Philosophy is best described as the attempt to think clearly and deeply about the fundamental questions that arise for us as human beings. What is the nature of knowledge (epistemology)? How are we to distinguish between what really is and what only seems to be (metaphysics)? What is the right thing to do (ethics)? Is there any meaning to existence? To study the history of philosophy is to study the best, most enduring answers given to these questions in the past. Because every other field of study adopts some stance toward these questions, though often implicitly, philosophical issues arise in the natural and social sciences, history, linguistics, literature, art, and so on. Special courses in philosophy deal with each of these.

Characteristic of philosophy are commitments to the construction and evaluation of arguments, to expressing thoughts clearly and precisely, and to defending one’s ideas and evaluating the ideas of others. The study of philosophy thus provides resources for critical participation in all realms of human endeavor.

The graduate program trains students to teach and pursue research in the main areas of department concentration: ethics (especially bioethics) and social and political philosophy, core portions of analytic philosophy (especially philosophy of mind), history of philosophy, and continental philosophy.

**Bachelor’s Program**

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Philosophy (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/philosophy/philosophy-ba)

**Master’s Program**

- Master of Arts (MA) Degree in the field of Philosophy*

**Doctoral Program**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Philosophy (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/philosophy/philosophy-phd)

* Although students are not normally admitted to a Master of Arts (MA) degree program, graduate students may earn the MA as they work towards the PhD.

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PHIL 101 - CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES  
Short Title: CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Examination of moral issues surrounding such topics as abortion, euthanasia, war, capital punishment, justice, and equality.

PHIL 103 - PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE  
Short Title: PHIL ASPECT COGNITIVE SCIENCE  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: An examination of current research in cognitive science and its philosophical implications. Topics include whether the mind is a computational system, how the mind is organized, what relations minds bear to brains.

PHIL 104 - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE  
Short Title: INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: This course examines core features of scientific method and philosophical accounts of scientific knowledge. Topics include: discovery, explanation, evidence, theories and models.

PHIL 105 - HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY  
Short Title: HIST INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Study and discussion of central issues of Western philosophy as developed by its original thinkers from the ancient Greeks to the twentieth century.

PHIL 106 - LOGIC  
Short Title: LOGIC  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Introduction to the formal theory of reasoning, which will be used to assess the validity of arguments in natural languages. Study of general properties of logical implication and logical truth.

PHIL 109 - PHILOSOPHY OF ART  
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF ART  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: An introduction to central issues in contemporary philosophy of art through the lens of artistic works and practice. Students investigate what constitutes a work of art, artistic representation, the nature of aesthetic qualities, and the relevance of artists’ intentions to the evaluation of works art, with close attention to visual, performance, literary, and experimental art forms.

PHIL 111 - INTRODUCTION TO FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY  
Short Title: INTRO TO FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: An introduction to feminist philosophy both uses philosophical methods to investigate feminism, and critiques philosophy from a feminist perspective. This course introduces the student to feminist philosophy from historical and contemporary perspectives, investigating topics of both feminist and philosophical interest such as gender, sexuality, family, class, race, equality, justice, politics, science, and knowledge. Cross-list: SWGS 111.

PHIL 116 - INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW  
Short Title: INTRO TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: The course will discuss the nature of law in general as well as discrete topics in legal philosophy. How is a legal rule different from an order backed by a terrorist threat? Is retroactive legislation legal? What are legal rights? Is there a general moral duty to obey the law?

PHIL 201 - HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY I  
Short Title: HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY I  
Department: Philosophy  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Lecture  
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.  
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level  
Description: Survey of the major philosophers and philosophical systems of ancient Greece, from Parmenides to the Stoics. Cross-list: CLAS 201, MDEM 201.
This course examines some philosophical problems raised by society and the state. Topics to be discussed include the sources of political authority, the justification of punishment, the significance of national boundaries, and the distribution of wealth.
PHIL 308 - CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
Short Title: CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An examination of philosophical movements in 20th-century European philosophy-including phenomenology, existentialism, hermeneutics, critical theory, deconstruction, and postmodernism. Repeatable for credit with consent of instructor. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency. PHIL 508. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 309 - AESTHETICS
Short Title: AESTHETICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An approach to the philosophy of art drawing upon traditional and contemporary philosophical theories, artist's manifestos, and reflection upon exemplary art works. Topics include: What is a work of art? What is artistic genius? What makes an artwork good? What is the place of art within morality and society?

PHIL 310 - PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The course examines philosophical issues that emerge in the biomedical sciences, the practice of medicine, and health care policy employ concepts of health, disease, disability, and other evaluations. This course explores the interplay of evaluation and explanation in medicine's models of disease and health.

