There's a class for that.

Fall 2024
Summer 2024
Philosophize!

Philosophy Courses, Fall 2024

PHIL 1030: Elementary Logic w/ Prof. Boedeker on mwf @ 12:00-12:50--UNIFI
Critical thinking, using both formal and informal methods, including proof techniques and recognizing logical fallacies. Enhances reading, writing, and thinking in any area of study, and in preparing for grad school exams (e.g. LSAT, GMAT, & GRE).

PHIL 1040: Justice & the Good Life--UNIFI
What makes a society just or unjust? What does it mean to lead a happy and satisfying life? Gain philosophical perspectives on how to do good in our communities and lead meaningful lives.
10:00-10:50 and 11:00-11:50 mwf w/ Prof. Lahroodi
1:00-1:50 and 2:00-2:50 mwf w/ Prof. Preston

PHIL 1050: The Art of Critical Thinking & Writing w/ Prof. Earle on mwf @ 12:00 & 1:00 --UNIFI
Critical thinking and academic writing skills using philosophical texts.

PHIL 1560: Science, Technology & Ethics--UNIFI
Interdisciplinary survey of ethical issues raised by recent developments in science and technology. Sample topics may include, but are not limited to, artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, big data, privacy, energy, medicine, and science itself.
12:30-1:45 and 3:30-4:45 tth with Prof. Hesse online with Prof. Earle

PHIL 2230: Age of Reason: Phil in the Renaissance & Enlightenment w/ Prof. Boedeker on tth 12:30-1:45
History of philosophy from Renaissance through Hume, with emphasis on continental rationalism & British empiricism.

PHIL 2570: Good Sex: The Ethics of Human Sexuality w/ Prof. Earle on tth @ 3:30-4:45
This course introduces students to a range of ethical perspectives (religious and non-) on what constitutes good sex, morally speaking. It then brings these perspectives to bear on a number of issues in the realm of sexual ethics including: homosexuality, casual sex, sex for sale, and abortion.

PHIL 3350: How We Know: Philosophical Perspectives w/ Prof. Lahroodi on mwf @ 1:00-1:50
This introduction to contemporary epistemology examines fundamental questions about human knowledge: What distinguishes knowledge from mere belief? What can we know with certainty? What makes certain beliefs irrational?

PHIL 3370 Philosophy of Law w/ Prof. Preston on mwf @ 11:00-11:50
This course provides an introduction to philosophy of law that is both thematically and historically oriented. Our chief concern will be to understand the nature of law and its implications for morality and our social and political existence together. Prerequisite(s): junior standing or consent of instructor.

PHIL 3510 Biomedical Ethics w/ Prof. Degnin Weds @ 5:00-7:50--UNIFI
Application of principles and analytic methods of ethical theory to contemporary issues in medical practice and research. Topics include fundamental concepts of health and disease, life and death; rights and obligations of medical practitioners and their patients; informed consent and confidentiality; abortion and euthanasia; reproductive and transplantation technologies; and health policy and the provision and rationing of health care.

MGMT 3974 Business, Ethics, & Society w/ new professor! @ 9:00 & 10:00 mwf
Application of ethical principles and analytic methods to contemporary issues in business, including how ethical considerations factor into your prospective profession.

PHIL 4490 Professional Development Seminar w/ Prof. Boedeker mw @ 2:00-3:15
This course focuses on the multiple ways in which the philosophy major can prepare for whatever you decide to do after you graduate. Junior standing or consent of instructor.
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UNIFI COURSES

MAY TERM 2024
PHIL 1040: JUSTICE AND THE GOOD LIFE
w/ Professor Lahroodi Online ARR
(UNIFI-Responsibility)

PHIL 1560: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, & ETHICS
w/ Professor Earle Online ARR
(UNIFI-Responsibility)

RELS 1020 RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD
w/ Professor Hill Online ARR
(UNIFI-Human Condition: Global)

JUNE-JULY 8-WEEK
PHIL 3110/RELS 3110
PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH & DYING
w/ Professor Degnin
TTH, 6:00-7:50 p.m. on Zoom + ARR
(UNIFI-Human Condition: Global)
Thinking about a major?
Be Bold.
Be a Philosophy Major.
Sharpen your critical thinking skills! In this course, we use formal and informal methods to detect and avoid common errors in reasoning.

Need Logic? There's a class for that.
What makes a society just or unjust?

What does it mean to lead a happy and satisfying life?

What principles and virtues should guide how to do good in our communities and lead meaningful lives?

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This course aims to help you enhance skills you will need during your education and in any career you choose: **critical thinking** and **writing**. **Critical thinking** is the careful application of reason to determine whether claims are true. We engage in it when we consider whether our ideas make good sense. We will focus on skills of analyzing and evaluating language and constructing and evaluating arguments.

This course will also help you develop your abilities to write academic essays with confidence and skill. It treats good writing as a multi-step process: you will write short assignments, then expand them over the course of multiple drafts, give and receive peer and instructor critique, and carefully edit your work accordingly. You will gain practice in creating thesis statements, writing effective sentences and paragraphs, citing and incorporating others’ work, and using organizational patterns that suit the topic and audience.

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THE AGE OF REASON:
PHILOSOPHY IN THE RENAISSANCE & ENLIGHTENMENT

This course focuses on the development of western philosophy from the 16th Century through 1776. Among the topics we'll address are the nature of knowledge, mind, sense-perception, freedom, scientific method, and legitimate government, and religion. We'll also look at how philosophy during this period relates to concurrent political and scientific developments. Philosophers we'll cover include René Descartes, John Locke, Gottfried Leibniz, George Berkeley, Baruch Spinoza, and David Hume.

What do Descartes, Locke, and Hume have to do with today's world? There's a class for that.
This course is an introduction to epistemology. We will begin by examining rival approaches to such classic questions as “What does it mean to say that I know something?”, “What makes a belief rational?”, and “How much do I really know with certainty?”

We will then shift to social epistemology, the study of how communities are relevant to knowledge. We will explore topics such as epistemic bubbles and echo chambers, conspiracy theories, expert disagreement, and how the knowledge and ignorance of members of different genders and races are shaped by power and prejudice. Our aim will be to better understand how we can best pursue the truth with the help of, or in the face of, others.

How do we know what is true?
There's a class for that.
There's a class for that.

Have you ever wondered what law is?

What does philosophy have to do with law?

Can anything be law?
How does your philosophy degree prepare you for whatever you want to do next?

There's a class for that.