHIL 356C. Logic and Artificial Intelligence. 2-4 Units.**

This is a course at the intersection of philosophical logic and artificial intelligence. The goal of the course is to understand the role that expressive logical frameworks might play in AI, and to gain a deeper understanding of how different logical systems relate, and what features of a logical system could make it useful for representation and/or reasoning. Specific themes may include: 1. Tradeoff between complexity and expressivity 2. Capturing subtle reasoning about agent mental states 3. Defeasibility, causality, and the relation between logic and probability 4. Logical formalizations of legal and normative reasoning 5. Combining statistical learning and inference with rich logical structure 6. Logical systems close to the structure of natural language ("natural logics"). Prerequisites: It is expected that students already have a solid background in logic. Phil 151 is ideal, but Phil 150 or CS 157 would be acceptable, with the understanding that there may be some catching up to do. 2 unit option for PhD students only.  
Same as: CS 257

**PHIL 357. Information, Computation, and Intelligence. 4 Units.**

graduate seminar.

**PHIL 359. Topics in Logic, Information and Agency. 2-4 Units.**

Logical analysis of information, interaction and games, with topics connecting philosophy, computer science, game theory, and other fields. The focus is on current research at these interfaces. Prerequisite: 151, 154/254, or equivalent background. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 360. Grad Seminar: Philosophy of Neuroscience. 2-4 Units.**

Assumptions underlying the scientific study of how our brains work have implications for the kinds of results that neuroscience can - and cannot - deliver. We will look at the interplay between two approaches within neuroscience - mechanistic explanation and computational explanation, with a focus on neural coding and representation. Pre-reqs TBD. Repeatable for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 361. Social Dimensions of Scientific Knowledge. 4 Units.**

Study of philosophical issues raised by the social character of scientific research and the relation of scientific inquiry to its broader social, economic, and cultural context: values in/of science, science and policy, distribution of cognitive labor, trust in science, models of knowledge.

**PHIL 362. Grad Seminar on Philosophy of Science. 4 Units.****PHIL 363. Continuity in Ancient Science and Philosophy. 2-4 Units.**

2 unit option is for PhD students only.

Same as: CLASSICS 332

**PHIL 363W. Get Real! Debating Scientific Realism in Contemporary Philosophy, History, and STS. 4 Units.**

This course is a discussion seminar for graduate students, focusing on work published since 2000. It hypothesizes that recent work on scientific realism does not respect the boundaries that were established by twentieth-century "science wars." We will read philosophers of science who embrace metaphysics and some historicism; and we will read historians of science who condemn Lysenkoism and are realists about climate change. We will debate whether postmodern anthropological critique has been adopted by neoconservatives and "run out of steam." And we will engage with ambitious projects to build a feminist realism that embraces modern physics. Students from all departments are welcome. Undergraduates admitted by instructor's permission.

**PHIL 365. Seminar in Philosophy of Physics. 2-4 Units.**

2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 366. Evolution and Communication. 4 Units.**

Topics include information bottlenecks, signaling networks, information processing, invention of new signals, teamwork, evolution of complex signals, teamwork. Sources include signaling games invented by David Lewis and generalizations thereof, using evolutionary and learning dynamics.

**PHIL 369. Philosophy of Linguistics. 4 Units.**

Philosophical issues raised by contemporary work in linguistics. Topics include: the subject matter of linguistics (especially internalism vs. externalism), methodology and data (especially the role of quantitative methods and the reliance on intuitions), the relationship between language and thought (varieties of Whorfianism and anti-Whorfianism), nativist arguments about language acquisition, and language evolution. Same as: LINGUIST 204, SYMSYS 204

**PHIL 370. Core Seminar in Ethics. 4 Units.**

Limited to first- and second-year students in the Philosophy Ph.D. program.

**PHIL 370A. Grad Seminar in Ethics. 4 Units.**

Conceptions of the self in practical philosophy. Graduate seminar exploring topics at the intersection of personal identity, agency, and morality. Specific topics and authors to be determined.

