Philosophy

Overview

Undergraduate

The Philosophy Department offers a major and minor in philosophy, as well as a minor in logic. Qualified majors in philosophy have
the further option of entering the honors program. Details on the
requirements for a major in philosophy (http://philosophy.berkeley.edu/
undergraduate/overview/#major), minor in philosophy (http://
philosophy.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/overview/#minor), minor in logic
(http://philosophy.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/overview/#minor-logic),
and honors in philosophy (http://philosophy.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/
overview/#honors) follow.

Graduate

The graduate program in philosophy at Berkeley offers a first-rate faculty,
a stimulating and friendly community of graduate students, and the
resources of one of the world's finest research universities.

Two features distinguish our profile from that of other leading graduate
programs in philosophy:

• The department has strengths in all the main areas of philosophy,
including epistemology, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, philosophy
of language, logic, ethics, the history of philosophy, and philosophy
of science. We aim at diversity and breadth of coverage, rather than
concentration on one or two areas of philosophical activity.

• Second, the program at Berkeley is structured to give students a high
degree of independence in tailoring their studies to their interests.

Undergraduate Programs

Philosophy (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/
philosophy): BA, Minor
Logic (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/logic): Minor

Graduate Program

Philosophy (http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/
philosophy): PhD

Philosophy

Expand all course descriptions [+]
Collapse all course descriptions [-]

PHILOS R1B Reading and Composition Through Philosophy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Training in writing expository prose in conjunction with reading
philosophical texts. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and
Composition requirement.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: R1A offered by any department, or an equivalent course

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the
Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Alternative to final exam.

Individual Morality and Social Justice: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 2 Individual Morality and Social Justice 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019 8 Week Session
Introduction to ethical and political philosophy.

Individual Morality and Social Justice: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of
discussion per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Individual Morality and Social Justice: Read Less [-]
**PHILOS 3 The Nature of Mind 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session
Introduction to the philosophy of mind. Topics to be considered may include the relation between mind and body; the structure of action; the nature of desires and beliefs; the role of the unconscious.

The Nature of Mind: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 4 Knowledge and Its Limits 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
Introduction to the theory of knowledge.
Knowledge and Its Limits: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 5 Science and Human Understanding 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Introduction to the Philosophy of Science.
Science and Human Understanding: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Science and Human Understanding: Read Less [-]

**PHILOS 6 Man, God, and Society in Western Literature 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2013, Summer 2011 Second 6 Week Session
Philosophical issues as expressed in poetry, drama, and the novel. This course will compare and contrast the Greek, Medieval, and modern worlds, as reflected in their greatest literature, with special emphasis on the role of the community in reconciling conflicts between sub-groups in society and the individual's ability to understand and control his own life. We will also follow man's realization that the changing answers to these questions are themselves self-interpretations.
Man, God, and Society in Western Literature: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Man, God, and Society in Western Literature: Read Less [-]

**PHILOS 7 Existentialism in Literature and Film 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 Second 6 Week Session
Christian, agnostic, and atheistic existentialism as expressed in the works of Dostoyevsky, Melville, Kafka, Antonioni, Goddard, etc.
Existentialism in Literature and Film: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Existentialism in Literature and Film: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 10 Comparative Ethics 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015
A comparative study of topics in Chinese and Western ethical traditions. Topics include love, compassion, benevolence; rituals, filial obligations, the individual and the family; pride, shame, guilt; conscientiousness, courage, wisdom; trustworthiness, forms of integrity; concepts of the self; self-cultivation; human nature, destiny, the cosmic order; the concept of morality, morality and tradition. The course will conclude with a discussion of metaethical issues concerning the confrontation between rival ethical traditions and methodological issues in the study of comparative ethics.
Comparative Ethics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Shun

PHILOS 11 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
A survey of basic issues in contemporary philosophy of religion, exploring arguments about God's existence, the status of religious experiences and beliefs, how souls might interact with bodies, and the relationship of God to morality.
Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 12A Introduction to Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session
Syntax, semantics, and proof theory of sentential and predicate logic.
Introduction to Logic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students can remove a deficient grade in PHILOS 12A by passing PHILOS W12A. Students who pass PHILOS W12A receive no credit for passing PHILOS 12A.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Holliday

