PHILOSOPHY (PHILOS)

PHILOS 101 — INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
3-4 credits.
Introduction to various philosophical questions and to the strategies that philosophers use to address these. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 104 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY FOR FRESHMEN
3 credits.
Selected topics addressing various philosophical questions and to the strategies that philosophers use to address these. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 106 — STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY
2-4 credits.
Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 1999

PHILOS 141 — THE MEANING OF LIFE
3-4 credits.
Introduces the subject of philosophy through a question that is familiar to nearly every person: What is the meaning of life? This question will be approached through reading both classical philosophical works and the works of contemporary philosophers. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Elementary
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 201 — INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS
3-4 credits.
Selected topics addressing various philosophical questions and the strategies that philosophers use to address these. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior or senior standing only
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2015

PHILOS 206 — STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY
2-4 credits.
Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: None
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2001

PHILOS 210 — REASON IN COMMUNICATION
3-4 credits.
Argument in familiar contexts; emphasis upon developing critical skills in comprehending, evaluating, and engaging in contemporary forms of reasoning, with special attention to the uses of argument in mass communication media. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: MATH 96 or placement into MATH 141
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part A
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS 211 — ELEMENTARY LOGIC
3-4 credits.
The formal characteristics of logical truth and inference. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing and satisfied Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A requirement
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part B
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022
PHILOS 220 — PHILOSOPHY AND THE SCIENCES
3-4 credits.

Emphasis will be on understanding the logic of scientific reasoning. Includes the ABCs of deductive logic and probability reasoning, and how to apply these to various central questions in philosophy of science, such as: How are causation and correlation different? What distinguishes science from pseudo-science, religion, and technology? What is a scientific explanation, and what makes one explanation better than another? How do moral issues arise in scientific research and how are they related to the question of whether a theory should be accepted? Philosophical consequences of scientific theories may also be discussed.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: MATH 96 or placement into MATH 141
Course Designation: Gen Ed - Quantitative Reasoning Part A
Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2020

PHILOS 241 — INTRODUCTORY ETHICS
3-4 credits.

Nature of moral problems and of ethical theory, varieties of moral skepticism, practical ethics and the evaluation of social institutions.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS 243 — ETHICS IN BUSINESS
3-4 credits.

Case studies of moral issues in business; types or reasons appealed to for settlement.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 304 — TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY: HUMANITIES
3-4 credits.

Examination of selected topics in philosophy.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 341 — CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES
3-4 credits.

A philosophical study of some of the major moral issues in contemporary society, such as those concerning abortion, euthanasia, punishment, property, politics, sex, nuclear disarmament, and world hunger.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS/MED HIST 344 — FOOD ETHICS
3 credits.

There are many ethical issues related to food production, distribution, consumption, and policy, including animal welfare, animal rights, vegetarianism and veganism, environmental impact, treatment of workers, prospects for agricultural reform, ethical responsibilities of corporate and industry actors, and labeling issues surrounding the use of genetically engineered foods. Some are more theoretical, such as which individuals affected by agriculture deserve direct moral consideration. Other are more practical, such as how to feed a growing global population. We will begin with a brief survey of ethical theories and methods of ethical reasoning, and then explore, from both personal and policy perspectives, several food ethics issues. Among the aims of the course are the goals of helping you think critically about the morally relevant impacts of your own food choices and improving your understanding of ethical issues implicated in food systems.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Sustain - Sustainability
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 430 — HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY
3-4 credits.

Various philosophers from the presocratics to the Stoics and Epicureans; particular emphasis on Plato and Aristotle.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 432 — HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY
3-4 credits.

