

# PHILOSOPHY

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## Undergraduate Programs

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### Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (120 units)

#### Requirements

A minimum of 36 units in philosophy divided as follows:

Lower Division:

Take all the following courses:

PHIL 203 History of Early Philosophy (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

PHIL 204 History of Modern Philosophy (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

PHIL 270 Symbolic Logic I (3)

Prerequisite: None

A maximum of 12 lower-division units may be counted toward the major, including either of the following:

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy (3)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Any course from GE Foundation categories A.1 (Written English), A.2. (Oral Communication) or A.3. (Critical Thinking).

PHIL 160 Introduction to Ethics (3)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Any course from GE Foundation categories A.1 (Written English), A.2. (Oral Communication) or A.3. (Critical Thinking).

Upper Division:

A minimum of 24 units in philosophy, including at least two courses (6 units) from each of the following groups:

*History of Philosophy:*

PHIL 306, 307, 413, 414, 416, 418, 419, 421, 422, 423, 425, 490, 491, 492

*Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology:*

PHIL 330, 342, 381, 382, 482, 483, 484, 493

*Values and Evaluation:*

PHIL 351, 352, 361, 363, 401, 403, 405, 451, 489, 496

The required 6 upper-division units remaining are to be selected from philosophy courses with the advice and consent of the student's departmental advisor, and may include PHIL 497H and 498H.

#### Pre-Law Emphasis

The pre-law emphasis requires the same minimum 36 units required for the major. Prelaw students should include at least four of the following in their course of study:

PHIL 351, 352, 363, 451, 489.

#### Honors in Philosophy

The Honors in Philosophy program provides qualified undergraduate philosophy majors with an opportunity to do independent research with a faculty member on a topic of interest to the student and to present the results of that study to other students in a seminar format. The Program has two curricular components:

1. a year-long, two-semester directed studies course (PHIL 498H: Undergraduate Honors Thesis) in which the student learns about advanced research techniques and writes an undergraduate thesis under the close supervision of a faculty member, and
2. a seminar (PHIL 497H: Undergraduate Honors Seminar) in which honors students meet weekly to discuss work in progress and present a final thesis. The Seminar is designed each year with readings, discussions, and critiques of student work around the themes of the honors student theses projects that year.

To be eligible for the program, students must:

- A. have a 3.5 GPA in the philosophy major and a 3.0 GPA overall;
- B. successfully complete all lower-division courses for the major (PHIL 203, 204, and 270);
- C. successfully complete at least nine (9) units of upper-division philosophy courses (at least six [6] units at CSULB);
- D. obtain written agreement from a philosophy faculty member to serve as the Honors Thesis Advisor.

Students enroll in PHIL 498H (Undergraduate Honors Thesis) in Fall and Spring (3 units each semester), and in PHIL 497H (Undergraduate Honors Seminar) in Spring (3 units), for a total of 9 units in the program. Students who have been admitted to the honors program and have successfully completed these requirements, along with the regular requirements for the Major in Philosophy, will graduate with Honors in Philosophy.

#### Minor in Philosophy

The minor in philosophy provides a structured yet flexible program for the student majoring in a different discipline, but who is interested in philosophy.

The Minor in Philosophy is available to any non-Philosophy major.

#### Requirements

A minimum of 18 units in philosophy, divided as follows:

Lower Division:

Take all of the following courses:

PHIL 203 History of Early Western Philosophy (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

PHIL 204 History of Modern Western Philosophy (3)  
Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

PHIL 270 Symbolic Logic I (3)  
Prerequisite: None

#### Upper Division:

A minimum of 9 units in philosophy, including at least one course (3 units) from each of the following groups:

##### *History of Philosophy:*

PHIL 306, 307, 413, 414, 416, 418, 419, 421, 422, 423, 425, 490, 491, 492

##### *Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology:*

PHIL 303, 342, 381, 382, 482, 483, 484, 493

##### *Values and Evaluation:*

PHIL 351, 352, 361, 363, 400, 401, 403, 405, 451, 455, 489, 496

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## Graduate Programs

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### Master of Arts in Philosophy

The candidate must satisfy the general requirements stated in this catalog as well as the specific departmental requirements described here and more fully in the Philosophy Graduate Student Handbook (available upon request). Applicants must submit to the University's Office of Admissions and Records a graduate application (available at that office or on-line). Applicants must also submit a transcript from all colleges and universities attended to the Office of Enrollment Services. Prospective students should see the Graduate Advisor for assessment and to plan a program of study. Departmental reader positions are sometimes available for qualified persons, as are Graduate Assistantships. Application for these positions can be made to the Chair of the Philosophy Department.