PHIL 311 - PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Examination of God's existence, the problem of evil, the relation between faith and reason, the meaning of death, the relation between religion and morality, and tolerance/respect for differing religions.

PHIL 312 - PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Inquiry into the nature of mind. Questions include: how should we conceive of the relationship of mind and body? What is consciousness, and how might it be explained? How can mental states be causes? Can one's mind and its contents die outside one's brain? Recommended Prerequisite(s): One course in philosophy or permission of the instructor.

PHIL 313 - PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course treats topics of central importance to general philosophy of science. We ask what makes something a scientific explanation, what is required for observations to support (confirm) scientific theories, the nature of evidence, and how experiments relate to theories and models of the world. Topics covered include logical empiricism, the problem of induction, theory-laden observation, relativism, and the role of social values in science. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 314 - THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE
Short Title: THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The biomedical sciences, the practice of medicine, and health care employ concepts of health, disease, disability, and defect in explanatory accounts, intermixing factual claims with moral and other evaluations. This course explores the interplay of evaluation and explanation in medicine's models of disease and health.

PHIL 315 - ETHICS, MEDICINE, AND PUBLIC POLICY
Short Title: ETHICS, MEDICINE & PUB POLICY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The relationship between theories of justice and accounts of the proper allocation of health care is explored. The first half examines Rawls' "Theory of Justice", Nozick's "Anarchy, State, and Utopia", and other accounts of justice and health care. The second addresses specific problems in the allocation of health care resources.
Recommended prerequisite(s): One previous course in philosophy.

works by Hegel, Schopenhauer, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, or others.

in the later post-Kantian philosophical tradition, which may include

"Critique of Pure Reason," and of the development and criticism of

Description: Examination of fundamental philosophical problems in
criminal law, property law, contract law and the law of torts.

PHIL 317 - ETHICS AND EXISTENCE
Short Title: ETHICS AND EXISTENCE
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An examination of the concept of ethical obligation from an
existential point of view. Readings from Kierkegaard, Husserl, Heidegger,
Sartre, Derrida, Levinas, and Apel.

PHIL 319 - FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY
Short Title: FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Feminism investigates every kind of boundary and identity,
including sex, race, and class, finding and questioning them. We will
explore how feminists have reshaped traditional philosophical debates
about knowledge, ethics, science, politics, and technology. Class will tend
away from traditional lectures and exams, and toward active independent
thinking. Cross-list: SWGS 319. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Either
one previous philosophy course, or enrollment in the CSWG&S minor, or
instructor approval.

PHIL 321 - KANT AND 19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY
Short Title: KANT & 19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An examination of Kant's philosophical revolution in his
"Critique of Pure Reason," and of the development and criticism of
conceptions of self-consciousness, autonomy, sociality, and history
in the later post-Kantian philosophical tradition, which may include
works by Hegel, Schopenhauer, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, or others.
Recommended prerequisite(s): One previous course in philosophy.
PHIL 335 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN VALUE THEORY
Short Title: ADV TOPICS IN VALUE THEORY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Intensive examination of a topic of contemporary or historical interest in ethics or social and political philosophy. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: PHIL 535. Recommended prerequisite(s): One course in philosophy or permission of the instructor. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for PHIL 335 and PHIL 535.

PHIL 336 - TOPICS IN MEDICAL ETHICS
Short Title: TOPICS IN MEDICAL ETHICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A philosophical examination of some of the fundamental issues in clinical ethics, including informed consent, competency, confidentiality, end of life decision making, the definition of death, allocating scarce medical resources, and the role of economic analysis in clinical decision making. Readings drawn from the clinical and philosophical literature. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: PHIL 536. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for PHIL 336 and PHIL 536.

PHIL 337 - RESEARCH ETHICS
Short Title: RESEARCH ETHICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A philosophical and ethical examination of some of the major issues related to research on human and animal subjects. A general framework will be introduced and it will be applied to research on new technologies, research on special populations, and research in an international setting.

PHIL 338 - METAETHICS
Short Title: METAETHICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Metaethics studies higher-order questions about morality. Its questions include: What reasons do we have to do the right thing? What do claims about rightness and goodness mean? Can those claims be true or false? Are there objective moral truths, and if so, how can we know them?

PHIL 339 - DEATH AND DYING: METAPHYSICS AND ETHICS
Short Title: DEATH AND DYING
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: How are we to respond to the fact of death? This course examines the moral, metaphysical and personal issues surrounding the death of persons. Readings from analytic philosophy and the bioethics literature.

PHIL 341 - TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Short Title: TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A focused examination of a selected topic in the philosophy of mind. Topics vary each semester and might include the nature of consciousness, mental representation, rationality, and/or the various interconnections between perception, emotion, thought and action. For details in a specific year, consult with the instructor and/or department. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 352 - PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course covers a selection of central issues in the philosophy of psychology. Questions include: Can the mind be studied scientifically? What role, if any, does introspection play in gathering data? Are there any psychological laws? How does psychological evidence bear on philosophical issues - Such as the existence of free will and moral responsibility? Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 353 - PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
Short Title: PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Philosophical investigation of relations among language, thought, and reality with emphasis on what makes a string of symbols and sounds meaningful. Recommended prerequisite(s): One course in philosophy or permission of the instructor.
### PHIL 355 - PHILOSOPHICAL TOPICS IN ADVANCED LOGIC
**Short Title:** PHIL TOPICS IN ADVANCED LOGIC  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Prerequisite(s):** PHIL 305 or PHIL 505  
**Description:** Various systems of formalization for modalities, tenses and other intentional concepts are studied syntactically and semantically. Students use and compare these systems and evaluate their strengths and limits. These provide examples for discussion of questions such as: What is a logical constant? What is the scope of logic?  
**Course URL:** [www.owlnet.rice.edu/~phil355](http://www.owlnet.rice.edu/~phil355)

### PHIL 357 - INCOMPLETENESS, UNDECIDABILITY, AND COMPUTABILITY
**Short Title:** INCOMPL, UNDECIDED&COMPUTBLTY  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Distribution Group:** Distribution Group III  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Proofs of Godel's Incompleteness Theorems for number theory in several forms and by various methods, as well as development of several definitions of computability for number-theoretic functions, which are then shown to be equivalent. Includes proof of the unsolvability of the Halting Problem and analysis of Church's thesis, as well as exploration of the extension of the concept of computability to real-valued functions. Frequent misunderstandings and misrepresentations of the theorems are analyzed.

### PHIL 358 - PHILOSOPHY OF NEUROSCIENCE
**Short Title:** PHILOSOPHY OF NEUROSCIENCE  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course explores various philosophical questions raised by neuroscience. How do we investigate and explain the brain? Do psychological explanations ultimately ‘reduce’ to neuroscience? Are mental states nothing more than electro-chemical states of the brain? Does the brain literally perform computations on internal representations? Could neuroscience ever explain consciousness? Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 359 - ANIMAL MINDS
**Short Title:** ANIMAL MINDS  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course will examine various philosophical questions raised by the science of animal cognition: What is it to have a mind? How can we learn about animal minds? Are animals conscious? Do they have beliefs or concepts? What does this tell us about the nature and value of animal minds? Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 390 - TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY
**Short Title:** TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Topics may vary. Please consult with department for additional information. Repeatable for credit with consent of the instructor. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 401 - INDEPENDENT READING I
**Short Title:** INDEPENDENT READING I  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Independent Study  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Course for undergraduate students to pursue independent research projects under direction of a philosophy department faculty member. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 402 - INDEPENDENT READING II
**Short Title:** INDEPENDENT READING II  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** See PHIL 401. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 407 - UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SEMINAR
**Short Title:** UG RESEARCH SEMINAR  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Emphasis is on the skills of critical reading, careful discussion, writing clear and well-argued essays, and making lucid and engaging oral presentations. The course is organized around a family of topics: students also, in consultation with the instructor, select issues for independent research, and produce a final essay and presentation. Repeatable for Credit.

