

**PHILOSOPHY (PHI)**

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Graduate degrees are not granted in the Department of Philosophy, but coursework is available as supplemental study or as electives.

**Philosophy Courses****305 TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY****3 sem. hrs.**

Focuses on a topic or topics in contemporary philosophy, or on major figures in recent philosophy. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Formerly TOPICS IN 20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY. Prerequisites: PHI 201 and 232 or consent of the instructor.

**310 TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE****3 sem. hrs.**

Examination of topics in philosophy of natural, behavioral, and/or social sciences, e.g., scientific explanation, evidence, methodology, progress, universality, normativity, testability. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Prerequisite: PHI 201 or consent of the instructor.

**315 TOPICS IN MIND AND LANGUAGE****3 sem. hrs.**

Exploration of a topic within the philosophy of mind and/or language (e.g., consciousness, realism/antirealism, truth and meaning. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Formerly TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE, AND MIND. Prerequisite: PHI 201 or consent of the instructor.

**330 TOPICS IN MORAL THEORY****3 sem. hrs.**

Examination of fundamental issues in moral philosophy, e.g., possibility of moral knowledge, justification of value judgments, nature of moral responsibility. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Prerequisite: PHI 232 or consent of the instructor.

**340 TOPICS IN LEGAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY****3 sem. hrs.**

Intensive examination of selected topics in social, political, and legal philosophy, e.g., liberty, justice, rights, equality, community, democracy, political obligation. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Prerequisite: PHI 232 or consent of the instructor.

**340A01 TOPICS IN LEGAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: GENDER, EQUALITY, AND THE STATE****3 sem. hrs.**

This course will examine gendered division of labor and what role government should or should not play; examine contemporary state of gendered labor; examine theoretical accounts of gender justice; and consider several proposals for political intervention to make society more gender just. Prerequisite: PHI 232 or consent of the instructor.

**350 TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY****3 sem. hrs.**

Intensive examination of an important figure, movement, or

theme in the history of philosophy, e.g. Plato, British Empiricism, freewill/determinism. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Contact the Department for availability of the following topics. Prerequisites: PHI 254 and 255 or consent of the instructor.

**350A01 TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: KANT****3 sem. hrs.**

This course is intended to provide students an opportunity for deeper study of the work of Immanuel Kant. The course will mainly concentrate on his work in metaphysics and epistemology on the one hand and moral theory on the other. Prerequisites: PHI 254 and 255 or consent of the instructor.

**350A13 TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: DAVID HUME'S PHILOSOPHICAL LEGACY****3 sem. hrs.**

A close examination of the important sections of Hume's seminal A Treatise of Human Nature along with an examination of the current philosophical significance of Hume's ideas about, e.g., causation and ethical sentimentalism. Prerequisites: PHI 254 and 255 or consent of the instructor.

**350A14 TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: PLATO****3 sem. hrs.**

This course will presume a beginning general knowledge of Plato's main contributions to metaphysics and axiology. Following a refresher on the middle books of the Republic the course will cover more deeply some of Plato's most important middle and later dialogues. Prerequisites: PHI 254 and 255 or consent of the instructor.

**363 TOPICS IN METAPHYSICS AND EPISTEMOLOGY****3 sem. hrs.**

Detailed examination of selected issues in contemporary metaphysics and epistemology. Multiple enrollments allowed for credit if topic is different. Prerequisite: PHI 201 or consent of the instructor.