PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

College of Liberal Arts
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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
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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?
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
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.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
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  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F363  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.  
Recommended: PHIL F102X; upper-division status.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

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.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F411  Classical Political Theory  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Prerequisites: COM F131X or COM F141X; PHIL F102X; PS F101X; WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X.  
Cross-listed with PS F411.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

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.  
Cross-listed with PS F412.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F414  Contemporary Political Philosophy  
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 F101X, upper division standing.  
Cross-listed with PS F414.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

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.  
Recommended: PHIL F102X or HUM F201X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

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.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F471  Contemporary Philosophical Problems  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years  
Ideological issues facing the modern world.  
Prerequisites: PHIL F351; PHIL F352.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F472  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.  
Cross-listed with PS F472.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus  

PHIL F481  Philosophy of Science  (h)  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years  
Comparison and discussion of various contemporary methodological positions.  
Prerequisites: Junior standing.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
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
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