Covers various philosophers from the 17th century through early 20th century.
Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022
PHILOS 433 — 19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHERS
3-4 credits.
Covers various philosophers from the 19th century. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2013

PHILOS/JEWISH/RELIG ST 435 — JEWISH PHILOSOPHY FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY
3 credits.
A survey of major philosophers and philosophical currents within Judaism from antiquity through the seventeenth century. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 440 — EXISTENTIALISM
3-4 credits.
Feeling like life is absurd, that existence is meaningless? Worried that you aren't living authentically? Then a course in Existentialism is just what you need. Study the classic texts of this intellectual movement that expressed despondency about Western civilization, its decadence, and its values. Along the way you'll meet the likes of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, and De Beauvoir. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 481 — JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 482 — JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS/JEWISH 442 — MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE HOLOCAUST
3 credits.
Selected moral and philosophical issues raised by the Holocaust such as when and whom to rescue; includes issues arising after the annihilation such as forgiveness and reconciliation. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 454 — CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHERS
3 credits.
One or more classical philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 484 — JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 485 — JUNIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
One or more philosophers, movements, or problems selected for intensive study. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS/RELIG ST 501 — PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
3-4 credits.
Analysis of religious experience and activity, and examination of principal religious ideas in light of modern psychology, philosophy, science, and anthropology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHILOS/ENVIR ST 441 — ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
3-4 credits.
Adequacy of ethical theories in handling such wrongs as harm to the land, to posterity, to endangered species, and to the ecosystem itself. Exploration of the view that not all moral wrongs involve harm to humans. Inquiry into the notion of the quality of life and the ethics of the "lifeboat" situation. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2022
PHILOS/RELIG ST 502 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
3 credits.

One or more topics selected from among the following: religious discourse, God, evil, survival, great philosophers of religion, etc. Variable content. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2013

PHILOS 503 — THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE
3 credits.

A survey of problems concerning the nature, sources, and limits of human knowledge, including such topics as scepticism, the concept of knowledge, sensory perception, evidence, justified belief, induction. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 504 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN THE THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE
3 credits.

One or more special topics in the Theory of Knowledge or one or more major theories of knowledge. Variable content. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/MED HIST 505 — JUSTICE AND HEALTH CARE
3 credits.

Examines ethical issues in the distribution, financing, and delivery of health care (primarily in the United States). Explores key issues in U.S. health policy and forms the empirical foundation for the rest of the class. Engages ongoing debates in moral and political philosophy over putative entitlements to health and health care. Investigates the nature, justifiability, and methods of health care rationing (including bedside rationing by doctors) and the myriad issues implicated by the near-universally shared goal of health care cost containment. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2019

PHILOS 506 — STUDY ABROAD IN PHILOSOPHY
2-4 credits.

Treatment of a topic in philosophy in a course offered at a university outside the United States. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2001

PHILOS 511 — SYMBOLIC LOGIC
3 credits.

Propositional and predicate logic, with emphasis on metatheory; independence of rules and completeness theorems; discussion of technical and philosophical limitations of classical logic. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: PHILOS 211
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 512 — METHODS OF LOGIC
3 credits.

Selected topics in philosophical logic and in the various applications of logic to philosophical problems. Variable content. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: PHILOS 211
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS/MED HIST 515 — PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS
3 credits.

Focuses on ethical issues implicated in a population-level approach to disease prevention and health promotion. Explores prominent theoretical approaches to public health ethics and engages with several ethical tensions. Example issues include: the use of coercive or intrusive public health; the justification of paternalistic measures in societies; the extent to which societies should hold individuals responsible for their health conditions; the need to decide who receives life-saving treatment or vaccination; and climate changes and intergenerational justice; ethical issues in international pharmaceutical research. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022
PHILOS 516 — LANGUAGE AND MEANING
3 credits.

The nature and function of language, theories of meaning, semantic and syntactic paradoxes, proper names, private languages, rules, and linguistic relativity. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 520 — PHILOSOPHY OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES
3 credits.

Nature and functions of science; the logic of scientific method; clarification of such concepts as cause, law, theory, probability, determinism, teleology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 521 — PHILOSOPHY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
3 credits.

Problems in applying methods and concepts of science to the study of social behavior. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2015

PHILOS 522 — SPECIAL TOPIC
3 credits.

Selected from logic of theory construction, theoretical entities, models, applied mathematics, nature of laws, conventionalism, probability, etc. Variable content. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2020

PHILOS/ENVIR ST 523 — PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
3 credits.

Problems raised by genetics, evolutionary theory, and taxonomy: patterns of explanatory force and dispensability of teleology; objectivity of taxonomy. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/ECON 524 — PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS
3 credits.

