

UMBC
PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT COURSES
FALL 2023

<u>Course</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY				
PHIL 100	01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	PAHB 108	James Thomas
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	ITE 104	James Thomas
	03	MW 11:00-11:50am	PHYS 201	Greg Ealick
	04	MW 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 234	Amy Payne
	05	MW 4:00-5:15pm	PAHB 234	Amy Payne
	06	MW 5:30-6:45pm	PAHB 234	Christopher Arledge
	07	TTh 10:00-11:15am	PAHB 108	Greg Ealick
	08	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	WEB	Whitney Schwab
	09	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 107	Greg Ealick
	10	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 107	Amy Payne
	11	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	M&P 103	Patrick Mayer
	12	TTh 5:30-6:45pm	SOND 112	Auksuole Rubavichute

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY - HONORS

PHIL 150H	01	MW 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 456	Eric Campbell
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CRITICAL THINKING

PHIL 146	01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	SHERM 003	Andrew Bridges
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	PHYS 201	Andrew Bridges

CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES

PHIL 150	01	MWF 11:00-11:50am	PAHB 108	Blake Francis
	02	MW 2:30-3:45pm	FA 303	Daniel Jenkins

INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

PHIL 152	01	MW 1:00-2:15pm	WEB	Daniel Jenkins
	02	MW 4:00-5:15pm	SOND 108	Patrick Mayer
	03	MW 5:30-6:45pm	PAHB 108	Daniel Jenkins
	04	TTh 10:00-11:15am	PAHB 107	Michael Nance
	05	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	ITE 229	Patrick Mayer

INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC REASONING

PHIL 248	01	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 234	Lisa Cassell
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HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT

PHIL 321	01	TTh 10:00-11:15am	WEB	Whitney Schwab
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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.

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

PHIL 345 01 MW 1:00-2:15pm PAHB 229 Greg Ealick

A survey of philosophical issues concerning the nature of meaning, understanding, communication and language. Topics to be discussed may include the relations between meaning, intention and belief; the relationship between mental content and linguistic meaning; interpretation; the possibility of thought without language; the factual status of meaning and understanding; the nature of naming and referring; the relation between individual understanding and the physical and social environment.

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 FA 306 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.

ETHICAL THEORY

PHIL 350 01 MW 4:00-5:15pm ENG 027 Eric Campbell

A critical examination of a range of major ethical theories, chosen from among virtue theories, divine command theories, utilitarian theories, contractualist theories, existentialism and Kantianism. Readings may be drawn from both historical and contemporary texts.

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

ETHICS AND TECHNOLOGY

PHIL 352 01 MW 2:30-3:45pm PAHB 229 Blake Francis

This course surveys ethical questions about the development, use, and regulation of technology. Topics to be discussed may include surveillance, big data, algorithms in policing and medical care, self-driving cars, social media, geoengineering, energy technologies, industrial and electronic waste, nanotechnology, genetically modified organisms, reproductive technology, and human enhancement. Competing ethical frameworks will be utilized to evaluate how technologies affect society and the environment. Critical reflection on the impacts of new technologies is emphasized.

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

PHILOSOPHY OF HUMOR

PHIL 369 01 MWF 11:00-11:50am PAHB 229 James Thomas

A survey of issues related to the question of whether and how humor can be defined and understood. A variety of psychological and philosophical theories of humor and the causes of laughter will be examined. Examples from different media, including stand-up comedy, podcasts, television, and film, will be used to test competing theories. Special attention will be paid to the ethical implications of offensive humor. 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.

PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY

PHIL 394 01 TTh 11:30am-12:45pm PAHB 229 Jessica Pfeifer

An examination of biology from a philosophical point of view. Some of the philosophical problems considered are the tautological character of the principle of natural selection, genic vs. group selection, the definition of fitness, the nature of biological species, the statistical character of evolutionary theory, and the reduction of biological laws to laws in physics and chemistry.

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

CONSEQUENTIALISM AND ITS CRITICS

PHIL 451 01 MW 5:30-6:45pm PAHB 456 Patrick Mayer

According to Consequentialism, the rightness or wrongness of an action, law, or institution is determined by the value of its consequences. While typically taken for granted in public policy debates, it is often rejected as an adequate moral theory, because it is too demanding in what it requires of moral agents and deviates too far from commonsense morality. This course starts with its classical formulation - Utilitarianism - and then looks at contemporary variants developed in response to these and other criticisms.

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

FREEDOM, DETERMINISM, AND RESPONSIBILITY

PHIL 471 01 TTh 2:30-3:45pm WEB Steve Yalowitz

A survey of different conceptions of human freedom, moral responsibility, and how they relate to deterministic and indeterministic pictures of the natural world. Topics to be considered may include: the compatibility of freedom and moral responsibility with determinism, the relation between choice and personal identity, the conceivability of life without freedom or responsibility, and competing conceptions of punishment. 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.

Recommended Preparation: One 300-level course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, especially PHIL 350, PHIL 371, PHIL 373, or PHIL 380.

HEGEL AND MARX

PHIL 487 01

TTh 1:00-2:15pm

PAHB 456

Michael Nance

A close study of the social and political thought of Hegel and the early Marx, exploring key ideas such as recognition, alienation, the critique of capitalism, exploitation, and historical materialism, with an eye toward their relevance for contemporary political philosophy and critical social theory. Classical texts from Hegel and Marx will be supplemented by readings from more recent authors working in the Hegelian and Marxian traditions, in order to give students a sense of the continuing influence and development of Hegel's and Marx's thought.

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 322, PHIL 355, or PHIL 486.