

# PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

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## PHIL 5002 - Ancient Greek Philosophy (3 Credits)

History of ancient Greek thought, including traditional myth, pre-Socratic fragments, Plato's dialogues, and Aristotle's systematic philosophy.

Cross-listed with PHIL 3002. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

## PHIL 5013 - Methods and Practices of Graduate Interdisciplinary Humanities (3 Credits)

The second of three required Master of Humanities core courses, this course introduces beginning graduate students to methodologies and intellectual frameworks for gathering, organizing, and developing interdisciplinary research. Focus is on the application of theories and methods of research, interpretation and analysis in humanistic research through readings that explore philosophical and cultural discourses have altered theory and method. Course note: Students must repeat this course if they earn a C+ or lower and must have permission from the instructor to repeat the course. Students will only earn 3 credits for this course, even if they must repeat it. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with HUMN/SSCI 5013. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5022 - Modern Philosophy (3 Credits)

History of philosophy from Descartes through Kant. Cross-listed with PHIL 3022. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA) Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5040 - Skepticism (3 Credits)

Considers radical skepticism in the form of Sextus Empiricus' Outlines of Pyrrhonism. Following Peter Suber's "Essay on Classical Skepticism," the course also looks at historical responses to Pyrrhonian skepticism, especially in theories of belief. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4040. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5101 - Pragmatism: Classical American Philosophy (3 Credits)

The most significant philosophical tradition born in the United States is pragmatism. Examines several of the most important classical works of this tradition, the influence of thinkers who have helped pragmatism, and the contemporary relevance of this tradition. Figures who may be included in this course are: Emerson, Pierce, Royce, James, Dewey, Mead and Rorty. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4101, SSCI 5101, HUMN 5101. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5200 - Social and Political Philosophy (3 Credits)

Examines basic issues in social and political philosophy, including justice, freedom, individuality, power and community. Cross-listed with PHIL 3200. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5220 - Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art (3 Credits)

Introduction to major theories of aesthetics and contemporary discussions of problems in aesthetics and the philosophy of art, including topics such as: the nature of art, interpretation and evaluation in art. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4220 and HUMN 5220. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

## PHIL 5242 - Bioethics (3 Credits)

Examines some of the major moral issues confronting the nation's health care system. The class will search for solutions to such problems as financing health care for those unable to do so on their own, determining the extent of a patient's right to both refuse and demand certain types of medical treatment, and allocating scarce medical resources such as lifesaving vital organs. The springboard for examining these issues will be the doctor or patient relationship framed by the moral principles of respect for persons and beneficence. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4242, HUMN 5242, SSCI 5242. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5260 - Philosophy of Law (3 Credits)**

Surveys theoretical positions on the nature of law, with particular emphasis on American law. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4260. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5300 - Philosophy of Mind (3 Credits)**

Consideration of the problems in the philosophy of mind, such as the mind-body problem, the problem of our knowledge of other minds, the compatibility of free will and determinism, and discussion of such concepts as action, intention, motive, desire, enjoyment, memory, imagination, dreaming and self-knowledge. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4300. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5308 - Contemporary Feminist Thought (3 Credits)**

This course explores contemporary feminist thought in philosophy and literature in the 20th and 21st centuries. Topics include lesbianism, black feminism, Chicana feminism, transgender identity, women and work and others. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with ENGL 4308, ENGL 5308, PHIL 4308, WGST 4308, WGST 5308. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5350 - Philosophy of Science (3 Credits)**

This course examines some of the central philosophical questions concerning the nature of scientific investigation, such as the logical relation of evidence to hypothesis, the objective adjudication of competing hypotheses, the logical function of modeling in empirical inquiry, the criterion for a classificatory system to underwrite induction and explanation, the explanatory relationships between the differing sciences, as well as the theoretical and pragmatic function of scientific law and its relationship to explanation. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4350. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5430 - Environmental Ethics (3 Credits)**

While human industry/technology creates enormous material prosperity, it can result in devastating environmental damage. This course analyzes the moral values, consequences and duties implied in relationships between human beings, animals and ecological systems, while seeking out new and ethical approaches. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 3430, HUMN 5430 and SSCI 5430. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5441 - Philosophical Reasoning Skills (3 Credits)**

This course provides Philosophy majors and other philosophically interested students with the skills and tools necessary for effectively navigating philosophical discussions. In this course we will cover issues such as validity and soundness, as well as several systems useful for demonstrating validity. The course will in addition address important issues in the philosophy of language, including the very important question of definitions, as well as the use of thought experiments and avoidance of informal fallacies. Finally, since philosophical reasoning increasingly involves knowledge of the methods of scientific reasoning, those skills will also be included in the course. Cross-listed with PHIL 3441. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

Typically Offered: Spring.

