Maymester Classes

PHIL 1012-3  Introduction to Philosophy  Call
           No. 40780
Sec. 002    TWRF  8:30am-12:00pm  B.
Hackett

5/19 to 6/5

This course is a general introduction to the field of Philosophy. During the term, we will examine several traditions within this discipline. We will begin the semester by familiarizing ourselves with the huge gulf between belief and fact. Armed with some tools to help bridge the gap between belief and fact, we will examine two traditional arguments for the existence of God and one traditional argument for the non-existence of God. After the midterm, we will investigate some of the most exciting topics in contemporary metaphysics. Finally, we will complete the semester by studying some of the central issues in the field of Ethics.

PHIL 3300-3  ST: Philosophy of Horror  Call No. 60205
           Sec. 002    TWRF  6:00pm-9:30pm  A.
           Winters

5/19 to 6/5

This course will examine philosophical issues underlying examples of the horror genre. For nearly two decades, horror has been the major popular entertainment in the US. By viewing and discussing films such as The Exorcist and The Eye, we can better understand such questions as 'What is fear?' and 'Why are we frightened by things we know do not exist?' We will also be reading Nietzsche, Sartre, Camus, and Lovecraft to elucidate metaphysical and existential themes within horror films.

PHIL 4812-3  ST: Mind and Natural World  Call No. 41070
           Section 001  TWRF  4:00pm-7:30pm  E.
           Stillwaggon

5/19 to 6/5

How is the human mind continuous with the natural world? Traditionally, philosophy has assumed that the mental and the physical are two different kinds of things, but recent work in philosophy of mind, cognitive science, and neuroscience suggests otherwise. Much contemporary work in the mind sciences has been concerned with ‘naturalizing’ the mind— understanding the mind as a natural phenomenon that shares much in common with other aspects of the natural world. In this course, we will consider questions like, why did the mind and consciousness evolve? Is the human mind reducible to neurobiology or physics? How do animal minds differ from human minds? Will computers and robots ever be conscious?

Although we will primarily be reading the work of philosophers, the interdisciplinary nature of current work on consciousness will be stressed, and students will be encouraged to bring their knowledge of other subject areas to bear on the topics we discuss.

Summer Classes
PHIL 1012-3  Introduction to Philosophy
Sec. 002  TR 10:30am-1:00pm
Hackett

Same as Maymester PHIL 1012-001

PHIL 1012-3  Introduction to Philosophy
Sec. OL1  Online
Mehring

See to obtain call number for course.
$100 course fee. Call 303-556-6505 for more information.

How can philosophy aid in facing everyday problems such as gracefully dealing with frustration
or being happy when you are broke? This course introduces the activity of philosophizing by drawing on
the oldest and newest conceptions of philosophy. The original vision of Philosophy was a “love of
wisdom”. One of the newest trends in contemporary Philosophy is “Philosophical Counseling” or
applying philosophical wisdom to inevitable existential frustrations such as being a person of integrity in
a corrupt and corrupting world or dealing with a broken heart. We will utilize philosophical ideas from
Plato, Epicurus, Epictetus and Seneca, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche.

PHIL 1020-3  Introduction to Ethics & Society
Sec. 001  TR 10:30 am-1:00pm
Mehring
6/8 to 8/1

All who live in this world must choose what to do. Yet to live in the world we must live with
people. When we make choices involving people we are engaged in ethical activity. Ethical debates arise
from those situations where there is disagreement about: 1) how we should treat others and 2) the reasons
(or arguments) for treating them in one way rather than another. This course will examine specific ethical
theories as well as more concrete issues such as abortion, the death penalty, sexual morality, and the
environment, etc. Our goal will be to gain a better understanding by reading, thinking, and talking
carefully and critically.

PHIL 2441-3  Logic and Language
Sec. 001  MW 10:30am-1:00pm
Winters
6/8 to 8/1

Logic is the science and study of argumentation. In this course we will consider the significance
of logical form and language used in argumentation and persuasion. We will specifically cover such topics
as definition, types of discourse, informal fallacies, and traditional syllogisms. The skills obtained in this
course will help you develop better problem solving and writing techniques. Such skills are applicable to
future course work, general test preparation, and everyday decision making.

PHIL 3250-3  Business Ethics
Sec. OL1  Online
Freidland

See to obtain call number for course.
$100 course fee. Call 303-556-6505 for more information.

This course examines the major philosophical approaches to ethics and justice as applied to
business in a global capitalist framework. Theory, its application, including current regulatory precedents
are covered. Specific topics include the ethical nature of business, shareholder-stakeholder conflicts,
environmental sustainability, situational dilemmas facing employees and managers, the moral
implications of international trade agreements, etc.
PHIL 3420-3   Cosmos: Theories of the Universe Call
No. 40967
Sec. OL1 Online C.
Wise
Crosslisted with RLST 4260-OL1
This course will consider one of the major philosophy questions about cosmology: “Why is there something rather than nothing” (Heidegger). During the first part of the course we will survey theories of the universe from ancient times through the 19th century. In the second half of the course, we will consider the cosmology developed by the 20th century philosopher A. N. Whitehead in response to the insights of quantum physics. This is a liberal arts philosophy course and does not require students to do problems in mathematics or physics. Students will be expected to read and understanding fairly difficult philosophical material.

PHIL 4600/5600-3   Philosophy of Religion Call
No. 41064/41066
Sec. WK1 S SU 9:00am 4:00pm R.
Metcalf
6/13-14; 6/20-21; 6/27-28
Nietzsche thinks that the history of philosophy shows religion’s moral commitment to truth destroying religion as dogma. Okay, that is an interesting idea, but is it true? In this course we will use Nietzsche’s idea as a hypothesis of sorts to test as we study some of philosophy’s most influential (and often heretical) interpretations of religion: Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* (1779); Nietzsche’s and Antichrist (-ian) (1888), and finally some twentieth century interpretations of religion in the writings of Sigmund Freud and John Dewey.