PHILOS W12A Introduction to Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2019 8 Week Session, Summer 2018 8 Week Session
Intended as a first course in logic for students with no previous exposure to the subject, the course treats symbolic logic. Students will learn to formalize reasoning in symbolic languages with precisely defined meanings and rules of inference. Symbolic logic is by nature a mathematical subject, but the course does not presuppose any prior coursework in mathematics—only an openness to mathematical reasoning.
The course concentrates on three systems of symbolic logic: propositional logic (or sentential logic); syllogistic logic; and predicate logic (or first-order logic). Students from philosophy, mathematics, computer science, and linguistics will find important connections between symbolic logic and their other coursework.
Introduction to Logic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students can remove a deficient grade in PHILOS W12A by passing PHILOS 12A. Students who pass PHILOS 12A receive no credit for passing PHILOS W12A.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 4 hours of web-based discussion per week
Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Holliday

Introduction to Logic: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 13 Business Ethics 3 Units
Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session
This course addresses the nature of ethical motivation and agency, with special attention to the individual’s role in a business organization. Topics include theories of ethical motivation; individual character and organizational culture; personal integrity; corporate agency; corporate responsibility to society.
Business Ethics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Merritt

PHILOS 16 Introduction to Metaphysics 3 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2002 10 Week Session, Summer 2001 10 Week Session, Summer 2000 10 Week Session
This course is an introduction to some of the traditional questions in metaphysics--the study of what there is in the world and how what there is is structured. Topics will include free will and determinism, the mind-body problem, and personal identity. If time permits, we will also examine arguments for the existence of God.
Introduction to Metaphysics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Introduction to Metaphysics: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 17 Concepts of the Person in Novel, Drama, and Film 3 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
In any culture, the way we act implies some view of what it is to be a person, and indeed what it is to be a particular kind of person, e.g., black or white, male or female, citizen or non-citizen. This view determines what roles and privileges are available to specific individuals and how these individuals will think of themselves and evaluate their actions and obligations. We will focus on works of philosophy, literature and film which have had a powerful and lasting impact on our culture.
Concepts of the Person in Novel, Drama, and Film: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Concepts of the Person in Novel, Drama, and Film: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 18 Confucius for Today 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
The teachings of Confucius (6th to 5th century B.C.) have had a profound influence on Chinese and East Asian cultures, and have attracted significant interest throughout the world. In what ways are they still of relevance to life in the twenty-first century? The course will consider the contemporary implications of Confucius’ teachings for such topics as: family, rituals, life and death, fate, contentment and anxiety, anger and resentment, courage, respectfulness, modesty and humility, trustworthiness, learning, self-cultivation, semblances of virtue. In addition to reading selected passages from the Analects, we will also consider commentaries by later Confucians and read contemporary philosophical articles on the relevant topics.
Confucius for Today: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Shun

Confucius for Today: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012
The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Freshman Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Freshman Seminar: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 25A Ancient Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session
The history of ancient philosophy with special emphasis on the Presocratics, Plato, and Aristotle.

Ancient Philosophy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Ancient Philosophy: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 25B Modern Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session
The history of modern philosophy from Descartes through Kant.

Modern Philosophy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Modern Philosophy: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 39 Freshman Seminar 2 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2014
Study of various fields of philosophy of special interest to freshman. Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be individually announced. Freshman seminars are restricted to fifteen students each.

