

Philosophy

Course Offerings – Spring 2017

Phil 1000.01	Introduction to Philosophy – CH <> H	Colter
MW 11:00-11:50 am	This course explores such philosophical topics as God (his existence and his traits), metaphysics (the study of reality and being), and epistemology (the study of knowledge).	
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 – CH <> H	Goodin
TR 11:00 am-12:15 pm	This course explores such philosophical topics as God (his existence and his traits), metaphysics (the study of reality and being), and epistemology (the study of knowledge).	
Phil 2300.01	Ethics in Practice: Bioethics – CH <>	Sherline
MWF 10:00-10:50 am	Are there general tests of moral reasoning in bioethics? What are the obligations of medical professionals towards their patients? How might medical professionals reason about life and death issues? What is a just distribution of health care resources?"	
Phil 3000.01	Topics: African Philosophy	Sherline
TR 1:20-2:35 pm	In this course we'll survey core topics such as: What is African philosophy? African ethical systems and traditional religions, African ethnophilosophy, philosophy in Ethiopia, pan-Africanism and philosophy of race. (XL: AAST4990/INST4990)	
Phil 3000.02	Ideas and Ideology: German Idealism	Griesmaier
TR 11:00-12:15 pm	During the process of gaining knowledge about the world, the human mind brings a lot to the table. Already in the 18 th century, <i>Kant</i> had argued that the objects we know about are partially constituted by our mind, so that we can't know anything about how objects are <i>in themselves</i> . This line of thought was taken up by the German Idealists: <i>Fichte</i> , <i>Schelling</i> , and <i>Hegel</i> . While <i>Fichte</i> argues that all objects of our knowledge are fully constituted by our minds (subjective idealism), <i>Hegel</i> insists that our minds reflect objective ideal structures that lie at the foundation of the universe itself, which, as the so-called <i>Absolute</i> , becomes conscious of its own structures through us (objective idealism). These approaches had profound consequences for political and ethical theories of the 19 th century.	
Phil 3120.01	Ancient Greek Philosophy	Colter
MWF 9:00-9:50 pm	This is a course surveying some of ancient Greek philosophy. We will begin with the works of the earliest extant philosophical thinkers, known as the pre-Socratics, who began thinking in a way that is recognizably philosophical. The remainder of the course will focus on two giants of western philosophy, Plato and Aristotle.	
Phil 3160.01	What Killed Socrates?	Holt
TR 9:35-10:50 am	This course will reexamine Socrates' trial in 399 BCE, widely regarded as a miscarriage of justice, in its total historic context, seeking to understand the reasons for Socrates' conviction. In the process, it will impart a broad understanding of the cultural, philosophical, political, and legal life of classical Athens. (XL: CLAS/HIST 3160)	
Phil 3300.01	Ethical Theory	Sherline
MWF 11:00-11:50 am	We'll concentrate on the question of whether there is a general test for the correctness of basic ethical beliefs and principles, use the famous trolley problem as a case study throughout, and survey contemporary responses by utilitarianism, nonconsequentialists, virtue ethics, and feminism, among others.	
Phil 3420.01	Symbolic Logic	Griesmaier
MWF 1:10-2:00 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.	
Phil 4000/5000	Philosophical Issues: Wittgenstein	Hix
W 3:10-5:40 pm	Analytic philosophers, continental philosophers, ordinary-language philosophers, and on and on: everyone "claims" Wittgenstein. In this course we will focus on his two "landmark" works, the <i>Tractatus</i> and the <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , attempting to read each attentively on its own terms, but also with an eye toward their implications for contemporary philosophy, toward accounting for their broad influence.	
Phil 4020/5020	Plato	Colter
T 3:10-5:40 pm	This seminar will be focused on a close reading of Plato's later works such as <i>Parmenides</i> , <i>Sophist</i> and <i>Timaeus</i> . Significant attention will also be paid to recent scholarship.	
Phil 5100.01	Figs-Modern 19th Century: Descartes	Goodin
R 3:10-5:40 pm	The graduate seminar on Descartes will begin with the classic <i>The Meditations</i> and then go on to the lesser known but more philosophically interesting texts of the <i>Regulae</i> , <i>Le Monde</i> , <i>L'Homme</i> , and <i>The Principles</i> . We will read a variety of secondary articles, but the main secondary text will Gaukroger's <i>Descartes' System of Natural Philosophy</i> .	

Major and Minor information can be found on the Philosophy web site at: <http://uwyo.edu/philosophy>

