

PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRY

Courses in the Philosophical Inquiry domain address conceptual issues fundamental to reflection on such philosophical topics as:

- metaphysics (e.g., being and nonbeing, the one and the many, the nature of reality, same and other, self and other);
- epistemology (e.g., the nature and possibility of knowledge, different ways of knowing, knowledge vs. opinion, truth and falsity);
- ethics (e.g., right and wrong action, good and bad, objectivism and relativism in ethics, social and political philosophies, the idea of value, the problem of evil); and
- aesthetics (e.g., the nature of beauty, aesthetic value, the possibility of aesthetic valuation).

Courses address questions of how such topics impinge upon, shape, and challenge student lives.

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Address, critically think about, and analyze philosophical questions and problems.
- Evaluate philosophical questions, issues and/or problems using informed judgment.
- Analyze and interpret the methods used by philosophers in addressing philosophical questions, issues, and/or problems.
- Engage with philosophical topics and figures in their historical context.
- Confront and interpret primary texts from the philosophical tradition.
- Write an analytic essay treating a philosophical question, issue and/or problem that forwards an identifiable thesis, argument, and conclusion.

Courses

Below please find examples of courses previously offered for philosophical inquiry credit. For information on current offerings, please consult Campus Connect.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
African and Black Diaspora Studies		
ABD 234	BLACK AESTHETIC THOUGHT	4
Asian Studies, Global		
AAS 287	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN PHILOSOPHY	4
Catholic Studies		
CTH 230	THINKING ABOUT GOD. FAITH AND REASON IN DIALOGUE	4
Comparative Literature		
CPL 210	GREAT IDEAS, THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY I	4
Computer Science		
CSC 208	ETHICS IN TECHNOLOGY	4
Criminology		
CRIM 209	CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	4
Environmental Science		
ENV 170	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	4

Film and Television Production		
FILM 228	ETHICS IN COMPUTER GAMES AND CINEMA	4
FILM 237	FILM PHILOSOPHY	4
Game Development		
GAM 228	ETHICS IN COMPUTER GAMES AND CINEMA	4
Geography		
GEO 299	KNOWLEDGE, PLACE AND POWER	4
German		
GER 271E	TRANSLATION THEORY & PRACTICE: THINKING ABOUT TRANSLATION FROM THE ROMANTICS TO TODAY	4
Health Sciences		
HLTH 229	ETHICS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES	4
Information Technology		
IT 228	ETHICS IN COMPUTER GAMES AND CINEMA	4
Liberal Studies		
LSE 380	PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES IN PEDAGOGY, CULTURE AND GLOBALIZATION	4
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Studies		
LGQ 388	QUEER THEORY: AN INTRODUCTION	4
Latin American and Latino Studies		
LST 290	LATINO/A LIBERATION TRADITIONS	4
Media and Pop Culture		
MPOP 343	MEDIA ETHICS	4
Management		
MGT 248	BUSINESS ETHICS	4
Modern Languages		
MOL 215	ANCIENT SCIENCE AND ITS LANGUAGE	4
Neuroscience		
NEU 228	NEUROETHICS	4
Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies		
PAX 218	HUMAN RIGHTS: PROMISE AND PROBLEMATIC	4
PAX 235	THE ETHICS OF POVERTY	4
PAX 256	INNER PEACE: EXPERIENCE AND PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACHES	4
Philosophy		
PHL 100	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY	4
PHL 200	ETHICAL THEORIES	4
PHL 202	PHILOSOPHY OF GOD	4
PHL 204	EXISTENTIAL THEMES	4
PHL 208	WHAT IS A PERSON?	4
PHL 209	CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	4
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PHL 228	NEUROETHICS	4
PHL 229	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	4
PHL 230	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN ETHICS	4
PHL 232	WHAT IS FREEDOM?	4
PHL 233	ISSUES IN SEX AND GENDER	4
PHL 234	PHILOSOPHY AND MODERN SOCIETY	4

PHL 235	ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY	4
PHL 236	PHILOSOPHY AND THE CITY	4
PHL 237	PHILOSOPHY, CONFLICT AND PEACE	4
PHL 238	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHIES	4
PHL 240	LOVE, HATRED, AND RESENTMENT	4
PHL 241	ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY	4
PHL 242	PHILOSOPHY AND TECHNOLOGY	4
PHL 243	PHILOSOPHY AND FILM	4
PHL 244	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION	4
PHL 245	REASON AND SOCIETY	4
PHL 246	BLACK AESTHETIC THOUGHT	4
PHL 247	PHILOSOPHY AND THE VALUE OF MUSIC	4
PHL 248	BUSINESS ETHICS	4
PHL 263	GENDER, RACE, AND CLASS: PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES	4
PHL 264	PHILOSOPHICAL CRITIQUES OF COLONIALISM	4
PHL 280	CRITICAL THINKING	4
PHL 287	INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN PHILOSOPHIES	4
PHL 315	SURVEY OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	4
PHL 381	DRAMATIC THEORY: TRAGEDY	4
PHL 382	DRAMATIC THEORY: COMEDY	4
Political Science		
PSC 230	CLASSICAL POLITICAL THOUGHT	4
PSC 231	MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT	4
PSC 234	FREEDOM AND EMPOWERMENT	4
PSC 235	EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	4
PSC 236	LEGITIMACY AND CRISIS	4
School of Continuing and Professional Studies		
SNC 188	PROBLEMS AND ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY ETHICS	4
SNC 231	VISIBLE & INVISIBLE CITIES	4
Sociology		
SOC 202	PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL THOUGHT	4
Women's and Gender Studies		
WGS 388	QUEER THEORY: AN INTRODUCTION	4