### PHIL 411 - SENIOR THESIS
**Short Title:** SENIOR THESIS  
**Department:** Philosophy  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Research  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Graduate level students may not enroll.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Independent research course for undergraduate philosophy majors who wish to write a senior thesis and become eligible for honors in the major. Students may enroll in PHIL 411 only with consent of a faculty advisor and the department, and only if they intend to enroll in PHIL 412 as well. Senior Thesis is a year-long research course. Instructor Permission Required.
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<td>PHIL 510</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN PHENOMENOLOGY</td>
<td>PHENOMENOLOGY</td>
<td>Philosophy</td>
<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Seminar devoted to selected historical and contemporary work in the phenomenological tradition, focused each year on a specific philosophical topic such as meaning, truth, action, embodiment, ethics, other minds, etc. Repeatable for Credit.</td>
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<td>PHIL 512</td>
<td>SEMINAR PHILOSOPHY OF MIND</td>
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<td>PHIL 513</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE</td>
<td>SEM PHIFILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE</td>
<td>Philosophy</td>
<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Focused consideration of either core issues in general philosophy of science (e.g. explanation, experiment, confirmation, realism vs. anti-realism, values in science) or special topics of current interest in the field.</td>
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<td>PHIL 516</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY OF LAW</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY OF LAW</td>
<td>Philosophy</td>
<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
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<td>The seminar will concentrate on one or more of such central topics in the philosophy of law as the normative foundations of contracts, criminal responsibility, theories of corrective justice, and the right to property ownership.</td>
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<td>PHIL 522</td>
<td>TOPICS IN MODERN PHILOSOPHY</td>
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<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
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<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Topics in early modern philosophy: a focused, more advanced seminar on select problems or figures in the 17th and 18th centuries. Repeatable for credit with consent of the instructor. Repeatable for Credit.</td>
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<td>PHIL 523</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN KANT</td>
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<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>A study of the philosophical issues raised by moral agency. Topics to be discussed may include reason and its relation to motivation and desire, character, responsibility, weakness of will, self-deception, and the nature of the self.</td>
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<td>PHIL 524</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN HEGEL</td>
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<td>PHIL 526</td>
<td>HISTORY OF ETHICS</td>
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<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Graduate version of PHIL 326. Special graduate student requirements include additional readings and the writing of a term research paper. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: PHIL 326. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for PHIL 526 and PHIL 326.</td>
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<td>PHIL 530</td>
<td>SEMINAR IN HISTORY OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY</td>
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<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
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<td>SEMINAR IN MORAL PSYCHOLOGY</td>
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<td>Seminar</td>
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<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
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<td>PHIL 534</td>
<td>LIBERALISM</td>
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<td>Philosophy</td>
<td>Standard Letter</td>
<td>Seminar</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.</td>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>An examination of the philosophical foundations of liberalism, with emphasis on the thesis that government should be neutral toward competing conceptions of the good life.</td>
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PHIL 535 - ADVANCED TOPICS IN VALUE THEORY
Short Title: ADV TOPICS IN VALUE THEORY
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Intensive examination of a topic of contemporary or historical interest in ethics or social and political philosophy. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: PHIL 335. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for PHIL 535 and PHIL 335.

PHIL 536 - TOPICS IN MEDICAL ETHICS
Short Title: TOPICS IN MEDICAL ETHICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An examination of the theoretical foundations of bioethics emphasizing principalism, utilitarianism, Kantianism, contractarianism, medicalism, post-modernism, and casuistry. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: PHIL 336. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for PHIL 536 and PHIL 336.

PHIL 537 - SEMINAR IN RESEARCH ETHICS
Short Title: SEMINAR IN RESEARCH ETHICS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An examination of the major issues of research ethics, including informed consent and IRB review, involvement and protection of special groups of subjects, fetal tissue and stem cell research, and genetic research.

PHIL 540 - SEMINAR ON RATIONAL PRACTICES
Short Title: RATIONAL PRACTICES
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course will examine what it is for a practice to be rational, from a broadly naturalistic perspective. Special focus on scientific inquiry and other epistemic practices.

PHIL 542 - TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Short Title: TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: An in-depth look at different topics in contemporary philosophy of mind. Some sample topics: consciousness, mental representation, innateness, modularity, and the role of language in thought. Repeatable for credit with consent of the instructor. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 553 - SEMINAR IN PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE
Short Title: SEM PHILOSOPHY LANGUAGE
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics may vary: Please consult with the department for additional information. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 598 - ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READING
Short Title: ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READING
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-6
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Directed reading and research. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 599 - ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READING
Short Title: ADVANCED INDEPENDENT READING
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-6
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Directed reading and research. Repeatable for Credit.
PHIL 651 - MASTERS THESIS RESEARCH
Short Title: MASTERS THESIS RESEARCH
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Research course for graduate students preparing a masters thesis. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 652 - MASTERS THESIS RESEARCH
Short Title: MASTERS THESIS RESEARCH
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Research course for graduate students preparing a Masters thesis. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 701 - READING AND RESEARCH FOR QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND THESIS PROPOSAL
Short Title: RESEARCH QUALIFYING & THESIS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Reading course in preparation for the comprehensive examination and thesis proposal defense. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 702 - READING AND RESEARCH FOR QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND THESIS PROPOSAL
Short Title: RESEARCH QUALIFYING & THESIS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Reading course in preparation for the comprehensive examination and thesis proposal defense. Repeatable for Credit.

PHIL 800 - RESEARCH AND THESIS
Short Title: RESEARCH AND THESIS
Department: Philosophy
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-15
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Philosophy. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.