#### Admission with Classified Status

An applicant may be admitted to the MA program in Philosophy in classified status (see the relevant sections in the Catalog under "Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Applicants") only after satisfying University requirements for admission and the following prerequisites to this degree:

1. A bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 units of upper division philosophy courses. These courses must be comparable to those required for the BA in philosophy at this University, and must indicate proficiency in the general areas of epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, and symbolic logic. Deficiencies to be rectified will be determined by the Graduate Advisor after consultation with the student and after study of transcript records.
2. Satisfactory performance on the Department's Basic Qualifying Exam (BQE).

#### Admission with Conditionally Classified Status

Until students have met the requirements for classified status, they may be admitted and attend the university with conditionally classified status. Conditionally classified students who at entry to the philosophy program as a graduate student have been determined to have no deficiencies in prerequisite preparation must attempt the Basic Qualifying Exam (BQE) by the end of their second (academic year) semester in the program and pass it by

the end of their third (academic year) semester in order to achieve classified status. Conditionally classified students who must rectify a deficiency must attempt the BQE by the end of their third (academic year) semester in the program and pass it by the end of their fourth (academic year) semester in order to achieve classified status. (Winter Term and Summer Session do not count as academic year semesters.)

#### Basic Qualifying Exam

The BQE comprises two sections (analytic, text) that assess the graduate student's philosophical foundation and knowledge. The analytic section of the BQE assesses the student's ability to extract, explain, and evaluate arguments from short passages. In reconstructing and evaluating these arguments, the student must demonstrate an understanding of basic logical concepts, such as validity, soundness, and cogency. The text section of the BQE assesses the student's ability to read, interpret, and critically evaluate a more lengthy philosophical text. Successfully passing the text section also requires general philosophical and historical knowledge, insofar as these are relevant to the contextual understanding of the text.

Students may attempt one or both sections of the BQE on those occasions when it is administered. Normally, students must pass both parts of the BQE by their second attempt. The BQE must be passed in order for students to achieve classified status in the graduate program.

#### Advancement to Candidacy

Advancement to Candidacy is the next step after acquiring classified status (and cannot take place until then) and confers catalog rights to graduate students. Advancement to Candidacy also signifies approval of a plan of study by the student's department and college. The requirements for advancement, which must be achieved at least one semester prior to graduation and can only occur in a semester in which the student is enrolled, are:

1. Fulfillment of the CSULB Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).
2. Maintenance of a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average in all units undertaken in the philosophy program.
3. Approval of a program of study by the Graduate Advisor, which must include satisfactory performance in the proseminar, and approval by the department faculty of either a thesis proposal or a proposed set of three comprehensive examinations (see the Graduate Student Handbook for details).
4. Although there is no formal language requirement, the philosophy department may require the student to demonstrate a foreign language proficiency if a language proficiency is appropriate to the area of study.

#### Requirements for the Degree

1. The student's graduate program must consist of not less than 30 units of acceptable upper division and graduate courses, of which at least 24 units must be in philosophy. The remaining 6 units must be chosen in conference with the student's Faculty Advisor and Graduate Advisor and may be taken either in Philosophy or in another field of study closely related to the candidate's educational objectives. The program must include a minimum of 18

units of philosophy graduate courses, with a minimum of 9 units from the 600 series. Students must enroll in PHIL 610 in the first semester in which the course is offered after they are conditionally classified. PHIL 697 and 698 may not count toward fulfillment of the 600 series minimum requirement.

2. A thesis and oral defense thereof, or a set of three comprehensive examinations.

### The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Undergraduate students can pursue a Certificate or a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Graduate students can pursue a Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Interested students should turn to the catalog section entitled "Medieval and Renaissance Studies" and/or contact the program directors in MHB 512.