**PHIL 5450 - Punishment and Social Justice (3 Credits)**

We will use the critical tools of philosophy to think about how contemporary practices of punishment are justified, how they shape the world we live in and what alternative normative frameworks might be. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 5450. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5480 - Perspectives on Good and Evil (3 Credits)**

Examines "problem of evil" as formulated in the philosophical tradition. Presents classical formulation of the problem, traditional solutions & classical critiques of each answer. Considers perspectives of various religious orientations, which deal differently with the question of suffering. Restriction: Restricted to students with Graduate standing. Cross-listed with PHIL 4480, RLST 4480/5480. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

**PHIL 5500 - Feminist Philosophy (3 Credits)**

Seminar on key debates & figures in historical & contemporary feminist philosophy. Topics may include: rights, embodiment, gender, sexuality, race, reason, & violence. Figures may include: Wollstonecraft, Stanton, Beauvoir, Judith Butler, and bell hooks. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Crosslisted with PHIL 4500, WGST 4500 & 5500. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5600 - Philosophy of Religion (3 Credits)**

Nature of religion and methods of studying it. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with HUMN 5600, PHIL 4600, RLST 4060, 5060, and SSCI 5600. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5655 - Differing Concepts of God (3 Credits)**

God, Gods, and Goddesses have been imagined in many different modes, forms, aspects, and guises throughout human history. This course investigates Paleolithic models of God, the Great Goddess of the Neolithic era, the Gods of mythological traditions, Biblical God, the abstract God of the philosophers, the God of the pantheists, the deists, and the God of the mystics. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4650, RLST 4400 and 5400. Max Hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5730 - Philosophy and Literature (3 Credits)**

Considers the philosophical dimensions of literature. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4730, ENGL 4735 and 5735. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5750 - Introduction to Phenomenology (3 Credits)**

Examines the contribution of phenomenology to selected topics in the theory of meaning, philosophy of mind, ontology, and epistemology, through a study of such philosophers as Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre and Merleau-Ponty. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4750. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5755 - Philosophical Psychology (3 Credits)**

Explores debates about psyche and body, mind and world, self and others, and consciousness and nature. Examines the philosophical questions related to those debates that arise within theories of perception, affect and cognition offered by influential psychological models.

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4755, HUMN 5750 and SSCI 5750. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5770 - Hegel (3 Credits)**

A systematic study of the thought of G.W.F. Hegel through his most important and influential works: *The Phenomenology of Spirit*; *The Encyclopedia of Philosophical Sciences*; *The Science of Logic*; *Lectures on the Philosophy of History*; and his lectures on the history of philosophy, art and religion. Focus of the course varies.

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4770. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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**PHIL 5780 - Heidegger (3 Credits)**

Studies the thought of Martin Heidegger, one of the most important philosophers of the 20th century. Includes texts from both Heidegger's early and later periods, and focuses on his analyses of human subjectivity and being. Prereq: Six credit hours in Western philosophy. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4780. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

**PHIL 5790 - Nietzsche (3 Credits)**

A close study of Nietzsche's philosophical writings, with attention to his significance for philosophy in the 20th century and beyond. Cross-listed with PHIL 4790. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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Typically Offered: Spring.

## PHIL 5795 - Marx and Marxism (3 Credits)

A close study of the most influential works of Karl Marx and subsequent theorists who provide either an influential interpretation of the works of Marx or contribute to an innovative application or elaboration of the basic tenets of Marxism. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4795. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5800 - Plato (3 Credits)

A careful study of Plato's writings, emphasizing the dialogue form, and discussion of Plato's significance for the history of ethics, political theory, psychology, metaphysics and epistemology. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4800. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5810 - Aristotle (3 Credits)

Examines Aristotle's systematic philosophy and discusses its contributions to logic, epistemology, physics, psychology, metaphysics, ethics and political theory. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4810. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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Typically Offered: Spring.

## PHIL 5812 - Special Topics in Philosophy (3 Credits)

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Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5820 - Hume (3 Credits)

Considers the work of eighteenth century philosopher David Hume. Emphasis on unity of Hume's thought. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4820. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5830 - Kant (3 Credits)

A close study of Immanuel Kant's revolutionary thought, focusing on Kant's ontology, epistemology, and ethical theory, as they are articulated in his Critique of Pure Reason and Critique of Practical Reason.

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 3760. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5833 - Existentialism (3 Credits)

Examines one of the most influential movements in recent European thought, beginning with existentialism's 19th century roots, and continuing on to the existentialist philosophers of the 20th century. Figures covered may include Dostoyevsky, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre and de Beauvoir. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4833, HUMN 5833 and SSCI 5833. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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## PHIL 5840 - Independent Study: PHIL (1-3 Credits)

Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the Graduate School for approval. Repeatable. Max Hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Repeatable. Max Credits: 3.

## PHIL 5880 - Directed Research (1-6 Credits)

Students will engage in original research projects supervised and mentored by faculty. Students must work with faculty prior to registration to develop a proposal for their project and receive permission to take this course. Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the Graduate School for approval. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Repeatable. Max Credits: 6.

## PHIL 5900 - John Dewey (3 Credits)

John Dewey was one of the most important of the American philosophers and public intellectuals of the twentieth century. Topics may include Dewey's philosophical naturalism, pragmatist epistemology, process metaphysics and philosophies of experience, aesthetics, religion, technology and democracy. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4900. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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PHIL 5920 - Philosophy of Media and Technology (3 Credits)

A philosophical examination of interrelationships between contemporary media, technology, and their impacts upon character of contemporary life and values. Topics may include ethics, epistemology, democracy, advertising, media literacy and criticism. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4920, HUMN 5920, SSCI 5920. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA)

PHIL 5933 - Philosophy of Eros (3 Credits)

What does it mean to understand philosophy as an erotic activity?

This question will be examined, first by studying Plato's dialogues- such as Lysis, Symposium and Republic- and then by reading texts from Sigmund Freud, Michael Foucault and others. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Bachelors to Masters program (PHIL-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with PHIL 4933, WGST 4933/5933, SSCI 5933 and HUMN 5933. Max hours: 3 Credits.

Grading Basis: Letter Grade

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