PHILOSOPHY (PHL)

PHL 101. Introduction to Philosophy (MOTR PHIL 100). 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to philosophical inquiry through a study of such perennial problems as the nature of truth and the possibility of knowledge, the mind-body relation, the nature and basis of morality, the nature and possibility of free will and the nature and existence of God. The course incorporates both classical and contemporary readings.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PHL 102. Introduction to Logic (MOTR PHIL 101). 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to Logic includes the methods for critically evaluating reasoning and constructing valid arguments. The course may include the techniques of both traditional (syllogistic) and symbolic logic. Informal logic (language definition and fallacies) is to be covered.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PHL 103. World Religions (MOTR RELG 100). 3 Credit Hours.
This is an introductory course examining the nature and function of religion in human experience and culture and an introduction to the history, content and present status of selected world religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PHL 104. Ethics (MOTR PHIL 102). 3 Credit Hours.
This course 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.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

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.
Prerequisite: 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.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PHL 112. Business Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the ethical dimensions of the world of business are analyzed from a philosophical perspective. Using theories drawn from philosophy, students will evaluate business case studies with respect to such topics as personal and corporate responsibility and the obligations of justice.
Prerequisite: 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.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.