

# Philosophy

## Course Offerings

Fall 2011

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<b>Phil 1000-01</b>	<b>Intro to Philosophy: Conceptual Foundations of Science – C1, CH</b>	<b>Griesmaier</b>
MW 10:00-10:50 am	Despite popular opinion, philosophical questions have driven the development of science in the West to a degree at least as great, if not greater, as that stemming from empirical discoveries. Even today, many of the foundational questions arising in the empirical sciences are of a distinctly philosophical nature: What standards, e.g., should guide rational theory choice? What is the nature of evidence? What's the use of idealization if we are after the truth? We'll discuss these issues by exploring the interplay between philosophy and the sciences throughout history.	
<b>Plus one Friday discussion section</b>		
	<b>Discussion Sections</b> held on Fridays: section 20 – 10:00-10:50    section 21 – 10:00-10:50    section 22 – 11:00-11:50    section 23 – 11:00-11:50	
<b>Phil 1000-02</b>	<b>Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH</b>	<b>Goodin</b>
MWF 11:00-11:50 am	This course is the study of basic questions in philosophy: what is reality, what is knowledge, what is the Good, does God exist, can only humans think, and do we have free will?	
<b>Phil 1000-03</b>	<b>Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH</b>	<b>Mayes</b>
MWF 9:00-9:50 am	This course is the study of basic questions in philosophy: what is reality, what is knowledge, what is the Good, does God exist, can only humans think, and do we have free will?	
<b>Phil 3000-01</b>	<b>Topic: Introduction to Formal Syntax</b>	<b>Moffett</b>
MWF 10:00-10:50 am	This course will provide the student with a basic introduction to generative syntax, with a particular focus on the approach known as Principles and Parameters. Topics will include phrase structure, case theory, binding, movement, and locality conditions. This course is an ideal companion to the semantic issues discussed concurrently in Phil 4190: The Philosophy of Language.	
<b>Phil 3110-01</b>	<b>History of Modern Philosophy: Empiricists</b>	<b>Goodin</b>
MWF 1:10-2:00 pm	This course is the companion piece to The Rationalists. In this course we will study the metaphysics and epistemology of John Locke, George Berkeley, and David Hume.	
<b>Phil 3250-01</b>	<b>Global Justice – G</b>	<b>Sherline</b>
MWF 11:00am-11:50 pm	This course examines a number of current debates concerning the ethics and justice of international relations: Does justice even apply to the international order? Do people have a right to secede from a state? What is a just policy on immigration, open or closed borders? Should guest workers have a right to become citizens? What are the obligations of affluent individuals and states to the poor of the world? In the last part of the semester, students work on independent projects.	
<b>Phil 3420-01</b>	<b>Symbolic Logic</b>	<b>Griesmaier</b>
MWF 2:10-3:00 pm	Studies both propositional and quantificational logic, concentrating on methods of proof. Takes up such topics as identity, singular terms, intuitive set theory, and translating English sentences into symbolic notation.	
<b>Phil 4140/5140</b>	<b>Topics in Philosophy &amp; Science: Scientific Representation</b>	<b>Griesmaier</b>
T 3:00-5:30 pm	Scientific theorizing involves a wide variety of representations: images, measurement readings, abstract mathematical models, etc. In this seminar, we are going to explore the nature of these representations, their use, and the consequences of our findings for questions concerning scientific realism.	
<b>Phil 4190/5190</b>	<b>Philosophy of Language</b>	<b>Moffett</b>
W 3:00-5:30 pm	In addition to introducing the student to basic philosophical issues in philosophy of language, this course will simultaneously introduce the student to the formal theory of language. Taken in conjunction with Phil 3000: Introduction to Formal Syntax the student will receive a comprehensive introduction to the contemporary theory of language.	
<b>Phil 4300/5300</b>	<b>Topics in Ethics-Recent work on the good life: Wolf and Kraut</b>	<b>Sherline</b>
R 3:00-5:30 pm	In this seminar we're going to concentrate on two recent, very interesting and important books in the general area of good life: Susan Wolf's <i>Meaning in Life and Why It Matters</i> , and Richard Kraut's <i>What Is Good And Why</i> . As an added bonus, each author will be meeting with the class.	

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or by contacting the Philosophy Department at 766-3204, Ross Hall, Room 162