Philosophy (PHIL)

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PHIL F102X Introduction to Philosophy (h)
3 Credits
Offered Fall, Spring and Summer
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
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

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
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F108 Symbolic Logic (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
This course provides a thorough and in-depth introduction into the
structures that underlie critical, quantitative thinking. Students will learn
the language, concepts, and system of formal first-order logic and natural
deduction.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F110 Introduction to Political Philosophy (h)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-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?
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F202 Introduction to Eastern Philosophy (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Basic assumptions, problems and systems of the major philosophical
traditions of the Far East.
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F322X Ethics (h)
3 Credits
Offered Fall, Spring and Summer
"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.
Prerequisites: Placement in WRTG F111X; junior standing.
Attributes: UAF GER Ethics Req
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F341 Theories of Knowledge (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
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F342 Theories of Reality (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Theories of reality and their relationship to science, philosophy and religion.
Prerequisites: PHIL F102X.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

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.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

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.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

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.
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
PHIL F382  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.

PHIL F383  Philosophy of Religion  (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.

PHIL F402  Biomedical and Research Ethics  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
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.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; junior or senior standing; a course in philosophy, science, or nursing.

Cross-listed with BIOL F402.

PHIL F411  Classical Political Theory  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants

Prerequisites: COM F131X or COM F141X; PHIL F102X; upper division status.

PHIL F412  Modern Political Theory  (s)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Political ideas from the Renaissance to the modern world. Theories of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Marx and Lenin.

Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; PHIL F102X; PS F101X.

PHIL F413  Contemporary Political Philosophy  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
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.

Prerequisites: PS F102X, upper division standing.

PHIL F421  Aesthetics  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
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.

Prerequisites: Junior/senior standing.

PHIL F436  Ethical Theory  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Major ethical theories. Includes virtue theory, social contract theory, deontology and utilitarianism with major arguments for and against.

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

PHIL F441  Contemporary Philosophical Problems  (h)
3 Credits
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years
Ideological issues facing the modern world.

Prerequisites: PHIL F351; PHIL F352.

PHIL F471  Ethics in International Affairs  (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
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.

Prerequisites: PHIL F322X or PS F221X.

PHIL F472  Contemporary Philosophical Problems  (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Odd-numbered Years
Comparison and discussion of various contemporary methodological positions.

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

PHIL F481  Philosophy of Science  (h)
3 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Comparison and discussion of various contemporary methodological positions.

Prerequisites: Junior standing.
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 F487; PHIL F687.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F499  B.A. Thesis in Philosophy  (h)
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Writing the senior thesis in philosophy.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 2 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

PHIL F687  Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Biology
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
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
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus