PHILOSOPHY

PHI 5405 Modern Philosophy I 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Close reading of central text of the rationalists in the early modern period, especially Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz.

PHI 5406 Modern Philosophy II 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Close reading of central texts of the empiricists in the modern period, especially Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

PHI 5605 Studies in Continental Philosophy 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Close reading of central texts of the major figures in the European continental tradition, such as Husserl, Heidegger, and Sartre.

PHI 6105 Seminar in Ancient Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of Greek and Roman antiquity.
Prerequisite: PHP 5005 or PHP 5015, depending on topic.

PHI 6425 Seminar in Modern Philosophy 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in philosophy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. S/U option only if admitted to candidacy.
Prerequisite: PHI 5406 or consent of instructor.

PHI 5135 Graduate Logic 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Propositional calculus, quantificational logic through completeness, and an introduction to modal logic.

PHI 5225 Philosophy of Language 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced seminar in logic, covering topics in model theory and recursion theory, beyond level of PHI 5135, including a careful treatment of Godel’s incompleteness theorems and a modest study of undecidability. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 5325 Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of central issues in contemporary philosophy of mind, such as approaches to the mind-body problem, theories of mental content and consciousness, mental causation, and methodology in psychology.

PHI 5365 Epistemology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of central issues in contemporary epistemology such as major theories of knowledge, justification, and truth.

PHI 5405 Philosophy of Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of central issues in the philosophy of science, such as the nature of the scientific method, and the differences between the natural and social sciences.

PHI 5425 Philosophy of Social Science 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of the central issues in the philosophy of social science, such as reduction, covering laws, rational reconstruction, interpretation, and causation.

PHI 5505 Metaphysics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of issues in contemporary metaphysics, such as existence, identity, universals and abstract objects, the nature of particulars, modalities, and causation.

PHI 5665 Ethical Theory 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced survey of central issues in ethical theory, such as consequentialism and deontology, theories of justice, and moral skepticism.

PHI 5696 Ethics and Emerging Technology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A foundational course introducing students to important interactions between ethics, economics, and public policy in assessing the social value of emerging technologies.
Prerequisite: student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

PHI 5905 Individual Work 1-6 Credits, Max 6 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Problem, author, or topic not treated in available courses.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, graduate coordinator, and chair.

PHI 5935 Proseminar 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Mandatory for entering students. Methods of inquiry and research.

PHI 6105 Seminar in Logic 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced seminar in logic, covering topics in model theory and recursion theory, beyond level of PHI 5135, including a careful treatment of Godel’s incompleteness theorems and a modest study of undecidability. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6226 Seminar in Philosophy of Language 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of language, such as compositionality, pragmatics, speech act theory, semantics of attitude reports or deflationary theories of truth. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6306 Seminar in Epistemology 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics in epistemology, such as epistemic justification, skepticism, or foundationalism. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.
Prerequisite: PHI 5365 or PHP 5785.

PHI 6326 Seminar in Philosophy of Mind 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topic or theme in philosophy of mind, such as theories of mental representation, the mind-body explanatory gap, nativism, or the problem of mental causation. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.
PHI 6406 Seminar in Philosophy of Science 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in the philosophy of science, such as the scientific explanation, laws, and theories of space and time. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.
Prerequisite: PHI 5136 and PHI 5405.

PHI 6506 Seminar in Metaphysics 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in contemporary metaphysics, such as identity, Platonism and nominalism, the nature of particulars, necessity and possibility, events and facts, and the nature of causation. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6639 Topics in Ethics of Technology 3 Credits, Max 6 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Variable topic seminar focusing on the ethical dimensions of one or more central areas of emerging technology.
Prerequisite: PHI 5696 or instructor permission.

PHI 6667 Seminar in Ethics 3 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of particular topics or themes in ethical theory, such as noncognitivism, moral realism, virtue ethics, and consequentialism. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6905 Individual Work 1-9 Credits, Max 9 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of author or topic not treated in available courses.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, graduate coordinator, and chair.

PHI 6910 Supervised Research 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Supervised Research

PHI 6934 Special Topics 1-4 Credits, Max 18 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Special research topics falling outside of the scope of other research seminars. S/U option available if student admitted to Ph.D. candidacy.

PHI 6940 Supervised Teaching 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Supervised Teaching

PHI 7979 Advanced Research 1-12 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master’s degree in the field of study or for students who have been accepted for a doctoral program. Not appropriate for students who have been admitted to candidacy.
Prerequisite: consent of the graduate committee.

PHI 7980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 1-15 Credits
Grading Scheme: S/U
Research for Doctoral Dissertation

PHP 5005 Ancient Philosophy I 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examination of central themes in Plato's thought through close reading of several major dialogues.

PHP 5015 Ancient Philosophy II 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Historical and critical study of major aspects of Aristotle's logic, epistemology, physics, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind, through a close reading of central texts.