**PHIL 371D. INEQUALITY: Economic and Philosophical Perspectives. 5 Units.**

The nature of and problem of inequality is central to both economics and philosophy. Economists study the causes of inequality, design tools to measure it and track it over time, and examine its consequences. Philosophers are centrally concerned with the justification of inequality and the reasons why various types of inequality are or are not objectionable. In this class we bring both of these approaches together. Our class explores the different meanings of and measurements for understanding inequality, our best understandings of how much inequality there is, its causes, its consequences, and whether we ought to reduce it, and if so, how. This is an interdisciplinary graduate seminar. We propose some familiarity with basic ideas in economics and basic ideas in contemporary political philosophy; we will explain and learn about more complex ideas as we proceed. The class will be capped at 20 students.

Same as: ECON 380, ETHICSOC 371R, POLISCI 431L

**PHIL 372. Topics in Kantian Ethics. 4 Units.**

Selected topics in ethics, considering both Kant's texts and recent writings by Kant interpreters and moral philosophers in the Kantian tradition. Among the topics covered will be: Practical reason, personal relationships, duties to oneself, evil, right and politics, lying, constructivism in ethics.

**PHIL 372D. Topics in Political Philosophy. 5 Units.**

Leading ideas in *A Theory of Justice*, *Political Liberalism*, and *The Law of Peoples*.

Same as: POLISCI 332

**PHIL 372E. Graduate Seminar on Moral Psychology. 3-5 Units.**

Recent philosophical works on desire, intention, the motivation of action, valuing, and reasons for action. Readings: Williams, Korsgaard, Smith, Blackburn, Velleman, Stampe, Frankfurt.

**PHIL 372M. Ending Wars: A Just Peace or Just a Peace. 2 Units.**

Much of just war theory focuses on the justifications for resorting to armed force and the conduct of hostilities. But what are the ethical and legal principles that govern ending wars and making peace? This course will explore the theory of "just peace," including such problems as when a party to war may demand the unconditional surrender of its adversary and what kinds of compromises are ethically permissible in order to end  $\zeta$  or to avoid  $\zeta$  armed conflict. We will also consider the terms and practices the winning party in war may impose on the loser, such as reparations and occupation (particularly transformative occupation). In addition, we will examine the topic of transitional justice, including issues related to amnesty, forgiveness, criminal and other forms of accountability, and reconciliation. Elements used in grading: Class Participation, Written Assignments, Final Exam.

Same as: ETHICSOC 372R

**PHIL 372P. Korsgaard and her Critics. 2-4 Units.**

Christine Korsgaard has developed an unusually complex and comprehensive theory of morality, according to which moral authority has its source in our authority over ourselves simply as human agents. Her view purports to be humanist without falling into relativism, subjectivism, or voluntarism. Our aim is to understand and evaluate Korsgaard's theory, which Derek Parfit has characterized as combining "Kantian, Humean, and existentialist ideas in unexpected, platitude-denying ways." Readings include Korsgaard's own works as well as selected critiques. Graduate level seminar aimed primarily at philosophy students.

**PHIL 372R. Political Realism. 3-5 Units.**

This seminar will explore various articulations of political realism in their historical contexts. Realism is generally taken to be a pragmatic approach to a political world marked by the competition for material interests and the struggle for power. Yet beyond a shared critique of idealism and an insistence on the priority and autonomy of the political, realists tend to have very different normative visions and political projects. We will consider the works of several political realists from the history of political and international relations thought, including: Thucydides, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Carr, Niebuhr, and Morgenthau.

Same as: POLISCI 435R

**PHIL 373. Grad Seminar. 2-4 Units.**

Grad seminar on ethical topic. May be repeated for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only.



