# Philosophy (PHIL)

## Courses

***PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking: 3 semester hours.***
Course is designed to develop students' ability to recognize and evaluate arguments. Focus will include: The most frequently encountered fallacies and errors in reasoning; the use/abuse of statistics; and principles of logic applied to daily life.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

***PHIL 2306 Ethics: 3 semester hours.***
Combines the philosophical study of normative ethics with the study of contemporary applied ethics through examination of a number of tendencies and schools of ethics from various cultures, societies and historical periods. The aim of the course is to enhance the student's awareness and sensitivity to the perplexity of morality and the moral life.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

***PHIL 2307 African American Philosophy: 3 semester hours.***
This course is a survey of the philosophical writings of some of the most important African American thinkers from the nineteenth to twenty-first century. Its aim is to gain familiarity with the works of influential African American philosophers while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with philosophical texts.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301.

***PHIL 2309 Ethics of Cybersecurity: 3 semester hours.***
This course provides a comprehensive examination of ethics as applied to the field of cybersecurity. Students will learn ethical frameworks and principles that they will apply to diverse issues within and related to cybersecurity. Specific topics to which ethical tools will be applied include but are not limited to value conflicts in cybersecurity systems, especially between system administrators and users; privacy, censorship, and filtering; intellectual property rights and digital rights management; special issues concerning the Internet of Things (IoT); accessibility and social justice. Special emphasis will be placed on issues of social justice pertaining to race, gender, ability, and socio-economic variables.

***PHIL 3304 Philosophy of Science: 3 semester hours.***
This course will introduce and explore conceptual, methodological, and epistemological issues about science: concept formation, explanation, prediction, confirmation, and theory construction; the status of unobservable; metaphysical presuppositions and implications of science; semantics of scientific language; illustrations from special sciences.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2303).

***PHIL 3305 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours.***
Examination of the main fields of law, including criminal law, torts, constitutional law, contracts, property law, jurisprudence and international law. The focus will be on the underlying philosophical, moral and jurisprudential rationales for these; and classic texts and landmark cases will be read, to illuminate these fields. Students will also acquire legal reasoning and critical thinking skills, to help them distinguish stronger from weaker legal arguments and rulings.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306).

***PHIL 3306 Bioethics: 3 semester hours.***
Provides grounding in basic theories, principles, and historical cases concerning bioethics.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1123 or ENGL 1301 and (PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306).

***PHIL 3307 Environmental Ethics: 3 semester hours.***
This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global thesis on environmental ethics, climate change, and sustainability. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global environmental issues while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and environmental policy.
Prerequisites: PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306.

***PHIL 3308 Global Social Justice and Ethics: 3 semester hours.***
This course is an interdisciplinary examination and assessment of the leading global theories on human rights, social justice, and ethics. The aim of the course is to gain familiarity with contemporary global challenges while also learning to engage critically and responsibly with arguments concerning ethical action and policy to address them.
Prerequisites: PHIL 2023 or PHIL 2306.