Economics examined from the viewpoint of the philosophy of science. Normative and positive aspects of economic theory. Deterministic and statistical explanation. Arrow impossibility theorem. Radical economics. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Sophomore standing and 3 credits of PHILOS or ECON
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2018

PHILOS 530 — FREEDOM FATE AND CHOICE
3 credits.

An examination of the philosophical problems associated with free will. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS/MED HIST 534 — ETHICS AND THE BRAIN
3 credits.

In-depth analysis of ethical issues arising from the practices and advances of brain science in clinical, research, legal, and consumer contexts. Includes a foundation in ethical theory and philosophical methodology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021
PHILOS 541 — MODERN ETHICAL THEORIES
3 credits.

Ethical theories and problems as discussed in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 543 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN ETHICS
3 credits.

Intensive study of ethical theory, or of one or more ethical theories or moral philosophers of the present or modern period. Variable content. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS/ED POL 545 — PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTIONS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
3 credits.

Examination and analysis of conceptions of teaching and learning in classical philosophical works and in contemporary literature in the philosophy of education. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 549 — GREAT MORAL PHILOSOPHERS
3 credits.

Major themes of moral philosophy, from Plato and Aristotle to Bentham and Mill, with critical study of outstanding works. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS/ED POL 550 — PHILOSOPHY OF MORAL EDUCATION
3 credits.

Critical examination of classical and contemporary conceptions of moral education. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Summer 2021

PHILOS 551 — PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
3 credits.

Nature of mind (mental states such as thinking and feeling) and its relation to physical states, with emphasis on recent advances in philosophy and psychology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 553 — AESTHETICS
3 credits.

Analysis of current philosophies of art and of criticism. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2016

PHILOS 554 — PHILOSOPHY OF THE ARTIFICIAL SCIENCES
3 credits.

Examination of issues surrounding artificial intelligence and artificial life; discussion of the natures of mind and life; evaluation of competing computational paradigms for modeling mind; analysis of contributions artificial sciences can make to psychology and biology. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2013

PHILOS 555 — POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
3 credits.

Philosophical doctrines involved in justification of political decisions; analysis of some fundamental concepts, e.g., the common good, authority, justice, natural law, natural rights. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 556 — TOPICS IN FEMINISM AND PHILOSOPHY
3 credits.

Topics from historical and contemporary feminist thought; attention to one or more feminist philosophers, historical movements, philosophical frameworks, or sets of philosophically related issues. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2020
PHILOS 557 — ISSUES IN SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY
3 credits.
Specific topics in social and political philosophy such as war and peace, property and industry, individualism and collectivism, freedom and justice. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2020

PHILOS/MED HIST 558 — ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE
3 credits.
Ethical issues apparently created by new biomedical technologies, such as genetic screening, prenatal diagnosis, prolongation of life, treatment of severe birth defects, in vitro fertilization, behavior modification, psychosurgery, and transplantation. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 559 — PHILOSOPHY OF LAW
3 credits.
Nature and function of law, relations between law and morality, logic of legal reasoning, analysis of fundamental concepts and institutions. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2014

PHILOS 560 — METAPHYSICS
3 credits.
Major problems in metaphysics, such as: existence, universals and particulars, space and time, individuals, categories, substance and attribute, necessity. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 562 — SPECIAL TOPICS IN METAPHYSICS
3 credits.
An intensive study of one or more topics such as: existence, universals and particulars, space and time, individuals, individuation, categories, substance and attribute, necessity, events and processes. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS/AGRONOMY/C&E SOC/MED HIST 565 — THE ETHICS OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY
3 credits.
An in-depth study of a selection of ethical issues arising from the application of modern biotechnology to microorganisms, plants, non-human animals, and human beings. We will aim at a discussion that is informed by empirical research and by work done in ethical theory, political philosophy, and other relevant disciplines, and whose character is rigorous, clear, nuanced, and unbiased. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing
Course Designation: Breadth - Humanities
Level - Intermediate
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 566 — PHILOSOPHY OF ACTION
3 credits.
Human beings, and perhaps other kinds of creatures, are agents: we can make things happen. We do things intentionally, guide our behavior in light of our reasons, exhibit self-control, and plan for the future. What is it to be an agent, and what makes an event an intentional action? As Wittgenstein put the question, “What is left over if I subtract the fact that my arm goes up from the fact that I raise my arm?” Emphasis on contemporary readings, including Donald Davidson and G.E.M. Anscombe. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing or 3 Credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 567 — TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY
3 credits.
One or more specific topics in contemporary philosophy bridging two or more areas such as epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, or moral philosophy. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Junior standing and completion of 3 credits in PHILOS
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021
PHILOS/MATH 571 — MATHEMATICAL LOGIC
3 credits.
Basics of logic and mathematical proofs; propositional logic; first order logic; undecidability. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: (MATH 234 or 375), (MATH 320, 340, 341, or 375), and (MATH 341, 375, 421, 467, or 521), or graduate/professional standing or member of the Pre-Masters Mathematics (Visiting International) Program
Course Designation: Breadth - Natural Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 581 — SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
Individual study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Senior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2016