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## Courses (PHIL)

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### LOWER DIVISION

#### 100. Introduction to Philosophy (3)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Any course from GE Foundation categories A.1 (Written English), A.2. (Oral Communication) or A.3. (Critical Thinking).

Critical analysis of the history, methods, and major problems of philosophy.

#### 160. Introduction to Ethics (3)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: Any course from GE Foundation categories A.1 (Written English), A.2. (Oral Communication) or A.3. (Critical Thinking).

Concepts of right and wrong, good and bad, and the application of moral principles to problems of everyday life.

Not open for credit to students with credit in PHIL 160W.

#### 170. Critical Reasoning (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: GE Foundation requirements Category A.1 (Written English).

Elements of clear, straight, orderly and valid thought, including deductive and inductive reasoning and the accurate use of language. Explores practical applications of logic.

#### 203. History of Early Western Philosophy (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

From Thales to the Renaissance including the systems of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, and their influence on European philosophy through the medieval period.

#### 204. History of Modern Western Philosophy (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Western philosophy from Descartes to Kant, including the development of modern scientific processes, and the philosophical systems of empiricism, rationalism, transcendental idealism, etc.

#### 270. Symbolic Logic I (3)

Introduction to the formal techniques of evaluating arguments.

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### Early Philosophy

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- 306. Philosophies of China and Japan
- 307. Philosophies of India
- 421./521. Plato
- 422./522. Aristotle
- 490./590. Select Topics – Early Philosophy

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### Modern Tradition

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- 413./513. Continental Rationalism
- 414./514. British Empiricism
- 423./523. Kant
- 424./524. Hegel
- 425./525. Wittgenstein
- 491./591. Selected Topics – The Modern Tradition

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### Twentieth Century Philosophy

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- 416./516. Pragmatism
- 417./517. Phenomenology
- 418./518. Existentialism
- 419./519. Analytic Philosophy
- 492./592. Selected Topics – Twentieth Century Philosophy

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### Metaphysical Studies

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- 330. Philosophy of Religion
- 342. Metaphysics
- 483./583. Philosophical Psychology
- 493./593. Selected Topics - Metaphysical Studies

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### Epistemological Studies

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- 381. Philosophy of Science
- 382. Theory of Knowledge
- 482. Introduction to Cognitive Science

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### Studies in Logic and Semantics

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- 484./584. Philosophy of Language

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### Studies in Value and Evaluation

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- 351. Political Philosophy
- 352. Philosophy of Law
- 361. Philosophy of Art and Beauty
- 363. Ethical Theory
- 400. Business Ethics
- 401. Philosophy in Education
- 403. Medical Ethics
- 405. Philosophy in Literature
- 451. Liberty and Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Law
- 455./555. Philosophical Perspectives on Sex and Love
- 461. Diversity in Criticism and Analysis of the Arts
- 489. Philosophy Internship/Pre-Law
- 496./596. Selected Topics – Value and Evaluation

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### UPPER DIVISION

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper division course except upper division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

#### 306. Philosophies of China and Japan (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Historical and critical study of the philosophical thought of China and Japan.

### **307. Philosophies of India (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Historical and critical survey with emphasis on basic ideas and traditions.

### **330. Philosophy of Religion (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Nature and function of religion and of fundamental religious concepts and ideals.

### **342. Metaphysics (3)**

Prerequisite: Three units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Problems of ontology and cosmology including such concepts as matter and energy, time and space, evolution and causality.

### **351. Political Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, and upper division standing.

Analysis of fundamental political concepts such as the legitimacy of government, the relation of justice to coercive power, the morality of war, political obligation, and sovereignty; and/or a study of political ideologies such as socialism, classical liberalism, and conservatism.

### **352. Philosophy of Law (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Study of the historical development of the philosophy of law and examination of the problems in the field ranging from general theories to analysis of fundamental legal concepts and normative issues.

### **361. Philosophy of Art (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Discussion of central problems in aesthetics, such as possibility of objectivity in criticism, modern and traditional definitions of a work of art, truth and meaning in the fine arts, natural beauty and its relationship to excellence in music, architecture, etc.

