

# PHIL - PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

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## **PHIL U102 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Credit Hours**

Introduction to the main problems of philosophy and its methods of inquiry, analysis and criticism. Works of important philosophers are read.

## **PHIL U111 Political Philosophy 3 Credit Hours**

The works, figures, and theories in political philosophy. Topics include the nature and justification of political power, authority, justice, equality, rights, and freedom.

Typically Offered: Upstate Fall Offering

## **PHIL U211 Contemporary Moral Issues 3 Credit Hours**

Moral issues confronting men and women in contemporary society. Topics vary but may include discussion of problems related to abortion, drugs, euthanasia, war, social engineering, and punishment of criminals.

## **PHIL U301 Ancient Philosophy 3 Credit Hours**

Philosophy in the ancient world. Topics include theories of reality, knowledge, and ethics by central figures in ancient Greek philosophy such as Plato, Epicurus, and Aristotle.

Typically Offered: Upstate Fall Offering

## **PHIL U302 Early Modern Philosophy 3 Credit Hours**

The development of post-Renaissance philosophy with primary emphasis on the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Topics include theories of reality, knowledge, and ethics by central figures in modern philosophy such as Descartes, Locke, Berkley, and Hume.

Typically Offered: Upstate Spring Offering

## **PHIL U309 Philosophy of Mind 3 Credit Hours**

A study of traditional problems pertaining to understanding the concept of mind, for example, the mind-body relation, personal identity, and theories of consciousness.

## **PHIL U311 Ethics 3 Credit Hours**

The moral principles of conduct and the basic concepts underlying these principles, such as good, evil, right, wrong, justice, value, duty and obligation. The ethical works of influential philosophers are analyzed in terms of these concepts.

## **PHIL U319 Theories of Knowledge 3 Credit Hours**

The nature and foundations of knowledge. Topics include skepticism and the nature of justification.

## **PHIL U329 Theories of Reality 3 Credit Hours**

Central issues in metaphysics, a branch of philosophy which tries to answer fundamental questions about reality. Topics include causation, freedom, determinism, time, laws of nature, and the nature of existence.

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## **PHIL U339 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credit Hours**

Philosophical thought on religious topics and concepts. Topics include arguments for and against the existence of God, the nature of God, the rationality of belief in God, and life after death.

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## **PHIL U390 Topics in Philosophy 3 Credit Hours**

Selected topics in philosophy, planned around areas of interest.  
Prerequisite(s): Junior or senior standing; or consent of instructor.