PHILOSOPHY

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term’s specific offerings.

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Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The Department of Philosophy addresses foundation questions. These are questions the answers to which inform our basic understanding of one or another domain of inquiry, or some fundamental aspect of the world or ourselves or our relation to the world.

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Curriculum

• Combination Degrees
• Philosophy
• Philosophy Minor

Courses

HPS 3003 Perspectives on Science and Mathematics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the different ways that scientists and mathematicians since the 17th century have explained the workings of the natural world. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: UFTeach Step 1.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 3100 Ancient Greek Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Sustained study of Plato and Aristotle with some consideration of pre-Socratic antecedents and Hellenistic successors. (H) (WR)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 3111 Ancient Ethical and Political Thought 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHH 3200 Medieval Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Surveys medieval philosophy. Philosophers to be read may include Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Maimonides, Aquinas, Duns Scotus and Ockham. Topics include the nature of God, universals, individuation and future contingents.
Prerequisite: one course in philosophy.

PHH 3400 Modern Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Surveys the work of major philosophers of the 17th and 18th centuries, from Descartes to Kant, in the primary texts. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHH 3610 Happiness and Well-Being 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines major philosophical theories of human happiness and well-being from both historical and contemporary perspectives. Topics may include self-interest, pleasure, subjective vs. objective conceptions of happiness, autonomy and the relation between morality and happiness.
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHH 4141 Seminar in Ancient Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Variable topic seminar focusing on a particular topic, period or school in the philosophy of Greco-Roman antiquity.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.

PHH 4420 Seminar in Modern Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Variable topic seminar focusing on a period, school or topic in 17th or 18th century philosophy.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.

PHH 4644 Continental Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies selected works by 19th and 20th century continental philosophers, with emphasis determined by the instructor. Selections may include such thinkers as Hegel, Nietzsche, Heidegger, and Foucault.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level course with the prefix PHI, PHH, PHM, or PHP.

PHH 4911 Undergraduate Research in History of Philosophy 0-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides firsthand, supervised research. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application.

PHH 4930 Seminar in a Major Philosopher 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Variable topic seminar on the work of a major historical or contemporary philosopher such as Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, Hobbes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Berkeley, Hume, Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Mill, Marx, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Russell, Moore, Sartre, Wittgenstein and Quine.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.

PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Variable topics introduction to philosophy through study of traditional questions about the existence of God, the nature of the mind, the definition of good, freedom of the will, and criteria of truth and knowledge. (H) (WR)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 2100 Logic 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introductory-level survey of different methods of formal and informal analysis of the logical structure of propositions and arguments. Topics include syllogistic logic, propositional logic, quantification logic, inductive logic, informal fallacies, and probability. (M)
Attributes: General Education - Mathematics
PHI 2630 Contemporary Moral Issues 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces moral philosophy through selected contemporary issues such as abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, and the treatment of animals. (H) (WR)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 3114 Reasoning 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 with a minimum grade of C or (philosophy major or philosophy minor) or instructor permission.

PHI 3130 Symbolic Logic 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2630 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3300 Theory of Knowledge 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3400 Philosophy of Natural Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3420 Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3459 Medicine and Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3500 Metaphysics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHI 3501 Free Will 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3533 Bioethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3551 Thought Experiments 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3553 The Self, Reason and Ethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3633 Bioethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3641 Ethics and Innovation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or innovation academy minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3643 History of Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3650 Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3651 Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3653 The Self, Reason and Ethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3655 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3657 Philosophy of Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.

PHI 3659 Philosophy of Language 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.
PHI 3650 Moral Philosophy 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Analysis and criticism of various normative ethical theories such as  
ego egoism, utilitarianism, Kantianism, deontology and virtue ethics. (H)  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities  

PHI 3681 Ethics, Data, and Technology 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Addresses ethical issues related to data science, algorithmic decision-  
making, and artificial intelligence. Pairs theoretical discussions of  
ethics, economics, and policy-making with concrete issues in emerging  
technologies.  
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or higher or (PHI 2100 or  
PHI 2630, with a minimum grade of C) or (philosophy major or minor)  
or data science major.  

