PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/PHIL)

Courses

PHIL 100  Intro to Philosophy-ACP  credit: 3 Hours.
Consideration of some main problems of philosophy concerning, for example, knowledge, God, mind and body, and human freedom. Course is identical to PHIL 101 except for the additional writing component. Credit is not given for both PHIL 100 and PHIL 101. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 101  Introduction to Philosophy  credit: 3 Hours.
Consideration of some main problems of philosophy concerning, for example, knowledge, God, mind and body, and human freedom. Credit is not given for both PHIL 101 and PHIL 100.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 102  Logic and Reasoning  credit: 3 Hours.
Practical study of logical reasoning; techniques for analyzing and criticizing arguments, with emphasis on assessing the logical coherence of what we read and write.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 103  Logic and Reasoning QR II  credit: 3 Hours.
Introductory logic course that concentrates on investigating how the formal mathematical structure of statements, as well as the structure of the relationships among such statements, reveals the logical force of arguments that we use everyday. PHIL 102 takes a less formal, less mathematical approach to the same material. Credit is not given for both PHIL 103 and PHIL 102.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 104  Intro to Ethics-ACP  credit: 3 Hours.
Some basic questions of ethics, discussed in the light of influential ethical theories and with reference to specific moral problems, such as: What makes an action morally right? Are moral standards absolute or relative? What is the relation between personal morality and social morality, and between social morality and law? Course is identical to PHIL 105 except for the additional writing component. Credit is not given for both PHIL 104 and either PHIL 105 or PHIL 106. Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 105  Introduction to Ethics  credit: 3 Hours.
Some basic questions of ethics, discussed in the light of influential ethical theories and with reference to specific moral problems, such as: what makes an action morally right? are moral standards absolute or relative? what is the relation between personal morality and social morality, and between social morality and law? Credit is not given for both PHIL 105 and either PHIL 104 or PHIL 106.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 106  Ethics and Social Policy  credit: 3 Hours.
Examination of the moral aspects of social problems, and a survey of ethical principles formulated to validate social policy. Credit is not given for both PHIL 106 and either PHIL 104 or PHIL 105.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PHIL 107  Intro to Political Philosophy  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to core ideas in political and legal philosophy, for example, rights, equality, political obligations, legitimacy of states, nationalism, and oppression.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

PHIL 108  Religion & Society in West I  credit: 3 Hours.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Western

PHIL 109  Religion & Society in West II  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ANTH 109, REL 109, and SOC 109. See REL 109.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Western

PHIL 110  World Religions  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as REL 110. See REL 110.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Non-West Cultural Studies - Western

PHIL 191  Freshman Honors Tutorial  credit: 1 to 3 Hours.
Study of selected topics on an individually arranged basis. Open only to honors majors or to Cohn Scholars and Associates. May be repeated one time. Prerequisite: Consent of departmental honors advisor.

PHIL 198  Freshman Seminar  credit: 3 Hours.
Investigation of selected fundamental topics of philosophical inquiry. See Schedule for current topics. Prerequisite: Freshman James Scholar.

PHIL 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated.

PHIL 201  Philosophy in Literature  credit: 3 Hours.
Consideration of the philosophical themes implicit in a variety of important literary works, both classical and modern; may include such authors as Sophocles, Shakespeare, Goethe, Dostoevsky, and Sartre.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 202  Symbolic Logic  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the techniques of formal logic, dealing primarily with truth-functional logic and quantification theory.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Quantitative Reasoning I

PHIL 203  Ancient Philosophy  credit: 4 Hours.
Introduction to ancient philosophy, concentrating on Plato and Aristotle, dealing with such topics as metaphysics, ethics, and the theory of knowledge. Same as CLCV 203.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil
PHIL 206  Early Modern Philosophy  credit: 4 Hours.
The history of philosophy from Descartes to Kant, concentrating on such
topics as metaphysics, ethics, and the theory of knowledge.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 210  Ethics  credit: 3 Hours.
Problems in ethical theory; the nature of right and wrong, justice,
conscience, moral feelings, etc.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 214  Biomedical Ethics  credit: 3 Hours.
Philosophical study of selected moral and social problems concerning
medicine and biology, such as euthanasia, abortion, allocation of scarce
medical resources, health care and rights, and genetic engineering.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 220  Special Topics  credit: 3 Hours.
A consideration of readings on selected philosophical topics. May be
repeated in the same semester to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours
and in separate semesters if topics vary. See Class Schedule for current
topics.

