



Sign up for summer classes in

Philosophy

Course Offerings ~ Summer 2013

Session 1

Phil 1000-01	Introduction to Philosophy - CH	Thompson
MTWRF 9:10 – 12:00 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 <i>GOD</i> exists, <i>right</i> ?.....Does God exist?.....Do you exist?.....Do I?.....Why? No answers promised. However, we will attempt to uncover which questions need to be asked as we pursue answers and understanding."	
	5/20 – 6/9	
Phil 2310-01	Philosophy of Religion - CH	Zavala
MTWRF 9:10 – 12:00 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>	
	5/20 – 6/9	
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.	
	5/20 – 6/9	

Session 2

Phil 3000-02	Metaphysics-Abstract Objects	Ulatowski
MTWRF 1:35 – 4:25 pm	In this course, we will explore the questions associated with the existence or non-existence of abstract objects, like fictional entities, possible abstracta, impossible abstracta (think here of an object that is both round and square all over, a squircle), and numbers. We will do so through careful readings of some of the most important Austrian, Polish, and Anglo-American analytic philosophers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.	
	6/17 – 7/7	
Phil 3000-03	Science Fiction & Philosophy	Poland
MTWR 9:10 – 11:50 pm	Is it possible that we are living in a computer simulation like in the movie The Matrix? Can sophisticated artificial intelligences have genuine minds? Would they be morally equivalent to humans? If your brain is put into another body, did you become a brain donor or were you the recipient of a new body? What are some of the paradoxes associated with time travel? This class will explore these and related questions using both philosophical and science fiction texts/media.	
	6/17-7/14	
Phil 3000-04	Meaning of Life	Troy
MTWR 1:35 – 4:10 pm	Is human life meaningful? Is there a purpose to existence? Why are we here? These are the philosophical questions par excellence, yet they are overlooked by many academic philosophers. We will critically examine various attempts to answer these questions and related issues such as: Is it even possible to find the answers? Are the questions themselves meaningful?	
	6/17-7/14	

Session 3

Phil 3000-05	Existential Cinema	Devlin
MTWR 5:00 – 7:35 pm	This course covers existential philosophy as expressed through film. Existentialism centrally examines the quest for meaning in a human's life. In other words, existentialism considers 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 several key existential philosophers—Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Camus, and Sartre—and use their philosophies to analyze and interpret the existential themes in such films as <i>Rope</i> , <i>Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind</i> , <i>American Beauty</i> , <i>Truman Show</i> , <i>Gone Baby Gone</i> , and <i>Crimes and Misdemeanors</i> .	
	7/15 – 8/9	
Phil 3320-01	Eastern Thought – Non-Western for A&S	Devlin
MTWR 1:35 – 4:10 pm	Philosophical Dialogues Between East and West Take a journey to the East and explore the central philosophies and religions of Asia, as we examine four particular religions – Hinduism, Theravada Buddhism, Taoism, and Mahayana Buddhism – and focus on the philosophical significance of these religions. This significance will be enhanced as we explore these eastern religions in a "philosophical dialogue" with western philosophers such as Plato, Epictetus, Arthur Schopenhauer, and Friedrich Nietzsche. Class discussions will stress analysis of readings and important philosophical concepts that arise from our Eastern and Western exploration and how they apply to our lives at home in the West. <i>Cross listed with Reli 4500</i>	
	7/15 – 8/9	