



Sign up for summer classes in

Philosophy

Course Offerings ~ Summer 2012

Session 1

Phil 1000-01	Introduction to Philosophy - CH	Thompson
MTWRF 9:10 – 12:10 pm	Join us for 3 weeks of exploring some of life's most profound questions. Should you?..... How do you know whether you should?..... Will it add <i>MEANING</i> to your <i>LIFE</i> ?..... Does life have meaning?Surely, it does, if GOD exists, <i>right</i> ?.....Does God exist?.....Do you exist?.....Do I?.....Why? I can't promise answers. I can, however, promise that we'll discover questions needing to be asked as we pursue answers and understanding	
5/14 – 6/3		
Phil 3000-01	Anarchy, State & Utopia	Thompson
MTWRF 1:35 – 4:25 pm	Question authority, power, and who should have it as we work for a better tomorrow. We'll spend 3 weeks doing just that as we explore Anarchist answers and assess reasons offered for and against various forms of Anarchism.	
5/14 – 6/3		
Phil 3000-05	Sex, Love and Philosophy	Goodin
MTWR 9:10 – 11:50 am	This course will look at the nature of romantic or erotic love. Among the topics we will cover will be: distinctions among love, sex, infatuation, obsession, and friendship, the role of physical attraction for love, gender differences in the conception of love and sex, and the various views on homosexuality, marriage, monogamy, adultery, promiscuity, perversion, pornography and rape.	
5/14 – 6/10		

Session 2

Phil 2310-01	Philosophy of Religion - CH	Zavala
MTWRF 9:10 – 12:10 pm	This course covers some of the central issues within the philosophy of religion: arguments both in favor of and against the existence of God, the problem of evil, questions relating to the compatibility between science and religion, and the issue of whether and what kind of morality there can be without religion. These issues, and more, will be discussed in light of literature ranging from Plato to contemporary authors. <i>Cross listed with Reli 2500</i>	
6/11 – 7/1		
Phil 3000-04	Black & White: Is race real....and does it matter?	Ulatowski
MTWR 1:35 – 4:10 pm	Commonsense tells us there are distinct races, but this has not precluded some philosophers from arguing that no such division between races exists. On the one hand, some philosophers have argued that race ought to be eliminated from our lexicon, while, on the other hand, others have argued that the elimination of a distinction between races would be a tragic mistake. This course will explore the rich terrain on the idea of race not only by carefully reading important philosophical works by such thinkers as Charles Darwin, W.E.B. DuBois, Immanuel Kant, and Voltaire but also by listening to the music of some of those most (dis)affected by racial thinking in our own country - blues, folk, hip hop, and zydeco singers and songwriters. Familiarity with the history and practice of philosophy is not presupposed; curiosity is.	
6/11-7/8		

Session 3

Phil 3000-02	Existentialism & Literature	Devlin
MTWR 1:35 – 4:10 pm	'Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?' This course covers centrally the quest for meaning in a human being's life. We will consider how we understand ourselves, the world, and our relationship with the world. These considerations will include notions of self-identity, the role and limits of reason/rationality, the role of emotions and passions, the role of faith and religion, human freedom, views of the world, self-estrangement, anxiety and fear, death, and the relation of the self to other human beings. We will grapple with these questions as we follow works of literature that reflect these existentialist questions and address the authors and their characters' views of life, death, and the meaning that lies in between.	
7/9 – 8/3		
Phil 3000-03	Morality & the Movies	Devlin
MTWR 5:00 – 7:35 pm	Movies can present characters that undergo moral dilemmas: problems to solve or decisions to make that have a moral nature and consequences. Furthermore, movies can explore many different questions in the study of morality: What do we mean when we say a person is morally good? How do we justify an action as good? Do we rely upon principles, consequences, virtues, etc? How do we apply such moral reasoning in everyday life? Such moral questions bring us to the topic of moral philosophy, or ethics, which include moral theories that provide various reasons concerning how to act, how to justify decisions between the right and wrong actions, and reasons as to whether or not such theoretical claims are objective or relative. In this course, we explore various films and use readings from famous philosophers in history to help interpret and understand the moral questions and arguments presented through these films.	
7/9 – 8/3		