

Philosophy Courses being offered in Fall 2016

PHIL 102 Exploring Ethics

In this course, students explore fundamental ethical questions and gain a framework which they can use to think through ethical issues that confront them as human beings, responsible citizens, and emerging leaders in a global community.

PHIL 202 Business Ethics

As an introduction to the basic philosophical and conceptual structure of the field of business ethics, students examine ethical choices and dilemmas that arise in business contexts and increase their knowledge of how ethics applies to business.

PHIL 203 Life's Big Questions

In this survey course, students explore central philosophical questions concerning human nature, the self, freedom, knowledge, reality, God, and the meaning of life.

PHIL 205 Ethics in Criminal Justice

Students examine the relationship between ethics and contemporary issues in criminal justice.

PHIL 226 Special Topics: The Philosophy of Education

This course will examine fundamental questions about the nature of education, such as `What is the purpose of education?' `What does it mean to become educated?', and `Who should be educated?' Classic as well as contemporary philosophical texts will be the basis for exploring these questions and a Catholic-Franciscan approach to education will also be incorporated. Contemporary issues in education, such as the role of teachers unions, the charter school movement, educational funding, and school choice will also be addressed.

PHIL 255 Ethics and the Environment

This course is an introduction to the basic philosophical and conceptual structure of the field of environmental ethics. Students gain an awareness of the ethical responsibilities facing human beings with respect to the natural environment, and knowledge of a basic ethical framework with which to examine a range of ethical issues that arise in thinking about how we ought to live in relation to the natural environment.

PHIL 320 The Philosophy of Religion

In this course, students engage in philosophical analysis of such topics as the idea of God, the problem of evil, the nature of religion, the relation between science and religion, the relation between religion and morality, the question of the rational justification of religious belief, the nature of religious faith, and the possibility of life after death.