

Philosophy

Course Offerings – Fall 2009

Phil 1000-01	Introduction to Philosophy - C1, CH	Griesmaier				
MW 10:00-10:50	This course is designed to introduce you to philosophy by focusing on three major areas of philosophical research: <u>epistemology</u> , or the theory of knowledge, <u>metaphysics</u> , or the theory of the ultimate nature of reality, the <u>philosophy of mind</u> , and <u>ethics</u> , the investigation of the moral permissibility and/or obligatoriness of (types of) human action.					
With a discussion session on Fridays (Sections 20-23)	<p>Discussion Sections held on Fridays:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">section 20 – 10:00-10:50</td> <td style="width: 50%;">section 22 – 11:00-11:50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>section 21 – 10:00-10:50</td> <td>section 23 – 11:00-11:50</td> </tr> </table>	section 20 – 10:00-10:50	section 22 – 11:00-11:50	section 21 – 10:00-10:50	section 23 – 11:00-11:50	
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Phil 1000-02	Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH	Colter				
MW 9:00-9:50	See description above. Section 2 will hold discussion sections as follows:					
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Phil 1000-03	Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH	Goodin				
TR 11:00-12:15	See description above.					
Phil 3000-01	TP: Ancient Philosophy	Colter				
MWF 12:00-12:50						
Phil 3000-02	TP: Philosophy of Biology	Moffett				
TR 9:35-10:50	This course will examine some central problems in the philosophy of biology: Why is (or is not) creationism a scientific alternative? What exactly is evolution by natural selection? Is it possible to give a naturalistic account of the "functions" of organs or organisms? What are the units of selection? What is "fitness": is it a tautological concept? What are species? Is the attempt in "sociobiology" and "evolutionary psychology" to extend biological explanations to psychological and social facts about human beings theoretically well-founded?					
Phil 3000-03 XL: WMST 4500	TP: Feminist Ethics	Goodin				
MWF 1:10-2:00	This course will examine both traditional ethical theory and the feminist claim of deficiencies in the traditional theories. We will examine the validity of the claims that there are deficiencies in the theories and evaluate the feminist ethical theories in terms of how well they deal with various ethical issues.					
Phil 3100-01	History of Modern Philosophy – C1	Goodin				
MWF 11:00-11:50	This course provides a critical study of philosophical figures during the 17th and 18th century: Descartes, Locke, Spinoza, Leibniz, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.					
Phil 3250-01	Global Justice - G	Sherline				
TR 11:00-12:15	This course takes a philosophical approach to problems of global justice and injustice. A few topics to be covered will be; skepticism of global justice (political realism, states as sovereignty), substantive issues of justice and injustice, the AIDs pandemic, malaria and other global health issues.					
Phil 3560-01	Introduction to Metaphysics	Moffett				
TR 1:20-2:35	This course explores the most basic questions concerning the fundamental structure of reality. We will consider questions about the basic furniture of the universe (ontology), as well as the way in which these constituents are inter-related (e.g., the nature of causation).					
Phil 4120-01 XL: 5120-01	Philosophy and the 20th Century	Griesmaier				
W 3:00-5:30	This course is a pro-seminar for graduate students as well as a seminar for undergraduates. We will discuss in depth a number of classics in analytic philosophy in the areas of the philosophy of language, metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics. Emphasis will be on (further) developing the skills required for doing philosophy in the analytic tradition, including argument analysis, construction of objections and counterexamples, elements of paper writing, and peer editing.					
Phil 4300-01 XL: 5300-01	Topics in Ethics: Nagel, Scanlon and Darwall	Sherline				
R 3:00-5:30	In this seminar we'll be examining exciting recent works by Thomas Nagel, Thomas Scanlon, and Stephen Darwall. These works share an affinity for a nonconsequentialist normative ethic and a metaethical view that might be described as practical realism.					
Phil 4420-01	Advanced Logic	Griesmaier				
T 3:00-5:30	This is an introduction to Modal Logic, an area of increasing importance for doing technical philosophy, esp. for those interested in metaphysics. It will cover propositional and quantified modal logic, exploring both proof and model theories.					

Major and Minor information can be found on the Philosophy web site at:
<http://uwoyo.edu/philosophy>
 or by contacting the Philosophy Department at 766-3204, Hoyt Hall, Rm 325