PHILOSOPHY (PHI)

PHI 5199  Non-Thesis Degree Completion (1)
To fulfill requirements for non-thesis master's students who need to complete final degree requirements other than coursework during their last semester. This may include such things as a comprehensive examination, oral examination, or foreign language requirement. Students are required to be registered during the semester they graduate.

PHI 5301  Readings from Plato (3)
Topics include Plato's philosophical contributions in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, social and political philosophy, and aesthetics. Additional topics may include the philosophical uses of literary form, and the role of psychology and the emotions in an adequate philosophical understanding of human nature and the common good. Students learn a variety of interpretive approaches to Plato and also become familiar with the secondary literature on Plato. The course may be taken up to three times with different topics for a total of nine hours course credit.

PHI 5302  Readings from Aristotle (3)
We read from Aristotle's writings around a theme, e.g., metaphysics, epistemology, logic, ethics, politics, aesthetics, or psychology. Students become conversant with Aristotle's writings and important secondary literature. Course may be taken up to three times with different topics for a total of nine hours course credit.

PHI 5306  Readings from Kierkegaard (3)
An intensive reading of selected philosophical works of Soren Kierkegaard, drawn from his pseudonymous and non-pseudonymous authorship. Focuses on significant philosophical issues discussed in Kierkegaard's works, putting him in conversation with important philosophers both from the past and from the contemporary world. Course may be taken up to two times with different topics for a total of six hours course credit.

PHI 5310  Value Theory (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
A seminar on the major interpretations of the nature and meaning of value, with particular attention to the relation between value theory and ethics. Course may be repeated once with a different topic of study.

PHI 5311  Readings from the Philosophers (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5311
Pre-requisite(s): For Political Science or Philosophy graduate students only; or consent of instructor
An intensive, critical reading of selected works of major philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Descartes, Locke, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Russell, and Rawls. Other philosophers may be added to this list. May be taken a maximum of six times if different topic, not to exceed eighteen semester hours.

PHI 5312  Topics in Classical Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
A critical study of philosophers from the classical world; may include figures from the pre-socratic origins of philosophy to the times of epicurean and stoic philosophers, including especially Plato and Aristotle. Course may be taken up to three times with different topics for a total of nine hours course credit.

PHI 5313  Topics in Action Theory (3)
An in-depth study of relevant recent and/or more classical philosophical literature on one or more selected topics such as free will, responsibility, practical rationality, decision theory, and intention. Course may be taken up to three times with different topics for a total of nine hours course credit.

PHI 5314  Topics in Modern Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
A critical study of philosophers from the Modern Period, including thinkers from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries. Course may be taken up to three times if topic is different for a total of nine hours credit.

PHI 5315  Topics in Philosophy of Mind (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
A philosophical examination of the nature of the human mind and its relation to the body as well as theories that account for the nature of consciousness, intentionality, and other features of mentality. Course may be taken up to three times when topic is different for a total of nine credit hours for the course.

PHI 5316  Contemporary Philosophical Problems (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
Examination of historical, normative, and analytical problems which have arisen in the history of philosophy and an examination of the systems of philosophy which have emerged from the consideration of these problems. May be taken six times if different topic, not to exceed eighteen semester hours.

PHI 5318  Logic for Philosophers (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
In this course the student should gain formal tools that are useful in a wide range of areas of philosophy, including: propositional logic, quantificational logic, basic set theory, basic probability theory, and basic modal logic.

PHI 5319  Philosophical Writing (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
This course contains a significant amount of epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics. This course has as its goal mastering the art of writing a critical essay in philosophy, an essential skill for success in graduate school in philosophy and for publication success after securing a faculty position in philosophy.

PHI 5320  Special Topics in Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval
Special research topics to be undertaken by students under direct supervision of the professor. Course may be taken a maximum of four times if different topic, not to exceed twelve hours.
PHI 5321 Topics in Epistemology (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
Covers a broad array of issues concerning the nature of successful cognition of the sort sought after in purely theoretical activities. May focus on issues such as the nature and possibility of knowledge, the threat of skepticism, and the nature of rationality and justification, as well as on current controversies in the literature, including controversies with the value of knowledge, debates between foundationalists and coherentists, the Gettier problem, and many others. Course may be taken up to three times when the topic is different for a total of nine credit hours for the course.

PHI 5322 Topics in Metaphysics (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
Covers a broad array of issues concerning the nature of being and reality, involving topics concerning God, the world, and the self. May focus on related topics such as ontology, category theory, substances and attributes, space and time, causation, and possible worlds. Course may be taken up to three times when topic is different for a total of nine credit hours for the course.

PHI 5330 Readings in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
A critical readings course on primary sources and ancient and medieval philosophy. The course concludes with a comprehensive written examination over the sources.

PHI 5331 Readings in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
A critical readings course on primary sources in modern and contemporary philosophy. The course concludes with a comprehensive written examination over the sources.

PHI 5333 Seminar in Political Philosophy (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5333
See PSC 5333 for course information.

PHI 5342 Seminar on Religion, Law, and Politics (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5342, REL 5340
An examination of the liberal and republican traditions of government and their relationship to church-state relations, with particular emphasis on how philosophers, legal theorists, and/or theologians assess the influence of both traditions on the American constitutional system. Among the topics that may be discussed are the debates about liberalism, religious liberty, religious establishment, the employment of religious reasons in a liberal regime, and the nature of public reason.

PHI 5343 Classical Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5343
See PSC 5343 for course information.

PHI 5350 Workshop in Teaching Philosophy (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
This course will address a broad range of pedagogical issues involved in becoming a successful philosophy teacher. Topics include: educational theory, organizational strategies, practical techniques for effective lecturing, practical techniques for stimulating discussion, the logistics of evaluation, the scholarship of teaching and the importance of ongoing self-assessment of classroom performance.

PHI 5353 Medieval Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5353
See PSC 5353 for course information.

PHI 5360 Contemporary Ethical Theory (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
A critical study of issues in contemporary ethical theory; may be taken up to three times with different topics of study, not to exceed nine semester hours.

PHI 5361 Topics in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
This course investigates issues in contemporary philosophy of religion. Course may be taken up to three times with different topics, not to exceed a total of nine hours of course credit.

PHI 5362 Issues in Contemporary Philosophy of Science (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
A critical study of issues in contemporary philosophy of sciences; may be taken up to three times with different topics of study, not to exceed nine hours of course credit.

PHI 5363 Modern Political Thought (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5363
See PSC 5363 for course information.

PHI 5365 Topics in Philosophy of Language (3)
Pre-requisite(s): For philosophy graduate students only or by departmental approval.
A critical study of issues in philosophy of language. Meaning, reference, intentionality and extensionality are among possible topics to be considered using primary sources in contemporary philosophy. May be taken up to three times with different topics not to exceed nine total credit hours.

PHI 5366 Advanced Seminar in Political Philosophy (3)
Cross-listed as PSC 5366
See PSC 5366 for course information.

PHI 5V99 Thesis (1-6)
Research, writing, and oral defense of an approved master's thesis. A minimum of six semester credit hours of PHI 5V99 is required.

PHI 6V10 Prospectus Research (1-6)
Pre-requisite(s): PHI 5330 and 5331; and completion of regular course work.
Supervised research for developing and writing a Dissertation Prospectus Proposal that will be the subject of a preliminary exam that will admit students to candidacy. A student may repeat this course for credit, with a maximum of eighteen total hours.

PHI 6V99 Dissertation (1-12)
Supervised research for the doctoral dissertation.