

**UMBC**  
**PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT COURSES**  
**FALL 2024**

<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 107	James Thomas
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	PAHB 107	James Thomas
	03	MWF 11:00-11:50am	PAHB 107	Greg Ealick
	04	MW 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 234	Eric Campbell
	05	MW 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 108	Amy Payne
	06	MW 4:00-5:15pm	PAHB 108	Amy Payne
	07	MW 5:30-6:45pm	PAHB 108	Christopher Arledge
	08	TTh 10:00-11:15am	PAHB 107	Michael McCourt
	09	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	PAHB 107	Amy Payne
	10	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 107	Michael McCourt
	11	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 234	Amy Payne
	12	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	ONLINE	Auksuole Rubavichute
	13	TTh 5:30-6:45pm	PAHB 107	Patrick Mayer

**INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY - HONORS**

<b>PHIL 100H</b>	01	MW 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 456	Whitney Schwab
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**CRITICAL THINKING**

<b>PHIL 146</b>	01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	PAHB 108	Andrew Bridges
	02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	PAHB 108	Andrew Bridges

**CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES**

<b>PHIL 150</b>	01	TTh 10:00-11:15am	PAHB 108	Greg Ealick
	02	M 4:00-5:15pm	ONLINE	Daniel Jenkins

**INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS**

<b>PHIL 152</b>	01	MWF 11:00-11:50am	ONLINE	Andrew Fyfe
	02	MW 1:00-2:15pm	ONLINE	Andrew Fyfe
	03	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 234	Greg Ealick
	04	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 108	Patrick Mayer
	05	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	SOND 105	Patrick Mayer

**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

<b>PHIL 210</b>	01	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	SOND 208	Michael McCourt
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A critical examination of the nature and justification of religious belief. Topics to be discussed include the existence of God, the nature of religious belief, the problem of evil, the possibility of life after death, and the relation between religion and morality.

**BUSINESS ETHICS**

<b>PHIL 253</b>	01	M 5:30-6:45pm	ONLINE	Daniel Jenkins
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This course looks closely at ethical issues that arise in the context of business practice and design. Topics to be considered include appropriate workplace conduct, pay equity,

just employment practices, models of business management, and sustainable development. Analysis of cases exemplifying such issues will be conducted through the use of ethical theories built around different key aspects in our ordinary moral thinking and assessments, such as happiness, utility, duty, and virtuous character.

### **HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT**

**PHIL 321** 01 MW 4:00-5:15pm M&P 104 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.

### **ASIAN PHILOSOPHY**

**PHIL 334** 01 TTh 2:30-3:45pm PAHB 229 Joonho Lee

This course will consist of a critical survey of the major philosophical and spiritual traditions of India, China and Japan. The key concepts and principles of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Zen Buddhism and Shintoism will be examined and discussed. Topics will include the difference in emphasis and approach between the philosophical thought of East and West, the conceptual relations between the various Asian traditions and the importance of the concept of enlightenment in Asian thought. Special attention will be given to the role that Asian philosophy has played in shaping Asian culture.

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

### **DEDUCTIVE LOGIC**

**PHIL 346** 01 TTh 10:00-11:15am SONND 107 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 TTh 11:30am-12:45pm 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.

### **MORALITY AND PSYCHOLOGY**

**PHIL 353** 01 MW 2:30-3:45pm M&P 106 Eric Campbell

An examination of some of the central issues connecting psychological research to ethical inquiry. Topics to be covered may include: psychological egoism; the nature of moral judgment and moral motivation and their relations; the role of reasoning vs. emotional processes in moral judgments; the social and evolutionary functions of moral sentiments and concepts; how psychological research might shape our understanding of and responses to the questions about whether morality is objective and whether we can be morally responsible for our actions.

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

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 150, PHIL 152, PHIL 350, or PSYC 100.

### **METAPHYSICS**

**PHIL 373** 01 MWF 11:00-11:50am PAHB 108 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.

### **PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE**

**PHIL 375** 01 TTh 4:00-5:15pm PAHB 229 Jessica Pfeifer

This course explores fundamental questions about the nature of medical care and medical knowledge. It focuses on issues concerning the aims of medicine, our concepts and theories of health and disease, medical evidence and diagnosis, the patient-physician relationship, and a variety of ethical, political, and values questions about medical research and practice. These explorations touch on and draw from the tools of metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science, ethics, and public policy.

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

### **DECISION THEORY**

**PHIL 430** 01 TTh 1:00-2:15pm PAHB 456 Lisa Cassell

This course is a philosophical examination of decision theory, which attempts to give an account of how we should make decisions whose outcomes depend upon facts about which we are uncertain. Part of the course focuses on puzzle cases where competing approaches to decision making yield different results. Other topics to be considered include whether our best approaches to decision making are psychologically feasible, and whether and how decision theory should accommodate our different attitudes towards risk.

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 346, PHIL 371, PHIL 372, or PHIL 380.

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

**PHIL 477 01**                      MW 1:00-2:15pm                      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 with a grade of C or better, especially PHIL 371, PHIL 373, or PHIL 380.

### **ADVANCED TOPICS: PHILOSOPHY OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**

**PHIL 499 01**                      MWF 10:00-10:50am                      PAHB 456                      Robert Birt

What is civil disobedience, and on what grounds can it be justified? Drawing on such thinkers as Dr. Martin L. King, Nelson Mandela, Henry David Thoreau, Socrates, Sophocles and others, this class will explore the moral and philosophical foundations of civil disobedience, as well as what sorts of defiance of law and civil authority constitute civil disobedience.

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