**PHIL 373B. Grad Seminar: Philosophy of Basic Income. 2-4 Units.**

The past three decades have seen the elaboration of a vast body of literature on unconditional basic income a radical policy proposal Philippe Van Parijs referred to as a disarmingly simple idea. It consists of a monthly cash allowance given to all citizens, regardless of personal desert and without means test to provide them with a standard of living above the poverty line. The seminar will seek to engage students in normative debates in political theory (feminism, liberalism, republicanism, communism, libertarianism, etc.) by appealing to the concrete example of basic income. It will allow students to learn a great deal about a policy that is gaining tremendous currency in academic and public debates, while discussing and learning about prominent political theorists - many of whom have written against or for basic income at one point in their career. The seminar is open to graduate students in all departments. There are no pre-requisites. Juniors and Seniors interested can email the PI to express interest. We will ask questions such as: is giving people cash no strings attached desirable and just? Would basic income promote a more gender equal society through the remuneration of care-work, or would it risks further entrenching the position of women as care-givers? Would alternative policies be more successful (such as the job guarantees, stakeholder grants or a negative income tax)? How can we test out basic income? What makes for a reliable and ethical basic income pilot? Students in Politics, Philosophy, Public Policy, Social Work, and Sociology should find most of those questions relevant to their interests. Some discussions on how to fund basic income, on the macro-economic implications of basic income and on the existing pilots projects (in Finland, Namibia, India Canada and the US) may be of interest to Economists; while our readings on the impact of new technologies and artificial intelligence on the future of work and whether a basic income could be a solution, are likely to be on interest to computer scientists and engineers. By the end of the class, students will have an in depth knowledge of the policy and will have developed skills in the normative analysis of public policy. They will be able to deploy those critical and analytical skills to assess a broad range of other policies. May be repeated for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only. This course must be taken for a minimum of 3 units and a letter grade to be eligible for Ways credit.

Same as: PHIL 273U

**PHIL 374. Caring and Practical Reasoning. 4 Units.**

What is it to care about something; how is caring related to desiring, emotions, and having policies; what is the relationship between caring and the will; why do people care about things; can attention to caring help explain the phenomenon of silencing reasons? Readings from contemporary literature, including Frankfurt, Watson, Bratman, Scanlon, Williams, Helm, and Kolodny. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 374C. Democracy and the Constitution. 5 Units.**

(Same as LAW 268) Connections between democratic theory and constitutional theory. Sources include literature from political philosophy, constitutional law, and jurisprudence, and arguments about freedom of expression, campaign finance, legislative apportionment, federalism, and separation of powers. Readings from Scalia, Breyer, Ely, Ackerman, Dahl, Rawls, Habermas, Dworkin, Riker, and Schumpeter, as well as constitutional cases.

Same as: POLISCI 438

**PHIL 374F. Science, Religion, and Democracy. 4 Units.**

Same as: ETHICSOC 374R

**PHIL 375. Ethics, Economics and the Market. 4 Units.**

Economic analysis inevitably raises moral questions. Getting clear on those moral questions, and the competing answers to them, can help improve both economic analysis and our understanding of the values involved in alternative social policies. This course focuses on a central economic institution: the market. How have the benefits and costs of using markets been understood? For example, it is often claimed that markets are good for welfare, but how is welfare to be understood? What is the connection between markets and different values such as equality and autonomy? What, if anything is wrong with markets in everything? Are there moral considerations that allow us to, distinguish different markets? This course examines competing answers to these questions, drawing on historical and contemporary literature. Readings include Adam Smith, JS Mill, Karl Marx, Michael Walzer, Dan Hausman and Michael McPherson and Debra Satz among others. For graduate students only.

Same as: ETHICSOC 303R, POLISCI 434A

**PHIL 376. Agency and Personal Identity. 4 Units.**

How philosophical theories of agency interact with philosophical accounts of personal identity. Readings include David Velleman and Harry Frankfurt.

**PHIL 376C. Tragic Form and Political Theory. 5 Units.**

Tragic form and political theory have in common a profound interest in the conflictual foundation of human society. This course explores how the two intellectual approaches define the actors of conflict, its causes, and its possible (or impossible) resolution.

Same as: COMPLIT 376C

**PHIL 377. Social Agency. 2-4 Units.**

Humans are agents who live in a social world. Philosophical reflection on human agency needs to include reflection both on the agency of individual human agents and on forms of social agency that involve multiple individuals. This seminar will focus on aspects of the latter. What is it for multiple individuals to think and to act together -- to engage in shared intentional/shared cooperative activity? to deliberate together? to engage in what some have called team reasoning? What kinds of social agency are characteristic of larger social organizations or groups? What would it be for larger groups themselves to be agents, ones who have their own distinctive intentions on the basis of which they act? What is the relation between these larger forms of social agency and small-scale shared cooperative activity? In all these cases how do we best understand what we are talking about when we speak of what we intend or believe and of what we are doing? Readings to be drawn from recent work of Michael Bratman, Margaret Gilbert, Christian List, Kirk Ludwig, Philip Pettit, John Searle, Scott Shapiro, and others, as well as classic work of H.L.A. Hart. Prerequisite: graduate standing in Philosophy or permission of instructor. 2 unit option for PhD students only; all others must enroll for 4 units.

