PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 100 T1: Introduction to Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
By examining Socrates, Plato and other representative philosophers, this course introduces students to selected philosophical problems, historical issues, and philosophical positions. Offered every semester.

PHIL 103 T1: Intro to Art of Thinking 3 sem. hrs.
This course introduces students to the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to identify, evaluate and compose persuasive deductive and inductive arguments in natural language.

PHIL 110 T1: From Socr-Spiel: Phil Thro Film 3 sem. hrs.
Course examines the major fields of Philosophy through texts and contemporary films. Offered every semester.

PHIL 202 T1: DV: Phil of Human Nature 3 sem. hrs.
Since human nature may be understood and explained in a variety of ways, students in this course will examine the meaning and uniqueness of human nature, its various explanations, distinctive features and main controversies. Offered every semester.

PHIL 203 T1: DV: Moral Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
This course focuses on the meaning of human happiness and the ethical norms necessary for attaining it. Discussions include the ethical virtues and the meanings of such concepts as good/evil and right/wrong. Selected moral problems and ethical theories are also explored. Offered every semester.

PHIL 230 Environmental Ethics & Policy 3 sem. hrs.
The principle aim of this course is to develop the analytical tools necessary to understand the ethical issues that arise in the context of public policy decisions regarding environmental protection.

PHIL 251 T1: Symbolic Logic 3 sem. hrs.
This course will give an account of the relation of logical consequence by employing the systems of sentential logic as well as first-order predicate logic. Students will learn how to represent the logical forms in English arguments, and develop a semantics as well as a system of natural deduction in order to determine the validity of arguments given such formal representations. This approach will familiarize the student with proof-theoretic concepts and techniques, providing a means for analyzing and evaluating natural language arguments.

PHIL 255 H1: DV: Phil of Human Sexuality 3 sem. hrs.
This course considers human sexuality from a philosophical perspective using both Ancient and Contemporary texts for conceptual and normative analysis of topics such as sex and love.

PHIL 275 H1: Environmental Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
This course introduces the interdisciplinary approach to environmental studies. It examines the metaphysical, ethical, political, social, aesthetic and scientific dimensions of current and historical environmental issues at the local and global scale. It is a required course for the interdisciplinary minor in environmental studies.

PHIL 290 H1: DV: Special Topics 3 sem. hrs.
A course focusing on special topics in philosophy and designed to address specific curricula needs and/or faculty/student interests. Offered on demand

PHIL 301 Philosophy of Knowledge 3 sem. hrs.
After examining the nature of knowledge and the conditions that make knowledge possible, students will study the various theoretical accounts of what constitutes genuine knowing. Also examined are the problems of meaning and truth, the role of intuition and affective experience and the influences of society, art and language.

PHIL 302 Metaphysics 3 sem. hrs.
This course provides students an opportunity to study the nature, origin and structures of reality as determined through various Ancient, Modern and/or Contemporary philosophers. The nature of God, causality, essence and existence, truth and being are explored within a historical context.

PHIL 303 H2b: DV: Philosophy of Art 3 sem. hrs.
Through the writings of various philosophers and by responding to a number of works of art, this course examines the notions of beauty, form, aesthetic experience, the creative process and the nature of art.

PHIL 304 H3: Bioethics 3 sem. hrs.
Interdisciplinary study of what science can do and what science ought to do. Exponential advances in medical-scientific knowledge and technology present many questions and problems that must be considered from the viewpoint of philosophical ethics. Problems such as forgoing medical treatment, surrogate decision-making, euthanasia, confidentiality and human experimentation are considered. Offered every semester.

PHIL 305 Philosophy of God 3 sem. hrs.
A study of the various philosophical traditions concerning the proofs of God’s existence, the nature of Divinity, and the human/ cosmic relationship to the Divine. Offered on demand.

PHIL 308 H1: Great Transformations 3 sem. hrs.
This course examines the history of ideas in the Western World and the paradigm shifts that have had a far-reaching influence on the way we view and understand reality. By reflecting on the “Great Challenges” of the past, students will come to understand the world in which we live today and provide a better insight to the challenges of the future. This course considers the “challenges” not only in thought, but also in astronomy, geology, biology and psychology.

PHIL 312 H2b: DV: Political Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
A study of major philosophical positions concerning society’s nature and purpose. Classical, Christian, Renaissance, Modern and Contemporary political and social philosophies are studied. Selected problems include the methods and norms of social organization, the relationship between the individual and society, law and rights, the goals and purposes of government, and the nature and role of a just state. Next offered Fall 2018 and Fall 2020.

PHIL 315 H2b: Ancient/Medieval Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
General survey of the major thinkers and issues of the ancient and Hellenistic periods.

PHIL 316 H2b: Renaissance & Modern Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
General survey of the major thinkers and issues of the Renaissance and Modern periods.

PHIL 317 H2b: Contemporary Philosophy 3 sem. hrs.
General survey of the major thinkers and issues of the contemporary periods. Next offered Spring 2020.

PHIL 350 H2b: Philosophy of Medicine 3 sem. hrs.
This course focuses on the epistemological study of health and disease and the evolution of the medical model. Discussions will concentrate on identifying and defining key biophilosophical concepts including: the nature of illness, the goals and limitations of medical research, and the social and moral issues that arise at the intersection of science and philosophy. Offered every semester.

PHIL 405 H2b: Philosophy Symposium 3 sem. hrs.
The Symposium course is taught in conjunction biannually with the Philosophy/Theology Symposium. Students will participate in the "Great Questions" dialogue as part of the Symposium.
PHIL 406  Internship Adv Clin Bioethics  3 sem. hrs.
Designed to be a supervised internship that provides an immersion experience where students can observe the clinical issues that arise in the clinical setting, primarily within critical care. Students may be exposed to the following types of topics: advance directives, hospice, surrogate decision making, Do Not Resuscitate orders, medical futility, artificial nutrition and hydration, forgoing medical treatment. Two hours per week are spent on site at Aultman Hospital and one hour per week is didactic on campus. It is offered on demand by arrangement with permission from both a Walsh instructor and the Philosophy and Theology Division Chair, as well as the supervisor of the off-campus site. Prerequisite: PHIL 304 Bioethics.

PHIL 407  H2b:ST in Applied Ethics  3-6 sem. hrs.
Examines specific topics in the field of applied ethics. Offered on demand.

PHIL 408  H3:Sem:Selected Topics in Phil  3 sem. hrs.
Intensive examination of a philosophical problem selected from any of the systematic areas. The seminar’s major concentration is individual investigation and discussion of the results of that research. This course may be taken twice in a four-year period since the topic is different each time. Offered on demand.

PHIL 409  Sem: Selected Philosophers  3 sem. hrs.
Examines specific topics in Philosophy. Offered on demand.

PHIL 410  Capstone Seminar  3 sem. hrs.
Designed to give majors experience in philosophical analysis through a reading and research program. The culmination of the course is a research papers in which students utilize many of the primary and secondary sources in the philosophical canon. Required of Philosophy majors. Offered every Spring semester.

PHIL 490  Readings/Research in Phil  3 sem. hrs.
Directed readings and discussion of specific philosophical texts or topics. Available as needed.
Prerequisites: Permission of the Division Chair and the Vice President for Academic Affairs is required.