PHI 3693 Ethics of Communication 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Examines ethical issues in communication between individuals and in  
the media. Topics include truth-telling, misrepresentation, privacy and  
fairness. (H)  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities  

PHI 3695 Philosophy and Death 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
A philosophical investigation of the nature and significance of death.  
Focuses on critical assessment of arguments regarding such topics as  
the definition of death, whether death is bad for the deceased, whether  
immortality is desirable or even conceivable, and the ethics of ending  
and starting lives. (H)  
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2100 or PHI  
2630 or PHI 3000 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor  
permission.  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities  

PHI 3700 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Studies problems in philosophical theology, including the nature of  
God, arguments for God's existence, the problem of evil and the relation  
between faith and reason, from both historical and contemporary  
perspectives. (H) (WR)  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of  
Writing Requirement  

PHI 3930 Special Topics 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Check the department office for a course description for the offered term.  

PHI 4220 Philosophy of Language 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Variable topics study the major topics and concepts of the philosophy  
of language, including truth and meaning, speech act theory, reference  
and descriptions, names and demonstratives, propositional attitudes and  
indirect discourse, the nature of language and metaphor.  
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.  

PHI 4320 Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Studies the central problems of the philosophy of mind, including the  
mind-body problem, the nature of mental states, intentionality and  
representation, and sensation and consciousness.  
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.  

PHI 4542 Philosophy of Space and Time 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Studies the nature of space and time: the concepts of substantival  
spacetime (or space-time), relational space and time (or space-time),  
dynamical spacetime, conventional space-time metrics, causal  
reduction of time, time's arrow, dimensionality of space (or space-time).  
The approach, historical or issue-oriented, and the required amount of  
knowledge of physics varies with the instructor.  
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.  

PHI 4662 Ethical Theory 1 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Advanced topics in moral theory, including cognitivism, obligations and  
permissibility, moral reasons and moral epistemology.  
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.  

PHI 4905 Individual Work 1-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Registration requires advance application to the undergraduate  
coordinator.  
Prerequisite: upper-division students with 12 credits of philosophy and  
department permission.  

PHI 4911 Undergraduate Research in Philosophy 0-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Provides firsthand, supervised research. Projects may involve inquiry,  
design, investigation, scholarship, discovery, or application.  

PHI 4912 Honors Project 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Open to qualified philosophy majors upon application to the  
undergraduate coordinator.  

PHI 4930 Special Topics 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Refer to the department website for a course description for the offered  
term.  
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.  

PHI 4956 Overseas Studies 1-15 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved  
study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted  
toward graduation.  
Prerequisite: undergraduate advisor permission.  

PHM 2204 Social Issues and Political Thought 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Introduces the classic works in the fundamental issues of political  
philosophy. Topics include comparative systems, authority and freedom.  
(H) (WR)  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of  
Writing Requirement  

PHM 3032 Ethics and Ecology 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Normative study of the relationships between human beings and the  
environment, with special emphasis on land and resources. (H)  
Attributes: General Education - Humanities  

PHM 3123 Feminist Philosophy 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Analyzes theoretical and practical issues in feminism such as radical,  
liberal and socialist perspectives, gender roles and equal opportunity; an  
elective in the women's studies program. (H and D)  
Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Humanities
PHM 3127 Race and Philosophy 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Examines the concept of race and how it has been used, both theoretically and practically, looking at both historical and contemporary works. Topics may include the definition of "race", the political use and abuse of the term, and its role in one's sense of identity.

PHM 3202 Political Philosophy 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Studies philosophical problems of political freedom, justice, obligation and coercion. (H) (WR)  
**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHM 3400 Introduction to Philosophy of Law 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Introduces philosophical issues in legal thought and practice; for pre-law majors and serves as an introduction to PHM 4440 Philosophy of Law, the course introduces the types of philosophical issues that the major schools of legal thought have attempted to resolve. (H) (WR)  
**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHM 3600 Philosophy of Education 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Examines questions about the nature, value, and proper role of education, with special attention to schooling in wealthy modern democracies. Topics may include the purposes of education, the value of having an education, educational authority, the distribution of educational opportunity, and the special role of higher education. (H)  
**Prerequisite:** sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor.  
**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities

PHP 3786 Existentialism 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Examines the existentialist movement in philosophy through readings from such figures as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche and Sartre. (H)  
**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities

PHP 4784 Analytic Philosophy 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Studies the major philosophers, themes and developments of the analytic tradition, from Frege, Russell, Moore and Wittgenstein to Quine, Austin and contemporary figures.  
**Prerequisite:** a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.

REL 4177 Special Topics in Religion and Ethics 3 Credits  
**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade  
Special topics in religion and ethics. (WR)  
**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement