



Sign up for summer classes in

Philosophy

Course Offerings ~ Summer 2016

Session 1

Phil 1000.01	Introduction to Philosophy - CHG	Bell
MTWR 9:10 am - 12:50 pm 5/23-6/10	In this class we will explore some of the following questions: 1. Does God exist? If so, then how do we explain why He allows so much evil into the world? 2. What makes an action right or wrong? Is it always wrong to push someone off a bridge into an oncoming train? 3. How can you know that you are reading this class description in the "real world"? Can you prove you are not dreaming? 4. Is physics any different from palm reading? 5. Are you the same as the person who started reading this class description?	
Phil 3000.01	Philosophy, Art and Film	Cantalamesa
MTWR 1:35 pm - 5:05 pm	In this course we will use popular films to bridge abstract philosophical concepts and arguments with concrete characters and scenarios. We will also explore issues pertaining to the nature of art, representation, and power. Topics will include: What makes you the same person over time? Can fictional films evoke actual emotions? Is the external world real? Is love useful? Why are certain films considered art and others mere entertainment? How should we live if life has no meaning? Some films we will watch: Mad Max: Fury Road (2015), Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986), The Double (2013), and Fight Club (1999)	

Session 2

Phil 3000.02	South Park: A Philosophical Inquiry	Shook
MTWR 1:35 pm - 4:15 pm 6/20-7/15	Few products of pop culture have been able to offer the depth and scope that South Park has for nearly two decades. South Park provides a perfect avenue for the intellectual examination of a myriad of philosophical topics. In this course we will analyze a wide variety of important notions in philosophy, ranging from personal identity to political theory, from time to the limits of human knowledge, and all through the lens South Park has given us. And remember: "Drugs are bad, M'kay".	

Session 3

Phil 3000.03	Are Corporations People? The Philosophy of Groups	Hart
MTWR 9:10am - 12:50 pm 7/18 - 8/5	The claim that corporations are people raises some eyebrows. In this class, we will examine corporations and groups more generally. There are groups all around us: university departments, political parties, athletic teams, churches, and so on. But what sort of thing is a group? Are groups rational? Are they moral? Do they really exist? We'll use philosophy to answer these questions and more. This class will interact with several other disciplines, including political science, economics, law, and the social sciences.	
Phil 3000.04	Philosophy Through Science Fiction	Poland
MTWR 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm 7/18 - 8/5	Science Fiction provides us with some of the most vivid and sometimes visceral presentations of problems that are traditionally classified as 'philosophical.' Problems such as 'Who are we (What is the Human Condition)? Where are we (What is the nature of reality)? What are we doing here (Do we have a purpose)? In this course we will discuss classic and contemporary approaches to addressing these and related questions (e.g. 'What is Knowledge?' 'What is a Mind?' 'What is Time?') through both academic literature and science fiction media.	