Freshman Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Freshman Seminar: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2014
Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.
Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring:
5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 1.5-3.5 hours of seminar and 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 98BC Berkeley Connect 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.
Berkeley Connect: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Berkeley Connect: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 98 Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014
Directed study on special topics.
Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Lower Division standing
Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 100 Philosophical Methods 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
The course is designed to acquaint students with the techniques of philosophical reasoning through detailed study of selected philosophical texts and through extensive training in philosophical writing, based on those texts. Should be taken as early as possible after declaring the major.
Philosophical Methods: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Two courses from 2, 4, 25A, 25B. Restricted to students in the major

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Philosophical Methods: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 104 Ethical Theories 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Fall 2016  
The fundamental concepts and problems of morality examined through the study of classical and contemporary philosophical theories of ethics.  
Ethical Theories: Read More [+]

Hours & Format  
**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week  
**Summer:**  
- 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week  
- 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 107 Moral Psychology 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018  
An investigation of central issues in moral psychology, such as: free will, weakness of will, self-deception, moral motivation, emotions, virtues, moral education.  
Moral Psychology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format  
**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week  
**Summer:**  
- 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week  
- 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 108 Contemporary Ethical Issues 4 Units  
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2017  
This course will be devoted to in-depth discussion of a variety of problems in moral philosophy raised by real-life questions of individual conduct and social policy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include philosophical problems posed by affirmative action, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, terrorism, war, poverty, and climate change.  
Contemporary Ethical Issues: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements  
Prerequisites: 2 or 104, or two courses in philosophy, or consent of instructor  
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format  
**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week  
**Summer:**  
- 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week  
- 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 109 Freedom and Responsibility 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Summer 2010 10 Week Session, Summer 2010 First 6 Week Session  
A systematic examination of freedom and responsibility. The following topics will be addressed (among others): the relations between freedom of will, freedom of action, and autonomy; moral responsibility and its conditions; naturalism, determinism, and their relevance for human freedom; practical deliberation and the structure of the will; weakness and strength of will. Readings may be drawn from both historical and contemporary sources.  
Freedom and Responsibility: Read More [+]

Hours & Format  
**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week  
**Summer:**  
- 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details  
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate  
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
PHILOS 110 Aesthetics 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2018, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session
Visual arts/literature and music. Form, expression, representation style; interpretation and evaluation.
Aesthetics: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Upper division courses in philosophy or consent of instructor. Majors in literature or the arts
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Aesthetics: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 112 Special Topics in Aesthetics 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2013
This course is intended to allow a more focused exploration of particular topics in aesthetics than is possible in Philosophy 110. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Topics may include philosophical questions arising for particular art forms such as painting, music, or dance; questions about form, expression, representation, and emotion in aesthetic experience; or the ideas of particular aesthetic movements or schools of thought.
Special Topics in Aesthetics: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Special Topics in Aesthetics: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 114 History of Political Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2012, Spring 2007, Spring 2004
A survey of the major political philosophers, including some or all of Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Bentham, Mill, and Marx.
History of Political Philosophy: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One course in philosophy
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
History of Political Philosophy: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 115 Political Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2016
Analysis of political obligation and related problems.
Political Philosophy: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Political Philosophy: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 116 Special Topics in Political Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2011
This course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in political philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include problems in liberal theory; justice, desert, and responsibility; communitarianism, nationalism, and cosmopolitanism.
Special Topics in Political Philosophy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 115 or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Special Topics in Political Philosophy: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 117AC The Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2018
This course explores philosophical questions of race, ethnicity, and citizenship, with special attention to the experiences of African Americans, Asian Americans, Latino Americans, and indigenous peoples of the United States. Topics include the meaning of “race,” “ethnicity,” and “citizenship,” border control and immigration, reparations for past wrongs, discrimination and affirmative action, civic obligation and group solidarity, and the right to vote.
The Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Kolodny
The Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 119 Feminism and Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2014 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2012
This course will introduce students to a range of historical and contemporary feminist issues.
Feminism and Philosophy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Instructor: Madva
Feminism and Philosophy: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 121 Moral Questions of Data Science 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019
This course explores, from a philosophical perspective, ethical questions arising from collecting, drawing inferences from, and acting on data, especially when these activities are automated and at a large scale. Topics include: bias, fairness, discrimination, interpretability, privacy, paternalism, freedom of speech, and democracy. Three hours of lecture and one hour of discussion per week.
Moral Questions of Data Science: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Prior coursework in philosophy will be helpful, but is not required

