

# Philosophy and Religion- Spring 15

<b><u>Persons and Problems (Phil 101):</u></b> The best that has been thought and written about beauty, goodness and truth. Read the greatest philosophers on topics of enduring interest and importance.	MW: 8:30-9:45  T: 11:20-2:00  TR: 9:55-11:10  TR: 4:00-5:15
<b><u>Critical Thinking (Phil 102):</u></b> How to take faulty ideas apart and put them back together cogently. Learn how to identify flaws in your own arguments and in the arguments of others and how to construct logical and compelling arguments.	TR: 12:45-2:00  MW: 12:45-2:00  (E) M: 7:00-9:45
<b><u>Contemporary Moral Issues (Phil 103):</u></b> What's right and wrong right now. Apply the ethical wisdom of the ages to contemporary problems such as euthanasia, abortion, gene manipulation, globalization, animal rights, the disparity between industrial and developing nations, and the need to preserve the environment.	TR: 8:30-9:45  F: 8:30-11:10  S: 11:30-2:00  Online
<b><u>Mythology (Phil 110):</u></b> Read and discuss the stories that embody the ancient wisdom of many cultures. Discover how narratives about gods and creation shape the character of a people and preserve the best of their thought and ideals.	F: 11:20-2:00  TR: 9:55- 11:10
<b><u>Comparative Religion (Phil 106):</u></b> This course is a study of the religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Learn about the beauty and variety of the world's great religions.	R: 11:20-2:00
<b><u>Environmental Ethics (FYE 103):</u></b> For our survival, confronting the consequences of human activity on the environment is of vital importance. Environmental Ethics is an exploration of ethical values and principles which are necessary in investigating the causes of the environmental crisis and in searching for solutions for pollution, use of resources, production of food and distribution, and consumption of energy. What is our responsibility for the environment and other species? Do we have an obligation to preserve nature's resources for future generations?	MW: 8:30-9:45  TR: 2:10-3:25
<b><u>Issues in Religion (Phil 105):</u></b> A philosophical examination of the nature and the significance of religious thought and practice. Topics include: the nature of faith, the role of reason in religion, the ethical significance of religious belief, and the existence of God.	R: 4:00-6:45
<b><u>Political and Social Philosophy (Phil 104):</u></b> At this time it has been clear that the masses yearn for political and social change. This course will attempt to elevate that discourse via a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the modern political structure, its theoretical basis, and the possibility of political reform.	(E) R: 7:00-9:45 Will satisfy Political Science Major requirement of Poli 205-History of Political Thought  W: 4:00-6:45
<b><u>On Evil (Phil 239)</u></b> This course examines evil in the western tradition beginning with the story of Adam and Eve and examining how the problem of evil is dealt within later thinkers and theories. Some of the questions that we will be raising are: What is evil? If God is supremely good, where does evil come from? Why do the good suffer and the evil prosper?	
<b><u>Western Religion (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) (Phil 324):</u></b> A study of the major monotheistic religious traditions originating in the Ancient Near East: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The course concentrates on the history, thought, and practice of the three great Abrahamic traditions. Special attention will be given to the contemporary varieties of each tradition with stress on the evolutionary nature of each religion, its diversity and flexibility, growth and expression. We will proceed through a close reading of its expressed revelation and traditions; examining the various genres within, including related works of history, autobiographical reflections, film and the novel. We will also consider the significance and success of ecumenical dialogue within the realm of modern western pluralistic societies.	TR: 12:45-2:00