PHILOSOPHY

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

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Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.

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
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 3100 Ancient Greek Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the nature of God, universals, individuation and future contingents.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
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 major philosophical theories 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
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4200 Seminar in Modern Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4201 Seminar in Political Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4300 Seminar in Ethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4410 Seminar in Political Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4510 Seminar in Political Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4644 Continental Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHH 4664 Continental Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

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
Examines ancient Greek and Roman political theories and their ethical foundations. (H) (WR)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 2100 Introduction to Philosophy 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.
Practical methods for understanding reasoned argumentation; instruction in the use of diagrammatic techniques to develop both interpretations and criticisms of philosophical arguments as well as in the application of these techniques in the writing of critical essays on a range of philosophical topics.

PHI 3130 Symbolic Logic 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Systematic study of forms of deduction. Techniques and topics include truth-functional analysis and quantification. (M)
Attributes: General Education - Mathematics

PHI 3300 Theory of Knowledge 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies the central topics and concepts of the theory of knowledge, including the analysis of the concepts of knowledge, truth, justification and related concepts, the nature of empirical knowledge, the problem of skepticism, the nature of a priori knowledge, and the structure of the justification of our beliefs. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHI 3400 Philosophy of Natural Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies central contemporary issues in the philosophy of natural science: the nature of laws, the logic of discovery and the relationships between different sciences. The sciences used for illustration vary with the instructor. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHI 3420 Philosophy of the Social Sciences 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies the possibility of social laws, the nature of social explanation and rationality, and the role of value judgments in social-scientific research. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHI 3459 Medicine and Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines areas in which medicine and philosophy overlap, including philosophy of science as applied to medical research, ethical theories as applied to medical cases, and moral reflection on the institution of medicine. Provides information about contemporary medical practice and research as well as tools for their critical assessment.
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or 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
Studies the problems of first philosophy: the concepts of existence, essence, object, property and event; universals and particulars; the nature of change, possibility, causation, space and time. Traditional philosophical issues such as free will, the mind/body problem, personal identity and the existence of abstract entities (e.g., numbers) are discussed as are views of realism, idealism, materialism and relativism. (H)
Attributes: General Education - Humanities

PHI 3501 Free Will 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.
Sustained examination of key questions about free will. What exactly does it take for an action to be performed freely? Do scientific results threaten free will? What case can be made for the existence of free will? What are the consequences if free will does not exist?

PHI 3551 Thought Experiments 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Much philosophical work depends on thought experiments in which we evaluate merely hypothetical situations; examine several such experiments to gain insight about their general character and proper use. Cases may include Descartes’ "evil genius," Searle’s "Chinese Room" example, and Gettier’s examples of true, justified belief without knowledge.
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or 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
Examines rationality, morality, and personhood. What does it mean to be the same person over time? How is personal identity related to the rationality of self-interest or the rationality of morality? Topics may include the nature of reasons, self-undermining theories, reductionism about people, population ethics, and more.
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or 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
The ethical issues that arise in medicine and biotechnology.

PHI 3641 Ethics and Innovation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Grounding in ethical theory and moral reasoning with a focus on changes at both organizational and societal levels, including, for instance, technological innovations, new business practices and legal changes. Examines the rights and responsibilities of those making such changes as well as the conditions that facilitate responsible decision making. (H, WR4)
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or innovation academy minor or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 3650 Ethics and Political Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines the rights and responsibilities of those making such changes at both organizational and societal levels, including, for instance, technological innovations, new business practices and legal changes. Examines the rights and responsibilities of those making such changes as well as the conditions that facilitate responsible decision making. (H, WR4)
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or innovation academy minor or instructor permission.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 3700 The Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.
Reviews the nature of religious language, the nature of religious experience, the religious and non-religious accounts of the existence of God and the nature of an ultimate reason for belief.

PHI 3800 Topics in Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: sophomore or higher standing or PHI 2010 or PHI 2100 or PHI 2630 or PHM 2204 or philosophy major or minor or instructor permission.
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 3851 Grounding in Ethical Theory 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 3633 or PHI 3641 or PHI 3650 or PHI 3700 or PHI 3800 or instructor permission.
Provides an introduction to a variety of ethical theories through the analysis of their assumptions about good life, right action, and the placement of ethical evaluation. Major ethical theories such as utilitarianism, relational ethics, deontological ethics, virtue ethics, and political philosophy are examined through the lens of case studies, historical and contemporary debates, and a range of students' personal experiences.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 3871 The Philosophy of Education 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 3633 or PHI 3641 or PHI 3650 or PHI 3700 or PHI 3800 or instructor permission.
Examines the major philosophical questions about education, such as the purposes of education, the nature of knowledge, the role of education in personal and social development, and the ethical implications of educational practices.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

PHI 3881 The Philosophy of Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Prerequisite: PHI 3633 or PHI 3641 or PHI 3650 or PHI 3700 or PHI 3800 or instructor permission.
Examines the main philosophical questions in the philosophy of science, such as the nature of scientific knowledge, the role of scientific theories, the relation of science to the world, and the role of science in society.
Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement
PHI 3620 The Concept of God 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 3690 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 3890 Philosophy of Education 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the nature of education, the aims of education, and the ethics of teaching and learning. The course examines various philosophical perspectives on these topics and considers their implications for educational practice.
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
PHI 4100 Social Justice and Ethics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines ethical issues related to social justice, including topics such as social inequality, human rights, and the role of ethics in public policy. (Advanced)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
PHI 4110 Ethics and Law 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides a comprehensive overview of the role of ethics in law, including normative theories of legal reasoning, legal ethics, and the ethics of legal professions. (Advanced)
Prerequisite: a 3000-level philosophy course or department permission.
PHI 4300 Political Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Explores the foundations and applications of political philosophy, focusing on classical and contemporary theories of justice, democracy, and political power. (Advanced)
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.
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