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Moral Questions of Data Science: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 122 Theory of Knowledge 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Spring 2017
Theory of Knowledge: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Theory of Knowledge: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 125 Metaphysics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session
An advanced introduction to contemporary metaphysics, focusing on the ideas of objectivity, existence, naturalness, identity, time, causation, and possibility.
Metaphysics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Metaphysics: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 127 Rationality and Irrationality in Science 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2004
Science is often regarded as preeminently rational. Yet recent work in philosophy, history and sociology of science suggests that scientific knowledge is no more rationally established than other sorts of knowledge, and that scientists’ convictions are driven more by party loyalty and ego than by a pureminded pursuit of truth. This course will consider the case for and against the rationality of science. It will also consider the recent controversy concerning “scientific” creationism. Rationality and irrationality in Science: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Rationality and Irrationality in Science: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 128 Philosophy of Science 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Summer 2016 First 6 Week Session
A survey of main topics in the logic of science and of other issues coming under the general heading of philosophy of science.
Philosophy of Science: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Philosophy of Science: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 132 Philosophy of Mind 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2006
Mind and matter; other minds; the concept "person."
Philosophy of Mind: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Philosophy of Mind: Read Less [-]

PHILOS C132 Philosophy of Mind 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2006
Mind and matter; other minds; the concept of "person."
Philosophy of Mind: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: L & S C160T
Philosophy of Mind: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 133 Philosophy of Language 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session
An introduction to central topics in the philosophy of language, for example the nature of linguistic meaning, the relation of meaning to truth and reference, knowledge of language, the relation of language to thought, pragmatic aspects of linguistic communication, and skepticism about linguistic meaning. Some previous background in philosophy and logic is required.

Philosophy of Language: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 12A and one other Philosophy course, or consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 134 Form and Meaning 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2011
How is the meaning of a whole sentence determined by the meanings of its parts, and by its structure? This question is addressed in empirical semantic theories for natural language. The character and content of such theories has been a central concern both of the philosophy of language and of recent linguistics, and it is the central focus of this course.

Form and Meaning: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Eight units of philosophy courses and 12A (or equivalent)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Yalcin

Form and Meaning: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 135 Theory of Meaning 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2018
Language as social behavior. Language compared to other sign systems. The foundations of semantics, truth, meaning, reference. Issues of logical form in belief sentences, indirect discourse, sentences about causality, events, actions. Relations between thought and language.

Theory of Meaning: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: One course in logic or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 136 Philosophy of Perception 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
The philosophy of perception is a microcosm of the metaphysics of mind. Its central problems - What is perception? What is the nature of perceptual consciousness? How can one fit an account of perceptual experience into a broader account of the nature of the mind and the world? - are problems at the heart of metaphysics. It is often justifiably said that the theory of perception (and especially vision) is the area of psychology and neuroscience that has made the greatest progress in recent years. Despite this progress, or perhaps because of it, philosophical problems about perception retain a great urgency, both for philosophy and for science.

Philosophy of Perception: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: One previous course in philosophy is recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Yalcin

Philosophy of Perception: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 138 Philosophy of Society 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014
This course deals with the ontology of society and thus provides a foundation for the social sciences. The main questions discussed are: 1) What is the mode of existence of social reality? 2) How does it relate to psychological and physical reality? 3) What implications does social ontology have for social explanations?
Philosophy of Society: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 140A Intermediate Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2016
Major concepts, results, and techniques of modern logic. Basic set theoretic tools. Model theoretic treatment of propositional and first-order logic (completeness, compactness, Lowenheim-Skolem). Philosophical implications of these results.
Intermediate Logic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 141 Philosophy and Game Theory 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Spring 2013
An exploration of how game theory and rational choice theory shed light on traditional philosophical problems; and of new paradoxes and problems introduced by these theories.
Philosophy and Game Theory: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One course in philosophy