Same as: POLISCI 333

**PHIL 377B. Normativity, Rationality, and Reasoning. 4 Units.**

This course will explore the nature and interconnections of normativity, rationality and reasoning. It particularly concentrates on practical rationality and practical reasoning. Broome's book "Rationality Through Reasoning" will be a guide to the course.

**PHIL 378. Amartya Sen's capability theory. 2-4 Units.**

Amartya Sen's pioneering work attempts to open up economics to missing informational and evaluative dimensions. This seminar will explore Sen's "capability approach" and its implications for the study of economics, gender, and justice. It will look at different ways that the capability approach has been developed, in particular, by Martha Nussbaum, but also by other political philosophers.

Same as: POLISCI 436R

**PHIL 378A. Special Topics in Political Philosophy. 4 Units.**

**PHIL 378W. Owning the Earth. 4 Units.**

(Why) do Americans have the right to control the land and resources of the United States? Or should we think that all humans have an equal right to the earth? Should we allocate responsibilities to act on climate change based on equal ownership of the atmosphere? Does a national people living on an island that will disappear because of climate change have a right to a new state elsewhere? Can an individual rightfully own a distant planet? Why are resource-rich states at higher risk for authoritarianism, civil conflict and corruption, and can this 'resource curse' be lifted? This course will draw on philosophy, political science and law to ask who has, and should have, control over the earth and its resources.

**PHIL 379. Graduate Seminar in Metaethics: Normativity and Normative Disagreements. 2-4 Units.**

This course will focus on recent work on the nature of normativity and normative disagreements. Issues to be discussed include the following: a) naturalism vs. non-naturalism about normativity, b) the relationship between different kinds of normativity (for example: the rules of board games vs. moral norms), c) the nature of normative disagreements (and how thinking about this might help us make progress in normative inquiry), and d) the relationship between meta-normative theory and substantive normative inquiry. Our focus will be on discussing these issues as they arise in the context of ethics and metaethics, but we will also engage with connected work in the philosophy of law and epistemology. We will read work from Sharon Street, Allan Gibbard, Tristram McPherson, Stephanie Leary, Ralph Wedgwood, Selim Berker, Errol Lord, Christine Korsgaard, Scott Shapiro, Ronald Dworkin, and David Enoch, among others. The seminar will involve visits from some of the philosophers whose work we will be reading. Prerequisite: graduate student in philosophy, or permission of instructor.

**PHIL 380. Core Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology. 4 Units.**

Limited to first- and second-year students in the Philosophy Ph.D. program.

**PHIL 381. Graduate Seminar in Metaphysics: Recent Work on Ground. 4 Units.**

Metaphysicians have done an enormous amount of work on grounding over the past ten years or so. In this seminar, we will survey this new literature, focusing on the 'pure logic of ground' and the 'impure logic of ground'. Kit Fine's "A Guide to Ground" (which is easy to find through Google) is a useful introduction to the topic.

**PHIL 382. Seminar on Reference. 4 Units.**

Philosophical issues concerning the relationship between linguistic expressions and the objects to which they refer. Is it possible to get one unified theory of reference for different kinds of referring expressions such as proper names, pronouns, demonstratives, and other kinds of indexicals? Unsolved problems and desiderata for a theory of reference?.

**PHIL 382A. Pragmatics and Reference. 4 Units.**

Grice's theory of conversational implicatures, Relevance Theory and other contemporary pragmatic theories, focusing on issues involving singular reference, "pragmatic intrusion," and the semantics - pragmatics "interface." Throughout the seminar will be developing the approach Kapa Korta and Perry call "critical pragmatics."

**PHIL 383. Advanced Topics in Epistemology. 2-4 Units.**

May be repeated for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 383B. What's an Inference?. 2-4 Units.**

Fundamental issues in epistemology, philosophy of mind and language: issues relating to the notion (or rather, notions) of an inference. What's inferential justification? What's an inferential reasoning process? What are inference rules, and what distinguishes a good rule of inference from a bad rule? Subtopics to be discussed include: the problem of mental causation, the distinction between personal and sub-personal levels of explanation, preservation of content and warrant, the epistemic support relation, and time permitting the nature of perceptual justification.

**PHIL 384. Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology. 4 Units.**

2015-16 topic: Logical Consequence. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 385. Pragmatics and Reference. 2-4 Units.**

Problems about reference have played a large role in the philosophy of language since the days of Frege and Russell. An approach to reference from the point of view of pragmatics, that Kapa Korta and John Perry have developed in their book CRITICAL PRAGMATICS. Rely on ideas from John Perry's book REFERENCE AND REFLEXIVITY. Also look at other approaches to reference, and to pragmatics.

**PHIL 385B. Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology. 2-4 Units.**

2 unit option for PhD students only. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 385C. Topics in Philosophy of Language: The Frege-Russell Problems. 2-4 Units.**

Explore various approaches to the difficulties for semantic theories raised by the behavior of propositional attitude sentences. How, if Superman and Clark are the same person, can Lois have different beliefs about them? "Classic" treatments of the issues including Frege, Russell, Quine, Davidson, and Kripke. Contemporary debates about the most promising approaches, including "naive Russellianism" and "unarticulated constituent" accounts.

**PHIL 385D. Topics in Philosophy of Language. 2-4 Units.**

Course may be repeat for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 385M. The Metaphysics of Meaning. 2-4 Units.**

One central project in the philosophy of language is to explain the relationships between paradigmatically semantic phenomena like meaning, truth, and reference (as well as entailment, satisfaction, application, and others). Often the pursuit of this project generates orders of explanation in which some notions are privileged as more "fundamental" than others, in what is arguably a metaphysical sense of the expression. The dominant order of explanation in both philosophical and linguistic semantics seems to be Referentialism, according to which word/world relationships like reference and application are taken to be more fundamental than sentential truth or meaning. (Think: correspondence theory + model-theoretic semantics.) Alternatives to the orthodoxy include certain versions of conceptual-role semantics, Brandom's inferentialism, and Horwich's use theory of meaning. The aims of this seminar will be to acquaint ourselves with these and other going concerns in the theory of meaning, to organize logical space so that gaps might more easily be spotted, and to help the instructor develop his own, as yet nascent form of opposition to Referentialism. Of special interest will be the alleged normativity of meaning and the Field/Wright dispute over reference to abstracta. Besides the authors already mentioned, readings will be drawn from Katz, King, Kripke, and perhaps (time permitting) Millikan, Peacocke, and/or Taylor as well. But we should probably begin by rehashing Davidson v. Dummett.

**PHIL 385R. Metaphysics of Reference. 2-4 Units.**

This seminar is an investigation of the nature of reference in both private thought and public talk. Just what is it for some bits of either our shared public language or our inner thoughts to refer to or stand for bits of the world? In virtue of what does the relation of reference obtain between some bit of the world and some bit of either outer language or inner thought? What about apparent reference to putatively non-existent objects, like Santa Claus or Sherlock Holmes? We appear to think and talk about objects that do not exist. But there are no such objects. So just how do we manage to think and talk about them? Or consider abstract objects, like numbers, that are thought by some to exist outside the spatial-temporal order. We appear to think and talk about such objects as well. But it is a mystery how, if at all, the reach of our thought could possibly extend beyond even the bounds of space and time. Though we will canvass a number of different answers to this questions, proposed by a variety of philosophers, my main goal will be to develop and defend a view that I call two-factor referentialism. Readings will be drawn from a number of sources, including several chapters of my book in progress Referring to the World.

**PHIL 386. Topics in Philosophy of Mind. 2-4 Units.**

This is a graduate seminar in philosophy of mind, focusing on the nature of psychological explanation. 2 unit option for PhD students only. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 386B. Husserl and Adam Smith. 4 Units.**

Readings from Husserl and others in the phenomenological tradition, and recent work on intentionality and consciousness by philosophers and cognitive scientists.

**PHIL 386C. Subjectivity. 4 Units.**

Continuation of 386B.

