Philosophy

Overview

Philosophy is the logical examination of fundamental issues regarding the nature and limits of human knowledge, ultimate reality, moral value and obligation, correct reasoning, beauty, and art. Students of philosophy learn to generate, understand, and evaluate arguments, express themselves clearly and carefully, and see things from multiple points of view.

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Philosophy (PHIL) Courses

PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area I(b); CSU Area A3; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
C-ID: C-ID PHIL 100
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

In this course, students will apply the critical thinking techniques of analysis, evaluation, and synthesis to areas of philosophical inquiry including meta-philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of religion, history of philosophy, and existentialism. Students will practice distinguishing fact from opinion, employing inductive and deductive reasoning, identifying logical errors and fallacies, and developing oral and written arguments to support their own philosophical perspectives or challenge the perspectives of others. The quality and quantity of the course's required writing will reflect the standards of a second semester composition course.

PHIL 304 Introduction to Asian Philosophy

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area A3; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
C-ID: C-ID PHIL 120
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

This course provides an introduction to the philosophical traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism focusing on metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics.

PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
C-ID: C-ID PHIL 120
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

The application of theories developed by traditional and contemporary moral philosophy to the ethical problems, dilemmas, and issues of today.

PHIL 315 Contemporary Moral Issues

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGWR 300.
Transferable: CSU; UC
This course investigates some of the moral issues our society presently faces. These issues may include abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, individual liberty and the collective good, sexuality/gender and society, war and terrorism, capital punishment, hunger/poverty and moral obligation, discrimination, and affirmative action.

**PHIL 320 Logic and Critical Reasoning**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I(b); CSU Area A3
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022

This course is an introduction to basic principles and frameworks of logic and critical thinking appropriately used in argument analysis: deduction, induction, fallacy recognition. Emphasis on developing analytical skills and applying principles of good reasoning to the arguments encountered in life. Argument topics from academic fields and textbooks, the electronic and print media, advertisements, politics and ethics may be considered. The quality and quantity of the course's required writing will reflect the standards of a second semester composition course.

**PHIL 325 Symbolic Logic**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I(b); CSU Area A3
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022

This course introduces sentential and predicate logic by introducing logical symbolism, truth tables, methods of formal analysis and methods of formal proof including natural deduction. It is recommended for students in the sciences, computer programming, mathematics, linguistics, law, and philosophy.

**PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
- **C-ID:** C-ID PHIL 130
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022

This course is a survey of the origin and development of Western (Anglo-European) Philosophy during the period of ancient Greece and Rome. This course may be required for the completion of a degree in philosophy and is especially recommended for all philosophy, history and humanities majors.

**PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
- **C-ID:** C-ID PHIL 140
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022

This course is a survey of the development of Western (Anglo-European) Philosophy from the period of the Renaissance through the period of modern Europe and America. This course is especially recommended for all Philosophy, History and Humanities majors.

**PHIL 338 Contemporary Philosophy**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022

A comprehensive study of the basic ideas of pragmatists, twentieth century metaphysicians, philosophy of language, and existentialists. Special attention will be given to relevance of their ideas to modern life.

**PHIL 350 Philosophy of Religion**

- **Units:** 3
- **Hours:** 54 hours LEC
- **Prerequisite:** None.
- **Transferable:** CSU; UC
- **General Education:** AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
- **Catalog Date:** January 1, 2022
This course is a historical and topical survey of the questions, problems, and theories philosophers have developed in attempts to understand religion as a fundamental impulse within human experience and as a major cultural force. Rather than survey the different religions, this course considers the basic philosophical beliefs and concepts that seem auxiliary to religion. Topics include the possibility of religious knowledge, faith versus reason, theistic arguments, conceptions of God, religious language, atheism, agnosticism, mysticism, the problem of evil, immortality, the challenge of science, and religion's influence on ethics and politics.

PHIL 352 Introduction to World Religions

Same As: RLST 301
Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

This course will introduce students to the major world religious traditions, including indigenous sacred ways, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Students will study the practices and beliefs of each tradition and will read selected material from the sacred writings of each tradition. Also, the influence of these religions on contemporary issues in the United States including ethnicity, ethnocentrism, racism, ageism, class differences, and sexual orientation is considered. This course fulfills Cosumnes River College's Ethnic/Multicultural requirement for the Associates Degree. This course is the same as RLST 301. This course, under either name, may be taken only one time for credit.

PHIL 356 Introduction to the Bible

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
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In this course, students survey the literary, historical, ethical, theological and philosophical themes of the Bible. Students will read extensive passages from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures with special focus on textual exegesis and analysis. Topics from the Hebrew scriptures include the Law, the development of monotheism, the social justice tradition of the Prophets, and the Writings. Topics from the New Testament scriptures include the investigation of the Gospels and the "Jesus Problem" and the examination of the early development of the Christian Church.

PHIL 360 Social/Political Philosophy

Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 3B
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

A historical, methodological, and topical survey of significant themes of social and political philosophy from Plato to our present times: authority, freedom, government, justice, law, rights, society and the state.

PHIL 485 Honors Seminar: Philosophy of the Martial Arts

Same As: HONOR 364
Units: 3
Hours: 54 hours LEC
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU; UC
General Education: CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

This course provides an introduction to the philosophical views that have traditionally been associated with the practice of martial arts and explores the interplay between those views and that practice. It also provides an introduction to those contemporary philosophical issues that arise in the context of present day analytic philosophical reflection on the nature and practice of martial arts. The course thus provides both the opportunity to appreciate the eastern philosophical underpinnings of an activity that has become part of mainstream American Culture and the opportunity to experience the rigorous application of contemporary analytic academic philosophical methodology. Details about the Honors Program can be found in the front of the Catalog and on the CRC website. Enrollment is limited to Honors Program students. This course is the same as HONOR 364 and only one may be taken for credit.

PHIL 495 Independent Studies in Philosophy

Units: 1 - 3
Hours: 54 - 162 hours LAB
Prerequisite: None.
Transferable: CSU
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An independent studies project involves an individual student or small group of students in study, research, or activities beyond the scope of regularly offered courses. See the current catalog section of "Special Studies" for full details of Independent Studies.

PHIL 499 Experimental Offering in Philosophy

Units: 0.5 - 4
Prerequisite: None.
Religious Studies (RLST) Courses

RLST 299 Experimental Offering in Religious Studies

Units: 0.5 - 4  
Prerequisite: None.  
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

RLST 301 Introduction to World Religions

Same As: PHIL 352  
Units: 3  
Hours: 54 hours LEC  
Prerequisite: None.  
Transferable: CSU; UC  
General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C2; IGETC Area 3B  
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

This course will introduce students to the major world religious traditions, including indigenous sacred ways, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Students will study the practices and beliefs of each tradition and will read selected material from the sacred writings of each tradition. Also, the influence of these religions on contemporary issues in the United States including ethnicity, ethnocentrism, racism, ageism, class differences, and sexual orientation is considered. This course fulfills Cosumnes River College's Ethnic/Multicultural requirement for the Associates Degree. This course is the same as PHIL 352. This course, under either name, may be taken only once for credit.

RLST 499 Experimental Offering in Religious Studies

Units: 0.5 - 4  
Prerequisite: None.  
Catalog Date: January 1, 2022

This is the experimental courses description.