PHIL 230  Philosophy of Religion Intro  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to philosophical analysis of religious thought and
experience. Same as REL 230.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 231  Religion and Philosophy  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as REL 231. See REL 231.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 250  Conceptions of Human Nature  credit: 3 Hours.
Comparative examination of important historical and contemporary
conceptions of human nature.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 270  Philosophy of Science  credit: 3 Hours.
Investigation of the nature of scientific knowledge by examining
archetypal examples from physical science (e.g., Ptolemaic and
Copernican astronomy); nature of scientific truth, validation of theories,
nature of scientific theories, evolution of theories, experimental
procedure, role of presuppositions, scientific revolutions, etc.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 307  Elmnts Semantics & Pragmatics  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as LING 307. See LING 307.

PHIL 316  Ethics and Engineering  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ECE 316. See ECE 316.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 325  Recent European Philosophy  credit: 3 Hours.
Introduction to the major recent philosophical movements in Europe,
such as phenomenology, existentialism, philosophical anthropology, and
neo-Marxism.

PHIL 351  Thinking and Reasoning  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as PSYC 351. See PSYC 351.

PHIL 356  Evolution of Mind  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as PSYC 356. See PSYC 356.

PHIL 357  Intro Cognitive Science  credit: 3 Hours.
Same as PSYC 357. See PSYC 357.

PHIL 380  Current Controversies  credit: 3 Hours.
Philosophical examination of positions taken on some issue of current
concern, for example, human sexuality, death and dying, feminism, race,
intelligence, war, sociobiology, and environmental ethics. See Class
Schedule for current topics. May be repeated with approval.

PHIL 390  Individual Study  credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Readings in selected philosophical topics. Course may be taken
by honors students in partial fulfillment of department honors
requirements. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours in separate
terms. Prerequisite: Open to juniors and seniors with a grade-point
average of 3.0 only by prior arrangement with a member of the faculty
and with consent of the department director of undergraduate studies or
the chair.

PHIL 398  Advanced Undergraduate Seminar  credit: 3 Hours.
Seminar on selected philosophical topics; intended primarily for
advanced undergraduate philosophy majors. May be repeated to a
maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: A grade-point average of 3.0 and
consent of instructor.

PHIL 404  Medieval Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
History of philosophy from St. Augustine to William of Ockham. 3
undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHIL 101 or
PHIL 203.

PHIL 407  Logic and Linguistic Analysis  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as LING 407. See LING 407.

PHIL 410  Classical Ancient Philosophers  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Intensive study of one ancient philosopher or the intensive study of a
major philosophical problem through the consideration of a number
of ancient philosophers; chief emphasis on Plato and/or Aristotle. 3
undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated with
approval, if topics vary. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy, preferably
PHIL 203.

PHIL 411  Nineteenth Century Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Examination of the thought of such major figures as Hegel, Marx, and
Nietzsche. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite:
One course in philosophy.

PHIL 412  Classical Modern Philosophers  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Intensive study of one classical modern philosopher or the intensive
study of major philosophical problem through the consideration of a
number of classical modern philosophers, e.g., Descartes, Leibniz, Locke,
Hume, Kant, and Hegel. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours.
May be repeated with approval, if topics vary. Prerequisite: One course in
philosophy, preferably PHIL 206.

PHIL 414  Major Recent Philosophers  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Intensive study of one or two important philosophers of the present
century, e.g., Wittgenstein, Dewey, Heidegger, or Quine. Topics vary;
see Class Schedule. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May
be repeated with approval, if topics vary. Prerequisite: One course in
philosophy.

PHIL 419  Space, Time, and Matter-ACP  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as PHYS 419. See PHYS 419.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition

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PHIL 420  Space, Time, and Matter  credit: 2 Hours.
Same as PHYS 420. See PHYS 420.

PHIL 421  Ethical Theories  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Systematic study of selected classics in moral philosophy by such philosophers as Aristotle, Hume, Mill, Kant, and Nietzsche. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 422  Recent Developments in Ethics  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Intensive treatment of issues in contemporary ethical theory. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated one time with approval. Prerequisite: One course in ethics.

PHIL 424  Philosophy of Religion  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Considers central issues in the philosophy of religion, e.g., the justification of religious belief, the nature of God, religious experience, etc. Same as REL 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 425  Philosophy of Mind  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Philosophical problems arising in connection with mental phenomena; the relation of mind and body; free will and determinism; our knowledge of other minds; and the self and personal identity. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 426  Metaphysics  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Investigation of various metaphysical issues concerning, for example, existence, particulars and universals, causation, laws of nature, time, personal identity, material objects, and modality. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 429  Value Theory  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Study of the nature and status of values, and of variable topics in value theory, e.g., different types of values, and problems of truth, justifiability, objectivity and relativism with respect to them. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated as topics vary to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours, or 8 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

PHIL 430  Theory of Knowledge  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Investigation of issues concerning, for example, the nature and possibility of knowledge; its forms and limits; its relation to belief, truth, and justification; and the nature of truth. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 433  Evolutionary Neuroscience  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as NEUR 433 and PSYC 433. See PSYC 433.

