

**UMBC  
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT COURSES  
FALL 2022**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	
<b>INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY</b>				
<b>PHIL 100</b>	01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	PAHB 108	James Thomas
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	SOND 109	James Thomas
	03	MW 1:00-2:15pm	SOND 109	James Thomas
	04	MW 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 108	Whitney Schwab
	05	MW 4:00-5:15pm	PAHB 107	Amy Payne
	06	MW 5:30-6:45pm	SOND 110	Amy Payne
	07	TTh 10:00-11:15am	PAHB 107	Amy Payne
	08	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	PAHB 107	Auksuole Rubavichute
	09	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 107	Auksuole Rubavichute
	10	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 108	Eric Campbell
	11	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	SOND 111	Auksuole Rubavichute
	12	TTh 5:30-6:45pm	SOND 108	Michael Harding
<b>CRITICAL THINKING</b>				
<b>PHIL 146</b>	01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	PAHB 107	Andrew Bridges
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	PP 208	Andrew Bridges
<b>CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES</b>				
<b>PHIL 150</b>	01	MW 1:00-2:15pm	WEB	Daniel Jenkins
	02	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	SOND 109	Greg Ealick
<b>CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES – HONORS</b>				
<b>PHIL 150H</b>	01	MWF 11:00-11:50am	PAHB 456	Blake Francis
<b>INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS</b>				
<b>PHIL 152</b>	01	MWF 10:00-10:50am	SOND 111	Greg Ealick
	02	MW 1:00-2:15pm	SOND 110	Greg Ealick
	03	MW 2:30-3:45pm	WEB	Daniel Jenkins
	04	TTh 10:00-11:15am	SOND 110	Michael Nance
	05	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	SOND 108	Michael Harding
<b>INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC REASONING</b>				
<b>PHIL 248</b>	01	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	WEB	Lisa Cassell
<b>HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT</b>				
<b>PHIL 321</b>	01	MW 4:00-5:15pm	FA 306	Whitney Schwab
The history of major philosophical views from the pre-Socratics through Hellenistic philosophy, with special emphasis on the early and middle dialogues of Plato and the physical, ethical and metaphysical works of Aristotle.				

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

### **DEDUCTIVE LOGIC**

**PHIL 346** 01 TTh 4:00-5:15pm WEB Lisa Cassell

An introduction to symbolized deductive logic, including the construction of formalized systems for traditional logic, the sentential calculus and first-order predicate calculus. These systems will be constructed semantically (as formalizations of deductive reasoning in natural languages) and syntactically (as uninterpreted systems).

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

### **WELL-BEING AND HAPPINESS**

**PHIL 351** 01 MW 1:00-2:15pm PAHB 229 Blake Francis

This course surveys theories of well-being, which concern what is good or bad for a person, and theories of happiness, which concern a psychological state of mind. Such theories include perfectionism, hedonism, desire-fulfillment, objective-list, and life-satisfaction theories. Issues to be discussed include whether well-being should be understood in terms of happiness, whether happiness can be measured, whether lifetime well-being is simply the sum of particular moments, and whether posthumous events can be bad or good for the person who dies.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

### **BIOETHICS**

**PHIL 358** 01 MW 5:30-6:45pm ITE 237 Daniel Jenkins

A survey of the ethical constraints on the practice of medicine, biomedical research using human and nonhuman animals, and the delivery of health care. Specific topics will include doctor-patient confidentiality; autonomy, competence, and medical decision-making; ethical issues at the beginning and end of human life; and controversial biomedical technologies such as cloning and stem cell research.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 150 , PHIL 152 , HAPP 350

### **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**PHIL 372** 01 TTh 11:30am-12:45pm FA 306 Jessica Pfeifer

What is the exact nature of science? This course considers answers given by different philosophical schools. We examine how these schools explicate central scientific terms such as laws, explanations, theories, models, confirmation, justification, scientific progress and scientific revolutions.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

## **METAPHYSICS**

**PHIL 373 01** MWF 11:00-11:50am PAHB 229 James Thomas  
A survey of central metaphysical concepts and themes in the Western philosophical tradition. Topics to be covered may include: identity, personal identity, causation, free will, the mind-body problem, properties, laws of nature, necessity, essentialism, realism and antirealism, and the existence of God. Readings will be drawn from historical and contemporary sources.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

## **IRRATIONALITY**

**PHIL 475 01** MW 2:30-3:45pm PAHB 456 Steve Yalowitz  
This course looks at problems in understanding irrational mental phenomena - instances where one acts or believes contrary to one's own best judgment or intention concerning what one should do or think. Topics to be covered include the nature of rationality and irrationality, the possibility and structure of weakness of will, wishful thinking, and self-deception. The bearing of irrational phenomena on questions concerning responsibility and freedom will also be addressed.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

Recommended Preparation: One 300-level course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, especially PHIL 353, PHIL 371, PHIL 373, PHIL 380.

## **MINDS, MACHINES, AND LOGIC**

**PHIL 477 01** TTh 10:00-11:15am PAHB 456 Greg Ealick  
This course looks closely at the computational theory of mind, which holds that the human mind is a mechanical device that translates experience into representations and then operates on these representations according to their mechanical properties in order to produce thought and behavior. Topics to be considered in evaluating this theory include: the nature of intentionality and representation, the nature and limits of models, the coherence of self-reference, the ambiguity of rules, and the social dimension of concepts.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

Recommended Preparation: One 300-level course in philosophy, especially PHIL 371, PHIL 373, or PHIL 380.

## **NIETZSCHE**

**PHIL 485 01** TTh 5:30-6:45pm PAHB 456 Eric Campbell

A close study of Nietzsche's central ideas, especially with a view toward their relevance for contemporary philosophy and culture. Topics may include: naturalism; nihilism; the will to truth and the will to power; drive psychology; perspectivism; the nature of philosophy and its relationship to art; Nietzsche's critique of morality and re-evaluation of values. Readings will be drawn from key texts such as *Beyond Good and Evil*, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, *The Genealogy of Morals*, *Daybreak*, *The Gay Science*.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.

Recommended Preparation: One 300-level course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, especially PHIL 350, PHIL 353, or PHIL 322.

## **KANT'S MORAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

**PHIL 486 01** TTh 1:00-2:15pm PAHB 456 Michael Nance

A close study of Kant's moral, political, and legal thought as it develops across major writings, focusing on Kant's views about freedom and practical reason in morality, rational religion, and politics. Topics include: Kant's theory of moral autonomy and free will; the 'moral' arguments for freedom of the will and the existence of God; Kant's theory of property, the social contract, and international justice; and his arguments for the rationality of hope for historical progress in political life.

Prerequisites: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor.