



**DEPARTMENT
OF PHILOSOPHY**

**PHILOSOPHY COURSE SCHEDULE
FALL 2025**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY			
PHIL 100 01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	FA 303	Christopher Arledge
02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	PUP 206	Christopher Arledge
03	MWF 11:00-11:50am	FA 303	James Thomas
04	MW 1:00-2:15pm	WEB	Tom Mulherin
05	MW 2:30-3:45pm	FA 303	Amy Payne
06	MW 4:00-5:15pm	PUP 208	Amy Payne
07	M 5:30-6:45pm	WEB	Daniel Jenkins
08	TTh 10:00-11:15am	SOND 109	Patrick Mayer
09	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	SOND 206	Amy Payne
10	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 107	Darrell Wheeler
11	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 107	Amy Payne
12	TTh 4:00-5:15pm	PAHB 107	Darrell Wheeler
13	TTh 5:30-6:45pm	PAHB 107	Patrick Mayer
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY - HONORS			
PHIL 100H 01	MW 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 456	James Thomas
CRITICAL THINKING			
PHIL 146 01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	PAHB 107	Andrew Bridges
02	MWF 10:00-10:50am	SOND 114	Andrew Bridges
CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES			
PHIL 150 01	MW 2:30-3:45pm	SOND 105	Greg Ealick
02	TTh 1:00-2:15pm	PAHB 132	Lisa Cassell
INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS			
PHIL 152 01	MWF 10:00-10:50am	WEB	Andrew Fyfe
02	MWF 11:00-11:50am	WEB	Andrew Fyfe
03	TTh 10:00-11:15am	WEB	Auksuole Rubavichute
04	TTh 11:30am-12:45pm	PAHB 108	Danielle Albrecht
05	TTh 2:30-3:45pm	PAHB 108	Danielle Albrecht
INTRODUCTION EAST ASIAN PHILOSOPHY			
PHIL 230 01	MW 1:00-2:15pm	ILS 116A	Joonho Lee
INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC REASONING			
PHIL 248 01	MWF 9:00-9:50am	WEB	Andrew Fyfe



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PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

PHIL 345 01 TTh 5:30-6:45pm 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 10:00-11:15am PAHB 229 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 TTh 1:00-2:15pm PAHB 229 Patrick Mayer

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.

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 355 01 MW 2:30-3:45pm PAHB 229 Mark Hopwood

A critical examination of selected philosophical theories aimed at addressing such questions as: What is the extent of political authority, and what (if any) legitimate forms can it take? Can coercion by the state be justified? What are the obligations of citizens? What is the nature of law, and can the rule of law extend to states? What understanding of human nature and human needs underlies the various particular answers to such questions? Readings may be drawn from historical as well as contemporary sources.

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



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BIOETHICS

PHIL 358 01 MW 1:00-2:15PM PAHB 229 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. *This course will meet online on Mondays and in person on Wednesdays.*

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

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 150, PHIL 152, or HAPP 350

VIDEO GAME ETHICS

PHIL 363 01 MW 4:00-5:15pm PAHB 229 Joonho Lee

This course examines the ethical dimensions of video games. How do video games impact society? What ethical responsibilities do we have as players and consumers of video games? What ethical responsibilities do the creators of video games or the video game industry have? How might video games help us reason about ethical problems? Should video games be considered a form of art? Students learn about various ethical theories and apply them to issues raised by video games. Students also play and analyze games and critically discuss their embedded values and politics.

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

PHILOSOPHY OF HUMOR

PHIL 369 01 MWF 10:00-10:50am 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.

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 100, PHIL 150, or PHIL 152



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PHILOSOPHY OF AI

PHIL 378 01

MWF 11:00-11:50am

PAHB 229

Greg Ealick &
Jessica Pfeifer

This course explores the philosophical foundations and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It examines core questions about the nature of AI, such as: What is AI? What is the relationship between AI and scientific knowledge? How can bias in AI be addressed? Can AI predict, influence, or even control human behavior? What is the relationship between mind and machine? Can AI replicate human capacities for cognition, creativity, and consciousness? And what is the future of human-AI interactions?

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

PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS

PHIL 395 01

MW 5:30-6:45pm

PAHB 229

Christopher Arledge

This course is a survey of central issues in the philosophical foundations of physics. We consider some of the major theories in the history of physics, such as Newtonian mechanics, relativity theory, and quantum mechanics. A special emphasis will be given to the consideration of central concepts in these theories, such as time, space, cause, matter, motion, force, field, geometry and probability, as well as scientific paradoxes arising concerning some of these concepts. No familiarity with physics is required.

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

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 372 or PHIL 373

CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 420 01

TTh 11:30am-12:45pm

PAHB 456

Michael Nance

This class focuses on theories of social crisis since Marx. What does it mean to say that a modern society is in crisis? How is a social crisis different from mere social problems? What are the structural features of social crises that must be taken into account by an adequate theory of crisis? The class will address these questions through readings drawn from Marx, Rosa Luxemburg, Jürgen Habermas, Nancy Fraser, and Wolfgang Streeck, among others.

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.



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THE ETHICS OF AGGREGATION

PHIL 453 01 TTh 4:00-5:15pm PAHB 456 Patrick Mayer

This course looks closely at ethical decisions involving trade-offs, where each decision has a cost, as in the case of a runaway trolley that is going to kill people no matter what you do, but you can decide how many. In such cases should we always do the thing that saves the most lives, or is it unfair to think that the numbers alone determine the ethical issue? Are all lives worth the same, and does this force us to think that only the numbers count?

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

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 150 or PHIL 152 or PHIL 350 or PHIL 355

HARM IN MORALITY AND LAW

PHIL 457 01 TTh 2:30-3:45pm PAHB 456 Blake Francis

This course explores the nature of harm, and what justifies various injunctions against harming or failing to prevent harm. Competing theories of harm must address a range of puzzling issues, including whether future people can be harmed, whether the bad Samaritan does harm by failing to benefit, whether being conceived or born can count as a harm or benefit, and whether death harms the person who dies. Implications for criminal and tort law will be addressed.

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

Recommended Preparation: PHIL 350, PHIL 351, or PHIL 355