### **363. Ethical Theory (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements; 3 units of philosophy.

In-depth discussion of such issues as obligation, responsibility, social justice, and personal ideals.

### **381. Philosophy of Science (3)**

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Problems, methods and fundamental concepts of the sciences, including the relationships of the sciences to each other, to mathematics and to philosophy.

### **382. Theory of Knowledge (3)**

Prerequisite: Three units of philosophy.

Investigation of such concepts as knowledge, belief, certainty. Critical study of theories concerning such issues as our knowledge of the external world, the past, other minds.

### **400. Business Ethics (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, at least one Explorations course.

Study of types of ethical dilemmas that take place in business organizations. Acquire concepts and tools needed to manage these complex value conflicts for the well being of individuals, organizations, and society.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as CBA 400. Not open for credit to students with credit in CBA 400.

### **401. Philosophy in Education (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation; at least a 3.0 GPA across all units attempted; at least 15 units of philosophy at the 200-level or higher with a 3.0 GPA across all units attempted in philosophy; and consent of instructor.

Examine philosophical works on education, analyze common exclusion of philosophy from K-12 curriculum, explore integration of philosophy into K-12 curriculum. Student is placed in local school district to lead weekly philosophy sessions. Service Learning.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units in different semesters.

### **403. Medical Ethics (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements; at least one Explorations course.

Covers main areas of bioethics: reproductive rights and liberties, definitions of health, disease, and disability, end of life care, distribution of health care, goals of health care. Philosophical texts, journal articles from medical humanities, ethics, medicine, and case studies used.

### **405. Philosophy in Literature (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements; at least one Exploration course in philosophy, literature, theater arts; upper-division standing required.

Intensive exploration of philosophical ideas in selected literature with special attention to both philosophical and literary ways of reading and appreciating a text.

Not open for credit to students with credit in PHIL 305.

### **413./513. Continental Rationalism (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of such major figures as Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz.

### **414./514. British Empiricism (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of such major figures as Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

### **416./516. Pragmatism (3)**

Prerequisite: Three units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Development of pragmatism as exemplified in the philosophies of Peirce, James, Dewey and Mead.

### **417./517. Phenomenology (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Study of one of the major movements of contemporary philosophy. Themes treated may include knowledge, meaning, emotionality, embodiment, language, sociality, freedom and religion. Philosophers treated may include Husserl, Scheler, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty and Ricoeur.

### **418./518. Existentialism (3)**

Prerequisites: Three units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of such issues as self-as-existence, freedom and responsibility in their ethical, religious, political and aesthetic dimensions. Philosophers treated may include Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Marcel, Jaspers, Sartre and Camus.

### **419./519. Analytic Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 270, or consent of instructor.

Analysis of major movements in development of Anglo-American philosophy in the twentieth century, such as logical atomism, logical positivism and ordinary language philosophy. Study of contributions of such philosophers as Moore, Russell, Wittgenstein, Ayer, Ryle, Austin, Strawson, and Quine.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **421./521. Plato (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 203, or consent of instructor.

Close study of Plato's thought, based primarily on readings from his works.

**422./522. Aristotle (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 203, or consent of instructor.

Close study of Aristotle's thought, based primarily on readings from his works.

**423./523. Kant (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.

**424./524. Hegel (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Study of Hegel's Philosophy of Mind and Logic, and selected writings by Hegel and other topics.

**425./525. Wittgenstein (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of the later philosophy of Wittgenstein, centering on Philosophical Investigations.

**451. Liberty and Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Law (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Explorations courses, and upper-division standing; and 6 units of philosophy, or consent of instructor. Junior standing required; Senior standing recommended.

Philosophical and legal analysis of how liberty and justice for different races, ethnic groups and genders have been treated in American law.

**455./555. Philosophical Perspectives on Sex and Love (3)**

Prerequisite: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Philosophical perspectives on sex and love explores philosophical issues concerning sex, gender and love through readings and discussion of classical and contemporary philosophical sources. Topics such as sexual perversion, romantic love and gender discrimination.

