

PHILOSOPHY (PHL)

Course Descriptions

PHL 101. Introduction to Philosophy (MOTR PHIL 100). 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to Philosophy is an examination of philosophical topics such as the origins and limits of knowledge, the mind-body relation, standards of morality, freedom of will, and the nature and existence of God. The course incorporates both classical and contemporary readings.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079

PHL 102. Introduction to Logic (MOTR PHIL 101). 3 Credit Hours.

Introduction to Logic includes the methods for constructing and evaluating deductive and inductive arguments. The course may include techniques of both traditional (syllogistic) and symbolic logic. Aspects of informal logic will also be covered.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PHL 103. World Religions (MOTR RELG 100). 3 Credit Hours.

World Religions is an introductory course that examines the nature, function, history, and content of religions in the human experience and culture. The current status of world religions such as Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism are also examined.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079

PHL 104. Ethics (MOTR PHIL 102). 3 Credit Hours.

Ethics is an introductory survey of the basic issues and approaches in the field of ethics, with the aim of showing the relevance of philosophical inquiry to contemporary moral concerns. Questions concerning the good life, the nature and content of morality, and the relation of the individual to the standards of society will be considered.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079

PHL 109. Bio-Medical Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.

This course is an analysis of a range of moral issues related to the fields of medicine and biotechnical engineering from the standpoint of philosophical ethical theories.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PHL 111. Environmental Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.

This introductory course examines human beings' ethical relationship with the natural environment. Topics include environmental ethical frameworks (e.g., biocentrism), animal rights, obligations to future generations, population and consumption, climate change and environmental justice. Some issues are viewed through various cultural and religious lenses. The course incorporates primarily contemporary readings.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PHL 112. Business Ethics (MOTR PHIL 102P). 3 Credit Hours.

Business Ethics is an examination of the ethical dimensions of the world of business from a philosophical perspective. Using theories drawn from philosophy, students will evaluate business issues and case studies with respect to such topics as personal, professional, and corporate responsibility and the obligations of justice.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency

PHL 114. Philosophy of Religion. 3 Credit Hours.

This introductory course examines philosophical issues as they relate to Western religious thought. Topics may include arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the relationship between faith and reason, the role of miracles and religious experience, and the religious foundations of morality. This course incorporates traditional and contemporary readings.

Prerequisites: Reading Proficiency