PHIL 4030: Phenomenology

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

This course introduces students to a selection of major themes in phenomenology. Students reflect on the phenomenological method and critically examine the justifications phenomenologists give for their claims. The course also takes a comparative approach insofar as students will be encouraged to identify and explore parallels between different positions and practices (East and West) within a broadly speaking phenomenological framework.

PHIL 4200: Indian Philosophy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

The course is a study of texts and themes from Indian philosophical traditions, such as Buddhism, Yoga, Nyāya, Jaina, and Vedānta. The course will address such topics as duty, the self, reality, methods of inquiry, and liberation.

PHIL 4210: Chinese Philosophy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

The course is a study of the representative thinkers and schools in the Chinese philosophical and cultural tradition starting in the classical period. Important figures include Confucius, Zhuangzi, Mencius, Sunzi, and Huananzi.

PHIL 4220: Japanese Philosophy

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

The course is a survey of Japanese philosophical thought from ancient times to the present, including its cultural, religious, ethical, and aesthetic dimensions. While providing a broad overview of the development of Shinto, Confucianism, and Buddhism in the Japanese context, the course also examines the contributions of contemporary Japanese thinkers to world thought.

PHIL 4400: Directed Study

1-3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: Approval of the instructor and department chair prior to registration.

Special topics of an advanced nature not in the regular course offerings.