Same course as WGSS 455. Not open for credit to students with credit in W/ST 455 or WGSS 455.

**461. Diversity in Criticism and Analysis of the Arts (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing (junior standing required; senior standing recommended).

Philosophical and critical consideration of the arts by different races, ethnic groups, and genders in the United States.

**482. Introduction to Cognitive Science (3)**

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements; at least one Explorations course; upper-division standing; at least six units in two areas chosen from Computer Science, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Psychology.

Introduction to cognitive science including historical development, foundational philosophical presuppositions, core topics, underlying theoretical framework, explanatory goals, different methodologies and theoretical contributions of its constitutive disciplines.

Same course as PSY 382. Not open for credit to students with credit in PSY 382.

**483./583. Philosophical Psychology (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Nature of the mind. Psychological concepts such as intention, consciousness, action, motive, imagination, belief and purpose.

**484./584. Philosophy of Language (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Philosophical thought about language and meaning.

**489. Philosophy Internship/Pre-Law (3-6)**

Prerequisites: Consent of Philosophy Department Chair; completion of a minimum of 15 upper-division units required for the Philosophy major.

Internship with private organizations and governmental agencies. Work done under the joint supervision of the program sponsor and CSULB Philosophy Pre-Law Advisor. Mid-term, final report and internship conferences are required. (Activity 9 hours)

**490./590. Selected Topics - Early Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Detailed and intensive study of figures, periods or issues in ancient or medieval philosophy.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**491./591. Selected Topics - Modern Tradition (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Detailed and intensive study of a significant philosopher or of some issue or theme of the modern (1600-1900) philosophical era.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**492./592. Selected Topics - Twentieth Century Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Detailed and intensive study of a significant philosopher or of a school or movement of the twentieth century.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**493./593. Selected Topics - Metaphysical Studies (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Seminar study of a selected metaphysical topic. Sample topics: Time, Personal Identity, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy of Action, Process Philosophy.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**496./596. Selected Topics - Value and Evaluation (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Seminar study of a selected topic in value or evaluation. Sample topics: Theories of Value, Freedom and Determinism.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**497H. Undergraduate Honors Seminar (3)**

Prerequisites: 1) Admission to the undergraduate Honors Program in Philosophy. 2) Undergraduate Honors Thesis (PHIL 498) or (with consent of instructor) taken concurrently.

A capstone seminar designed to prepare exceptional undergraduate majors for graduate studies in philosophy and other disciplines. Complements Undergraduate Honors Thesis (PHIL 498).

Letter grade only (A-F).

**498H. Undergraduate Honors Thesis (3)**

Prerequisites: Admission to the undergraduate Honors Program in Philosophy.

Directed Studies course on a topic chosen by students in consultation with their Honors Thesis Director. Students register for thesis credits both fall and spring terms. Students are also required to register for Phil 497H during the spring term.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units in different semesters.

**499. Directed Studies (1-3)**

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Independent study of special topics under supervision of a faculty member.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units.

## GRADUATE LEVEL

### **513./413. Continental Rationalism (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of such major figures as Descartes, Spinoza and Leibniz.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **514./414. British Empiricism (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of such major figures as Locke, Berkeley, and Hume.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **516./416. Pragmatism (3)**

Prerequisite: Three units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Development of pragmatism as exemplified in the philosophies of Peirce, James, Dewey and Mead.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **517./417. Phenomenology (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Study of one of the major movements of contemporary philosophy. Themes treated may include knowledge, meaning, emotionality, embodiment, language, sociality, freedom and religion. Philosophers treated may include Husserl, Scheler, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty and Ricoeur.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **518./418. Existentialism (3)**

Prerequisites: Three units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of such issues as self-as-existence, freedom and responsibility in their ethical, religious, political and aesthetic dimensions. Philosophers treated may include Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Marcel, Jaspers, Sartre and Camus.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **519./419. Analytic Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 270, or consent of instructor.

Analysis of major movements in development of Anglo-American philosophy in the twentieth century, such as logical atomism, logical positivism and ordinary language philosophy. Study of contributions of such philosophers as Moore, Russell, Wittgenstein, Ayer, Ryle, Austin, Strawson, and Quine.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **521./421. Plato (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 203, or consent of instructor.