**PHIL 386D. Personal Identity. 4 Units.**

Focus on personal identity as a case study in metaphysical indeterminacy. The classic puzzles of PI can be construed as arguments that it can be indeterminate whether person A is identical to person B, and indeed, whether person A exists. Can such cases of indeterminacy be plausibly interpreted as semantic (or epistemic), or do they support the possibility of worldly or "ontic" indeterminacy? Is ontic indeterminacy even coherent? How might it be modeled? Parallel questions arise in the metaphysics of ordinary material objects, of course; but it's not obvious that their answers should also run parallel. And even if they do, focusing on PI lends the questions some real urgency. How should I feel about the interests of a past or future person who's only indeterminately me? Should I fear a future in which I merely indeterminately exist? Maybe outright death is preferable to being literally liminal. Seminar. Graduate work in core philosophy a prerequisite.

**PHIL 386E. About Being. 4 Units.**

A pop-up course on Burgess' eponymous book project, which deals with the metaphysics of linguistic representation in the service of developing a methodology for adjudicating ontological disputes. Keywords: linguistic turn, Plato's beard, problem of intentionality, grounding, deflationism, metaontology, etc. Readings will be a mix of chapter drafts and recent, relevant work by other people, including Rayo, Sider, Manley & Hawthorne; with a couple classics by Quine and Stalnaker thrown in for good measure.

**PHIL 387. Intention and Normative Judgment. 2-4 Units.**

Prominent views in both metaethics and the philosophy of action hold that there are distinctively practical states of mind that nonetheless play many of the roles traditionally associated with belief. Some action theorists hold that intention is a kind of practical attitude subject to rational requirements such as requirements of consistency and coherence. Metaethical noncognitivists hold that normative judgments are distinctively practical, perhaps even a species of intention, and face the well-known Frege-Geach problem because of that commitment. We will consider what metaethicists can learn from debates about intention in the philosophy of action, and what philosophers of action can learn from debates about metaethical non-cognitivism.

**PHIL 387B. Plan Rationality. 4 Units.**

This seminar will explore foundational issues about practical rationality as they arise in the context of agency in which planning plays a basic role. We will consider issues both about rationality at a time and about rationality over time. Open to graduate students in Philosophy and to others by permission.

**PHIL 387C. Consistency and Coherence. 2-4 Units.**

Some philosophers think that attitudes like belief and intention are subject to consistency and coherence requirements. Are there such general purpose cogency requirements on attitudes? If so, what is their nature and strength? What grounds these requirements; for instance, does the point or purpose of a belief or an intention ground consistency and coherence requirements on that attitude? How are such requirements on belief related to requirements on intention? How does the answer to such questions bear on understanding of the interrelations between theoretical and practical rationality?.

**PHIL 387D. Rationality over Time. 2-4 Units.****PHIL 387F. Grad Seminar. 2-4 Units.**

An introduction to truthmaker semantics, recently developed by Fine and others, and considering some of the applications to natural and formal languages. There will be a focus both on presenting the semantics in rigorous fashion and showing, in detail, how it might be applied in a number of different areas. Grad seminar with Kit Fine. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 387S. Practical Reasons and Practical Reasoning. 4 Units.**

Attempts to develop alternatives to Humean, instrumentalist conceptions of practical reasoning, and alternatives to Humean, non-cognitivist views of practical reasons. Readings include Aurel Kolnai, Bernard Williams, David Wiggins, Joseph Raz, Michael Bratman, Elijah Millgram, and T.M. Scanlon.

**PHIL 388. Topics in Normativity. 2-4 Units.**

Topics in Normativity. May be repeated for credit. 2 unit option for PhD students only.

**PHIL 389. Advanced Topics in Epistemology. 2-5 Units.**

Advanced topics in epistemology. Pre-requisite Phil 284. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 391. Research Seminar in Logic. 1-3 Unit.**

Contemporary work. May be repeated a total of three times for credit. Same as: MATH 391

**PHIL 450. Thesis. 1-15 Unit.**

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**PHIL 470. Proseminar in Moral Psychology. 4 Units.**

Restricted to Philosophy doctoral students. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 500. Advanced Dissertation Seminar. 1 Unit.**

Presentation of dissertation work in progress by seminar participants. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL 801. TGR Project. 0 Units.****PHIL 802. TGR Dissertation. 0 Units.**

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