PHIL 435  Social Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Selected topics from the nature of social organization, nature and convention, utility, justice, equality, liberty, rights, and duties. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 436  Phil of Law and of the State  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Examination of issues in the philosophy of law, such as the nature of law, law and morality, justice, liberty and authority, punishment, and legal responsibility. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 438  Philosophy of Language  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Historical or comparative study of the philosophy of language. Same as LING 438. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 439  Philosophy of Mathematics  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Introduction to some of the main philosophical problems and contemporary viewpoints concerning mathematical concepts, mathematical methods, and the nature of mathematical truth. Same as MATH 439. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 441  Existential Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Study of a selection of the major writings of the more important existential philosophers, e.g., Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, and de Beauvoir. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 443  Phenomenology  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Study of the development of phenomenology from Husserl to the present. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 444  Topics in Recent European Phil  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Examines the continental treatments of selected issues, such as interpersonal relationships, human nature, perception or interpretation; see Class Schedule for current topics. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in separate terms as topics vary to a maximum of 6 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 453  Formal Logic and Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Techniques and results of symbolic logic, with special attention to topics of philosophical importance. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHIL 202 or consent of instructor. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Quantitative Reasoning II

PHIL 454  Advanced Symbolic Logic  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Completeness, compactness, and Lowenheim-Skolem theorems for first-order logic; incompleteness and undecidability of formal systems; and additional material on proof theory, model theory, or axiomatic set theory as time permits. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHIL 202 or consent of instructor. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Quantitative Reasoning II

PHIL 471  Contemporary Phil of Science  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Examines important developments and controversies in recent philosophy of science. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy.

PHIL 472  Kierkegaard and the Self  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as CWL 472, REL 472, and SCAN 472. See SCAN 472.

PHIL 477  Philosophy of Psychology  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Psychology, broadly construed, is a cluster of disciplines devoted to the study of mind and behavior, including cognitive and developmental psychology, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence. Investigates the relationships that these disciplines bear to one another and of their overall potential to resolve age-old philosophical questions about the mind. Same as PSYC 477. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Two courses in philosophy or two courses in psychology or consent of instructor.

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PHIL 492  Thesis  credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Special training in philosophical investigation. Course may be taken by students pursuing graduation with distinction in partial fulfillment of those requirements. 2 to 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 4 undergraduate hours. Prerequisite: Open to seniors with a grade-point average of 3.5 in all philosophy courses only by prior arrangement with a member of the faculty and with consent of the department director of undergraduate studies or the chair.

PHIL 501  Seminar on the History of Philosophy  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Study of selected major philosophers, movements, problems, or topics in the history of philosophy. 2 or 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 507  Formal Semantics I  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as LING 507. See LING 507.

PHIL 511  Seminar Ethical Theory  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Intensive study of problems in ethical theory. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 512  Seminar Social Philosophy  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Seminar designed to study special problems in social philosophy. See Schedule for current topics. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 513  Seminar Philosophy of Logic  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Selected topics in contemporary logical theory. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 514  Seminar in Cognitive Science  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Same as PSYC 514, ANTH 514, CS 549, EPSY 551, and LING 570. See PSYC 514.

PHIL 517  Seminar Philosophy of Science  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Various problems arising from specific studies in philosophy pertaining to science and vice versa. To be offered with varying topics. Course Information: Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 521  Seminar Contemporary Problems  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Intensive study of selected problems or topics in contemporary philosophy. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 523  Seminar Theory of Knowledge  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Selected topics and writings of major importance in the contemporary philosophy of knowledge. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Letter grading applies when offered for 4 hours of credit. For Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students this course is approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours of credit. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 525  Seminar Philosophy of Mind  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Selected topics from major writings in the philosophy of mind. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in the same or separate terms. Approved for letter grading when offered for 4 hours; approved for S/U grading when offered for 2 hours - only available for Stage 3 Philosophy PhD students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor for non-philosophy graduate students.

PHIL 527  Seminar Philosophy of Science  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Ongoing dissertation seminar required for all students who have passed the prelim requirement. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 24 hours. Prerequisite: Restricted to students satisfying requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

PHIL 547  Formal Semantics II  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as LING 547. See LING 547.

PHIL 551  Pragmatics  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as LING 551. See LING 551.

PHIL 583  Individual Topics  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.
Individual study and oral and written reports on topics not covered in other courses. Topics and plan of study must be approved by the candidate’s adviser and by the staff member who directs the work. May be repeated. (Summer session, 2 to 8 hours).

PHIL 590  Directed Research  credit: 0 to 12 Hours.
Restricted to students satisfying requirements for the master’s degree by writing a substantial essay. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Normally taken for 8 hours credit but may be taken for 12 hours credit with consent of department chair.

PHIL 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.