

PHIL - PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy**Units: 3**

Basic problems in different areas of philosophy such as ethics, political theory, metaphysics and epistemology.

Term Offered: Spring and Fall

PHIL 102 - Critical Thinking and Reasoning**Units: 3**

Non-symbolic introduction to logical thinking and everyday life, law, politics, science, advertising; common fallacies; the uses of language, including techniques of persuasion.

Term Offered: Spring and Fall

PHIL 114 - Introduction to Symbolic Logic**Units: 3**

Methods and principles of correct reasoning and argumentation with application to the various sciences.

Term Offered: Spring

PHIL 130 - Topics in Philosophy or Religion**Units: 3**

Study of special topics in philosophy or religion taken at the introductory level (e.g., philosophy of atheism, ethics of euthanasia, abortion, etc.). May be repeated to a maximum of six credits.

Enrollment Requirements: A grade of C- or better in ENG 100 or ENG 101 or equivalent or qualifying SAT/ACT score or instructor permission.

PHIL 135 - Introduction to Ethics**Units: 3**

This course introduces ethical theory in the context of case studies drawn from literature, films and the media. The course introduces students to classical and modern examples of ethical theory such as ethical relativism, egoism, utilitarianism, the categorical imperative and theories of moral development.

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENG 101 or qualifying English placement score.

Term Offered: Spring and Fall

PHIL 210 - World Religions**Units: 3**

A critical introduction to the nature and practices of various religions. Studies the main moral and religious views of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Sikhism. Satisfies TMCC and UNR Diversity requirement.

Enrollment Requirements: Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in ENG 101 or qualifying English placement score.

Term Offered: All Semesters

PHIL 211 - Introduction to Ancient Philosophy**Units: 3**

Major thinkers from the sixth through the second century B.C.E., e.g., the pre-Socrates, Socrates, the sophists, Plato, Aristotle, the atomists, cynics, skeptics, stoics and Epicureans.

Term Offered: AS NEEDED

PHIL 213 - Introduction to Modern Philosophy**Units: 3**

Major thinkers from the Renaissance through the 18th century, e.g., Bacon, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.

Term Offered: AS NEEDED

PHIL 224 - Introduction to the Philosophy of Science**Units: 3**

Philosophical problems and implications of historical and contemporary scientific inquiry, e.g., the nature of laws, theories, explanations, scientific revolutions, values, relations of science and society.

Term Offered: AS NEEDED

PHIL 244 - Bioethics**Units: 3**

This course provides a balanced systematic, unbiased ethical framework designed to help students understand and analyze a wide range of issues currently controversial in medicine or that are likely to arise in the future. Treatment of such issues as abortion and euthanasia, cloning, genetic screening, just health care, patients' rights, the use of human and animal subjects in research.

Term Offered: Spring and Fall

PHIL 245 - Contemporary Moral Issues**Units: 3**

Topical questions in practical ethics, e.g., war and terrorism, world hunger, abortion, racial discrimination, gender roles, the environment from a multicultural perspective.

Term Offered: AS NEEDED