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 142 Philosophical Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2016, Spring 2014
The course aims at introducing students to the basic topics in philosophy of logic. Among the topics to be treated are the notions of validity, truth and truth functionality, quantification, and necessity.
Philosophical Logic: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 140B Intermediate Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2016, Fall 2014
Major concepts, results, and techniques of modern logic. Turing machines, computability theory, undecidability of first-order logic, proof theory, Godel's first and second incompleteness theorems. Philosophical implications of these results.
Intermediate Logic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Philosophy 12A or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
PHILOS 143 Modal Logic 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2015
An introduction to the logical study of modality in its many forms: reasoning about necessity, knowledge, obligation, time, counterfactuals, provability, and other modal notions. Covers core concepts and basic metatheory of propositional modal logic, including relations to first-order logic; basics of quantified modal logic; selected philosophical applications ranging from epistemology to ethics, metaphysics to mathematics.
Modal Logic: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Philosophy 12A or equivalent; or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 146 Philosophy of Mathematics 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2015, Spring 2013
Foundations of mathematics: logicism, intuitionism, formalism. Set theoretical paradoxes, definition of numbers, problems of continuum. Philosophy of Mathematics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 149 Special Topics in Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2013
This course is conceived in analogy with Philosophy 129 (Special Topics in Philosophy of Science). It is supposed to allow the class to focus on more specific problems in philosophy of logic or mathematics than can be treated in a broad introductory course such as Philosophy of Mathematics (Philosophy 146) or Philosophical Logic (Philosophy 142).
Special Topics in Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 151 Early Chinese Thought 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2004, Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Spring 1996
An examination of early Chinese thought via a study of representative thinkers and texts. Topics include: pre-Ch’in Confucianism and Taoism, development of Confucian thought in Han dynasty and of Taoist thought in the Wei-Chin dynasties, development of Buddhist thought.
Early Chinese Thought: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Shun
PHILOS 153 Chinese Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
The course focuses on certain central topics in Chinese philosophy, though a survey of the history of Chinese thought is also included. The topics emphasized vary from occasion to occasion, and may include: the Confucian ethical tradition; classical Chinese philosophy; a comparative study of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Chinese Philosophy: Read More [+]

PHILOS 155 Medieval Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
A study of some of the major philosophical texts from the medieval period with a focus on issues in metaphysics and epistemology. Topics may include universals, individuation, the nature and existence of God, faith and reason, skepticism, freedom, language, human nature and human cognition.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Medieval Philosophy: Read More [+]

PHILOS 156A Foundations of Analytic Philosophy: Frege 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2012
The work of Gottlob Frege with special emphasis on his contributions to logic, the philosophy of mathematics, and the philosophy of language.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Instructor: Sluga

 Foundations of Analytic Philosophy: Frege: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 160 Plato 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 First 6 Week Session
Plato: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Plato: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 161 Aristotle 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Aristotle: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Aristotle: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 163 Special Topics in Greek Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Spring 2013
The course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in Greek philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics are: the close study of one or more of Plato’s dialogues, the reading of one of Aristotle’s texts, stoicism, scepticism, and neoplatonism.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Philosophy 25A or equivalent
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

PHILOS 170 Descartes 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2015
An intensive introduction to Descartes’s views on physics, metaphysics and epistemology through examination of Descartes’ early works on method, physics and physiology. This includes an in-depth study of the Meditations, focusing on both Descartes’ epistemological project and his anti-scholastic metaphysics supplemented by readings from the Objections and Replies, the Principles, and several important pieces of secondary literature. Issues discussed include the method of doubt, the Cartesian circle, Descartes’ mode of presentation in the Meditations, the creation and ontological status of the eternal truths, the status of the human being, the nature of substance, mind-body dualism and Descartes’ physics as presented in the Principles.

Descartes: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

PHILOS 171 Hobbes 4 Units
Hobbes: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

PHILOS 172 Spinoza 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
Spinoza: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

PHILOS 173 Leibniz 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
This course will be a detailed examination of several central works of the 17th century philosopher G.W. Leibniz, with an emphasis on his metaphysical views. Topics will include Leibniz’s views on the relation between mind and body, the nature of space and time, the relation between our representations of the world and the world as it is in itself, the nature of substance and material reality, the relation between God and creation, the nature of inter- and intra-substantial causality, the nature of ideas, and the unity of organic entities.

