PHIL - PHILOSOPHY

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

Courses

PHIL 100  Introduction to Philosophy-ACP  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/100/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/101/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/102/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/103/)
Practical study of logical reasoning; techniques for analyzing and criticizing arguments, with emphasis on assessing the logical coherence of what we read and write. 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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/104/)
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:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 105  Introduction to Ethics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/105/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/106/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/107/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/108/)
Same as ANTH 108, JS 108, and REL 108. See REL 108. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - Western

PHIL 109  Religion & Society in West II  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/109/)
Same as ANTH 109 and REL 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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/110/)
Same as REL 110. See REL 110. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - Non-West

PHIL 198  Freshman Seminar  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/198/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/199/)
Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated.

PHIL 201  Philosophy in Literature  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/201/)
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.
PHIL 202  Symbolic Logic  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/202/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/203/)
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 210  Ethics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/210/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/214/)
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 222  Philosophical Foundations of Computer Science  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/222/)
Introduction to certain ideas and issues at the intersection of computer science and philosophy. Students will focus on foundational questions related to the birth of computer science as a discipline, philosophical issues regarding knowledge and reality that researchers face in the frontiers of contemporary computer science, and current ethical issues related to the uses of machines and computers in society.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 223  Minds & Machines  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/223/)
Introduction to certain ideas and issues at the intersection of computer science and philosophy. Students will focus on the nature of human minds and brains in light of what we know about machine "minds" and "hardware" (and vice versa), as well as on philosophical considerations of the societal effects and implications of the rise of intelligent machines.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 230  Philosophy of Religion Intro  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/230/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/231/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/250/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/270/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/307/)
Same as LING 307. See LING 307.

PHIL 316  Ethics and Engineering  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/316/)
Same as ECE 316. See ECE 316.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Advanced Composition
Humanities - Hist Phil

PHIL 351  Thinking and Reasoning  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/351/)
Same as PSYC 351. See PSYC 351.

PHIL 380  Current Controversies  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/380/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/390/)
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 404  Medieval Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/404/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/407/)
Same as LING 407. See LING 407.
PHIL 410  Classical Ancient Philosophers  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/410/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/411/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/412/)
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.

PHIL 414 Major Recent Philosophers  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/414/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/419/)
Same as PHYS 419. See PHYS 419. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition

PHIL 420  Space, Time, and Matter  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/420/)
Same as PHYS 420. See PHYS 420.

PHIL 421 Ethical Theories  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/421/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/422/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/424/)
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 443  Phenomenology  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/443/)
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 453  Formal Logic and Philosophy  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/453/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/454/)
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 458  Advances in Brain and Cognitive Science  credit: 3 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/458/)
Same as BCOG 458. See BCOG 458.

PHIL 471  Contemporary Phil of Science  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/471/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/472/)
Same as CWL 472, REL 472, and SCAN 472. See SCAN 472.

PHIL 477  Philosophy of Psychology  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/477/)
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.

PHIL 492  Thesis  credit: 2 to 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/492/)
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 499  Capstone Seminar  credit: 3 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/499/)
Capstone course required for all philosophy majors. Students will explore in depth a specific topic either in the history of philosophy or in contemporary practical or theoretical philosophy and will write a substantial original essay appropriate for a senior thesis. Topics will differ by section and semester. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: PHIL 202, PHIL 203, PHIL 206, PHIL 222, PHIL 223. For Philosophy Majors with Senior Standing Only.

PHIL 501  Seminar on the History of Philosophy  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/501/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/507/)
Same as LING 507. See LING 507.

PHIL 511  Seminar Ethical Theory  credit: 2 or 4 Hours.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/511/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/512/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/513/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/514/)
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.  (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/517/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/521/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/523/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/525/)
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 530  Dissertation Seminar  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/530/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/547/)
Same as LING 547. See LING 547.

PHIL 551  Pragmatics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/551/)
Same as LING 551. See LING 551.

PHIL 583  Individual Topics  credit: 2 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/583/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/590/)
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. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/PHIL/599/)
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.