Close study of Plato's thought, based primarily on readings from his works.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **522./422. Aristotle (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 203, or consent of instructor.

Close study of Aristotle's thought, based primarily on readings from his works.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **523./423. Kant (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **524./424. Hegel (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include 204, or consent of instructor.

Study of Hegel's Philosophy of Mind and Logic, and selected writings by Hegel and other topics.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **525./425. Wittgenstein (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy to include PHIL 204, or consent of instructor.

Close study of the later philosophy of Wittgenstein, centering on Philosophical Investigations.

### **555./455. Philosophical Perspectives on Sex and Love (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Philosophical perspectives on sex and love explores philosophical issues concerning sex, gender and love through readings and discussion of classical and contemporary philosophical sources. Topics such as sexual perversion, romantic love and gender discrimination are examined.

### **583./483. Philosophical Psychology (3)**

Prerequisite: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Nature of the mind. Psychological concepts such as intention, consciousness, action, motive, imagination, belief and purpose.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **584./484. Philosophy of Language (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Philosophical thought about language and meaning.

Letter grade only (A-F).

### **590./490. Selected Topics - Early Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Study of figures, periods or issues in ancient or medieval philosophy.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### **591./491. Selected Topics - Modern Tradition (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Study of a significant philosopher, or of some issue or theme of the modern (1600-1900) philosophical era.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### **592./492. Selected Topics - Twentieth Century Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Study of a significant philosopher or of a school or movement of twentieth century.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### **593./493. Selected Topics - Metaphysical Studies (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Seminar study of a selected metaphysical topic.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### **596./496. Selected Topics - Value and Evaluation (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

Seminar of selected topic in value or evaluation. Sample topics: Theories of Value, Freedom and Determinism.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

### **597. Teaching Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisites: Six units of philosophy or consent of instructor.

A practical and theoretical introduction to the aims, methods, responsibilities, and ethics of teaching in the college classroom, with an emphasis on the specific issues involved in teaching philosophy.

Letter grade only (A-F).

**599. Graduate Tutorial (1-3)**

Prerequisite: Six units of Philosophy or consent of instructor.  
Supervised independent study.

Seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or better may enroll with consent of department. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Letter grade only (A-F).

**610. Proseminar (3)**

Prerequisite: Classified or Conditionally Classified Status in Philosophy

Introduction to graduate-level philosophy, with emphasis on basic level skills in analysis, research, and composition. Content varies. Letter grade only (A-F).

**620. Selected Topics - History of Philosophy (3)**

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Close study of selected subjects in the history of philosophy. The original language may be required.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**630. Selected Topics - Philosophy of Religion (3)**

Prerequisite: PHIL 330 or consent of instructor.

Critical examination of selected issues, figures and movements.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**640. Seminar in Metaphysics (3)**

Prerequisites: Graduate standing; any conditions or deficiencies levied on admission must be rectified.

Supervised research and discussion on recurrent metaphysical problems and systems on the basis of selected works.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics.

**663. Selected Topics - Ethics (3)**

Prerequisite: PHIL 363 or consent of the instructor.

Systematic examination of topics (such as human rights, pleasure) and theories (such as utilitarianism, contract theory) which are central to moral reasoning.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**680. Selected Topics - Epistemology (3)**

Prerequisite: PHIL 382 or consent of instructor.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**681. Selected Topics - Philosophy of Science (3)**

Current issues in the philosophy of science.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**690. Selected Topics - Current Interest in Philosophy (3)**

Presentation, discussion and critical evaluation of advanced work (which may include original research of faculty and graduate students) in selected topics of current interest to professional philosophers.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

**697. Directed Research (1-3)**

Prerequisites: Classified Status and consent of student's advisor or Graduate Advisor.

Intended for preparation of the prospectus for the thesis option or preparation and completion of comprehensive exams in Philosophy.

Letter grade only (A-F).

**698. Thesis (1-6)**

Prerequisites: Consent of student's advisor or graduate advisor, and advancement to candidacy.

Preparation and completion of a thesis in philosophy and oral defense thereof.