

Philosophy

Course Offerings

Fall 2012

Phil 1000-01	Intro to Philosophy – C1, CH	Sherline
MW 10:00-10:50	In this course we'll survey some core questions from a variety of different areas of philosophy, including metaphysics, knowledge, mind, ethics, and justice, by concentrating on puzzles, paradoxes, and thought experiments.	
Plus one Friday discussion section	Discussion Sections held on Fridays: section 20 – 9:00-9:50 section 21 – 10:00-10:50 section 22 – 10:00-10:50 section 23 – 11:00-11:50	
Phil 1000-02	Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH	Ulatowski
MWF 11:00-11:50	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?	
Plus one Friday discussion section	Discussion Sections held on Fridays: section 24 – 11:00-11:50 section 24 – 12:00-12:50	
Phil 1000-03	Introduction to Philosophy – C1, CH	Goodin
TR 11:00-12:15	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?	
Phil 2100-01	The Greek Mind – C1, CH	Colter
MWF 9:00-9:50	In this course we will look at the thought of the ancient Greeks, especially their thoughts on the self, morality, and the place of persons in society and the universe as a whole, as they develop from the time of Homer up to the Roman Empire. Attention will be paid to historical context and the texts will be both philosophical and non-philosophical.	
Phil 3000-01	Introduction to the Philosophy of Computer Science	Hill
TR 11:00-12:15	We will examine the juncture of philosophy and computer science to explore the nature and subjects of that common area in its own right, rather than by comparison or derivation from related areas such as epistemology and philosophy of mathematics. The ontology of algorithms, ethical concerns of software engineering, and the force of the computational metaphor for human activity comprise possible topics. <i>Cross-listed with COSC4900</i>	
Phil 3100-01	History of Modern Philosophy: Rationalists	Goodin
MWF 1:10-2:00	In philosophy, the modern time period is defined as 1500-1900. This course is an in-depth text-based study of the three leading Rationalists of the 16th and 17th centuries: Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz.	
Phil 3140-01	Philosophy of Science	Ulatowski
MWF 10:00-10:50	This course is an upper-level introduction to the major issues in one of the central areas of philosophical research, namely, the philosophy of science. It can best be characterized as a systematic reflection on the nature of science in general and of particular scientific theories. As such, it is an attempt to understand the methods and goals of scientific theorizing, to describe the differences between science and other intellectual activities, and to inquire into the relationship between the various scientific disciplines.	
Phil 3250-01	Global Justice - G	Sherline
MWF 12:00-12:50	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.	
Phil 4020/5020	Plato	Colter
W 3:10-5:40	This seminar will be focused on a close reading of Plato's greatest work, <i>The Republic</i> . Significant attention will also be paid to recent scholarship.	
Phil 4300/5300	Topics in Ethics	Sherline
R 3:00-5:30	Further information can be obtained from instructor.	
Phil 4510/5510	Theory of Knowledge	Moffett
T 3:00-5:30	What are the necessary and sufficient conditions of knowledge? What is its structure, and what are its limits? This course aims to answer questions such as: How we are to understand the concept of justification? What makes justified beliefs justified? Is justification internal or external to one's own mind?	

Major and Minor information can be found on the Philosophy web site at: <http://uwyo.edu/philosophy>
or by contacting the Philosophy Department at 766-3204, Ross Hall, Room 162