PHILOS 582 — SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR
3 credits.
Individual study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Senior standing and declared in an Honors program
Course Designation: Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science
Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2018

PHILOS 599 — DIRECTED STUDY
1-3 credits.
Independent study as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 681 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
1-3 credits.
Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 682 — SENIOR HONORS THESIS
3 credits.
Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses for honors in the major, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 691 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Fall 2016

PHILOS 692 — SENIOR THESIS
3 credits.
Individual mentored study for seniors completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2019

PHILOS 698 — DIRECTED STUDY
2-3 credits.
Independent study as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: No
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 699 — DIRECTED STUDY
2-3 credits.
Independent study as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Level - Advanced
L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 701 — READING SEMINAR
3 credits.
An examination of select topics in philosophy. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022
PHILOS 799 — DIRECTED STUDY  
1-3 credits.  
Independent study as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Consent of instructor  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS/CLASSICS 830 — ADVANCED HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY  
3 credits.  
Seminar on the history of philosophy focusing on a period or figure(s). Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Graduate/professional standing  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 835 — ADVANCED HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY  
3 credits.  
Seminar on the history of philosophy focusing on a period or figure(s). Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 902 — PROSEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY  
3 credits.  
Survey of various texts with an emphasis on close reading and developing writing skills. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 903 — SEMINAR: EPISTEMOLOGY  
3 credits.  
Seminar on epistemology. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 904 — TEACHING PHILOSOPHY  
1 credit.  
Focuses on the conceptual and ethical recognition of the importance of good teaching, and skills and knowledge drawn from up-to-date pedagogical research. Engages with complex questions about the purposes of higher education and your role in it to better understand your own beliefs, attitudes, and values regarding higher education. Use best practices in teaching and learning in a low-stakes environment to practice and receive feedback on your performance of those skills. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in a Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: No  
Last Taught: Fall 2021

PHILOS 911 — SEMINAR-LOGIC  
3 credits.  
Seminar on logic. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 916 — SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE  
3 credits.  
Seminar on philosophy of language. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Spring 2021

PHILOS 920 — SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE: CAUSATION, EXPLANATION & PROBABILITY  
3 credits.  
Seminar on philosophy of science. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Fall 2020

PHILOS 941 — SEMINAR-ETHICS  
3 credits.  
Seminar on ethics. Enroll Info: None  
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program  
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement  
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions  
Last Taught: Fall 2021
PHILOS 951 — SEMINAR-PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
3 credits.
Seminar on philosophy of mind. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 955 — SEMINAR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
3 credits.
Seminar on social and political philosophy. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 960 — METAPHYSICS SEMINAR
3 credits.
Seminar on metaphysics. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Declared in Philosophy graduate program
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022

PHILOS 990 — RESEARCH AND THESIS
2-9 credits.
Individual mentored study for graduate students completing theses, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Summer 2022

PHILOS 999 — INDEPENDENT WORK
2-9 credits.
Individual mentored study for graduate students, as arranged with a faculty member. Enroll Info: None
Requisites: Consent of instructor
Course Designation: Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement
Repeatable for Credit: Yes, unlimited number of completions
Last Taught: Spring 2022