PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL F102X  Introduction to Philosophy  (h)  
3 Credits  
Survey of philosophers and problems in the Western tradition beginning 
with the ancient Greeks (Plato, Aristotle) and continuing with medieval 
(Anselm, Augustine, Aquinas) and modern European thinkers (Descartes, 
Hume, Kant, Nietzsche). Themes and topics may vary.  
Attributes: UAF GER Humanities Req  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F104X  Logic and Reasoning  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Principles of deductive and inductive logic and application of the 
principles to critical thinking in logic and its application.  
Attributes: UAF GER Humanities Req  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F108  Critical and Quantitative Thinking  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Examines the difference between quantifiable scientific thinking and 
quantiifiable pseudoscientific thinking, making use of the tools of 
formal logic, math and general critical thinking. Examples are drawn from 
contemporary, controversial issues.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F110  Introduction to Political Philosophy  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years  
Introduction to historical and contemporary issues in political thought. 
Topics and themes vary, but include questions such as: Should we 
consent to be governed? What is civil society? What does it mean to be a 
citizen? What are the basic forms of government?  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F202  Introduction to Eastern Philosophy  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Basic assumptions, problems and systems of the major philosophical 
traditions of the Far East.  
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F322X  Ethics  (h)  
3 Credits  
"Ethic,"--from the Greek "ethos" meaning character, custom, usage-- 
is the study of value distinctions. Examination of the nature of value 
judgments--their historical origins and philosophical assumptions--and 
exploration of the application of value distinctions to contemporary 
social, religious and scientific/technical. Recommended but not required: 
Two courses in the Perspectives on the Human Condition baccalaureate 
core.  
Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X; junior standing.  
Attributes: UAF GER Ethics Req  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F341  Theories of Knowledge  (0, h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years  
The nature of knowledge, truth and certainty.  
Prerequisites: COJO F131X or COJO F141X; PHIL F102X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F342  Theories of Reality  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years  
Theories of reality and their relationship to science, philosophy and 
religion.  
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F351  History of Ancient Greek Philosophy  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Review of the philosophy of Plato and Aristotle; minor attention to 
Presocratics.  
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F352  History of Modern Philosophy: Descartes to Kant  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Review of continental rationalist and British empiricist thought, 17th-19th 
centuries.  
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.  
Recommended: PHIL F351.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F353  Survey of Buddhist Thought  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Survey of the major themes and schools of Buddhist thought. 
Emphasis on the interactions with surrounding cultures and competing 
philosophical systems. Includes modern developments in India, China, 
Japan, Tibet and other parts of Asia.  
Prerequisites: Upper class standing or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F361  Philosophy in Literature  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Examination of philosophical issues in literary works. Topics include 
the nature of free will, the effects of choice in building a character, the 
desirable (and undesirable) ways of confronting morality, and the nature 
of evil. Topics and readings vary.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F362  Feminist Philosophy  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Examination of contemporary feminist philosophical positions. Emphasis 
on feminist ethics, social and political philosophy, and epistemology.  
Cross-listed with WGS F362.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
PHIL F363  Philosophy of Religion  (W, h)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Introduction to topics such as arguments for the existence and nature 
of God, the problem of evil, the relation of faith and reason, religious 
language and the connection of religion to the meaning of life.  
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or 
WRTG F214X.  
Recommended: PHIL F102X; upper-division status.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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<td>PHIL F381</td>
<td>Topics in Logics</td>
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<td>PHIL F104X or equivalent; permission of instructor.</td>
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<td>PHIL F402</td>
<td>Biomedical and Research Ethics</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Issues in biomedical ethics. Topics will vary but include discussion of moral principles and problems of research ethics and medical ethics, such as: animal and human experimentation; data management; informed consent; therapeutic and non-therapeutic research; physician/patient relationship; autonomy; assisted reproductive technologies; euthanasia; organ transplantation; and allocation of scarce medical resources.</td>
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<td>PHIL F411</td>
<td>Classical Political Theory</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Political ideas from ancient Greece, Rome and the Judaeo-Christian tradition. Theories of Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine and Aquinas.</td>
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<td>PHIL F412</td>
<td>Modern Political Theory</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Political ideas from the Renaissance to the modern world. Theories of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Marx and Lenin.</td>
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<td>PHIL F414</td>
<td>Contemporary Political Philosophy</td>
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<td>This course takes stock of recent currents in contemporary political thought, including readings from Carl Schmitt, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon, John Rawls, Leo Strauss, Michel Foucault, and Theodor Adorno. We ask how these canonical thinkers influence feminist, environmental, postcolonial, anti-essentialist, democratic and post-human political theory today.</td>
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<td>PHIL F421</td>
<td>Aesthetics</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The nature of aesthetic experience in poetry, music, painting, sculpture, architecture and other arts; studies in relation to artistic production and the role of art in society.</td>
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<td>PHIL F436</td>
<td>Ethical Theory</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Major ethical theories. Includes virtue theory, social contract theory, deontology and utilitarianism with major arguments for and against.</td>
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<td>PHIL F471</td>
<td>Contemporary Philosophical Problems</td>
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<td>Ideological issues facing the modern world.</td>
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<td>PHIL F472</td>
<td>Ethics in International Affairs</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Examination of questions including: What is in the interest of the nation-state according to the logic of statecraft? How does the national interest relate to broader human interest? How does morality relate to the international legal order? Examination is through theory and case studies.</td>
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<td>PHIL F481</td>
<td>Philosophy of Science</td>
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<td>Comparison and discussion of various contemporary methodological positions.</td>
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<td>PHIL F482</td>
<td>Comparative Philosophy and Religions</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Review of non-western philosophical thought, e.g., African, Jewish, Latin American, Oriental and others.</td>
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<td>PHIL F485</td>
<td>Topics in Comparative Philosophies</td>
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<td>Explores, on an advanced level, modern and traditional philosophical questions, problems, and approaches to and within different cultural settings. Student should have at least an acquaintance with a second language and some multicultural experience.</td>
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PHIL F487  Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Biology
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Analysis of some of the main models which explain evolutionary change, followed by consideration of the practical implications these models have on the study of biological phenomena in general.
Cross-listed with BIOL F487.
Stacked with BIOL F687; PHIL F687.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

PHIL F499  B.A. Thesis in Philosophy (W, h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Writing the senior thesis in philosophy.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 2 + 0

PHIL F687  Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Biology
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Analysis of some of the main models which explain evolutionary change, followed by consideration of the practical implications these models have on the study of biological phenomena in general.
Cross-listed with BIOL F687.
Stacked with BIOL F487; PHIL F487.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0