Leibniz: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
PHILOS 176 Hume 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Hume: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 178 Kant 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Kant: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 181 Hegel 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2013, Summer 2011 Second 6 Week Session
Hegel: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 183 Schopenhauer and Nietzsche 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012
An examination of the philosophy of Schopenhauer and Nietzsche.
Schopenhauer and Nietzsche: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 184 Nietzsche 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2010
This course is a critical examination of the work of Friedrich Nietzsche.
Nietzsche: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 185 Heidegger 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2015
A study of Heidegger's.
Heidegger: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 187
Heidegger: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 186B Later Wittgenstein 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2014
A close reading and extended discussion of central parts of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations.
Later Wittgenstein: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Later Wittgenstein: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 187 Special Topics in the History of Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012
The course’s specific content will vary from occasion to occasion but will focus on the work of a single philosopher, or several significantly linked philosophers, active before the second half of the twentieth century. Special Topics in the History of Philosophy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 186
Phenomenology: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 188 Phenomenology 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Summer 2008 Second 6 Week Session
Backgrounds of phenomenology and existentialism. Husserl and Merleau-Ponty.
Phenomenology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS N188 Phenomenology 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2009 10 Week Session, Summer 2009 First 6 Week Session
Backgrounds of phenomenology and existentialism. Husserl and Merleau-Ponty.
Phenomenology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Phenomenology: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 189 Special Topics in Recent European Philosophy 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2017
The course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in recent European philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include: further work in phenomenology and existentialism, the study of a particular text by an important figure in contemporary European philosophy, current French and German philosophy.
Special Topics in Recent European Philosophy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 190 Proseminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
A seminar-style exploration of some topic in philosophy. The students and instructor will investigate the topic in a collaborative way, through discussion rather than lecture. Topics vary from semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 undergraduate philosophy majors.
Proseminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Philosophy majors who have taken at least two upper-division philosophy courses
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PHILOS H195 Philosophy Tutorial 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Fall 2012
The department will designate a tutor, under whose guidance the student will seek to satisfy the thesis requirement of the Honors Program.
Philosophy Tutorial: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Students in Honors Program

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of tutorial per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 0 hours of tutorial per week
8 weeks - 0 hours of tutorial per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PHILOS H196 Senior Seminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
A collaborative writing workshop. Students in the honors program will develop their thesis, which they will have started to write in the fall in Philos H195. Other students will develop a paper from a previous course into a form suitable for a writing sample for applying to graduate school. Students will present drafts, followed by comments by an assigned respondent, and open discussion. As time permits, philosophical background for the work in progress may be read and discussed.
Senior Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Philos 100 and senior standing. Students in the honors program must have taken, or be taking, H195. Other students must have consent of the instructor. Preference will be given to students in the honors program

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Senior Seminar: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 198 Group Study 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018
Directed study on special topics.
Group Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week
8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 198BC Berkeley Connect 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.
Berkeley Connect: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section in this catalog.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 200 First-Year Graduate Seminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
A combination seminar and tutorial, required of and limited to first year graduate students in philosophy.
First-Year Graduate Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

First-Year Graduate Seminar: Read Less [-]
PHILOS 290 Seminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Advanced study in various fields of philosophy. Topics will vary from semester to semester.
Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Seminar: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 295 Dissertation Seminar 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Presentations by graduate students of dissertation research in progress.
Dissertation Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Restricted to graduate students who are writing dissertations in philosophy
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: 109
Dissertation Seminar: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 299 Independent Study 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Independent Study: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week
Summer:
3 weeks - 5-60 hours of independent study per week
6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 2-23 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Independent Study: Read Less [-]

PHILOS 375 Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Seminar 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
A hands-on training seminar for new philosophy GSIs that addresses both practical and theoretical issues.
Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Admission to Ph.D. program
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Philosophy/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Philosophy 302
Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Seminar: Read Less [-]