

# PHILOSOPHY

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## DESCRIPTION

Philosophers ask and attempt to answer fundamental questions about ourselves and the world. What is real? What can be known? How should we live our lives? What is the nature of human nature? What distinguishes logic from illogic? Philosophy courses will look at the answers given to such questions by major historical figures and will help the student to learn how to think critically about issues of the sort raised by these questions. Philosophy courses need not be taken in sequence. All philosophy courses are transferable to Portland State University, Oregon State University and the University of Oregon.

See the Course Description (PHL prefix) section of this catalog for individual Philosophy courses and course prerequisites.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**PHL 185 Computer Ethics 3.00** Discusses ethical and social issues around the use of computer technology. Computer use has created unique ethical issues not addressed in traditional ethics for computer professionals and even casual computer users, it is imperative not only to explore what we can do with computer technology, but our ethical responsibilities in using that technology. CIS 185 and PHL 185 cannot both be taken for credit. Audit available.

**PHL 191 Critical Thinking: Language and the Layout of Argument 4.00** Analyzing arguments, recognizing arguments when they occur, discerning simple logical patterns of argument, extracting arguments from the contexts in which they occur, restating them in clear and concise terms and clearing away needless language in formulating arguments. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 195 Critical Thinking: Science and the Occult 4.00** Introduces scientific method, assessment criteria for scientific observations and explanations and the difference between genuine and bogus science. Prerequisite: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 197 Critical Thinking: Television & The Presentation of Reality 4.00** Thoughtful and critical look at television programming. Includes news, entertainment programming and commercials. Emphasizes thinking, talking and writing about what students see on TV and reflecting on how television influences their images of themselves and their reality. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 201 Introduction to Philosophy: Philosophical Problems 4.00** Introduces metaphysics and the theory of knowledge via the works of important figures in the history of philosophy. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 202 Introduction to Philosophy: Elementary Ethics 4.00** Studies attempts by philosophers to account for the difference between right and wrong, for the notion of moral obligation and to answer the question: How should we lead our lives. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 204 Philosophy of Religion 4.00** Examines the existence and attributes of God, faith, reason and mysticism, religion and science, religion and morality, religious language and life after death from the perspective of the philosopher. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 205 Contemporary Moral Problems: Biomedical Ethics 4.00** Designed primarily for nursing and other health care students. Focuses on applying ethical concepts to the situations and dilemmas nurses and other health care workers confront in their professional roles. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 206 Introduction to Environmental Ethics 4.00** Investigates the ethical questions that pertain to human choices regarding the environment. Some of the questions addressed include: Do non-human animals have rights? What is the environment and do we have an obligation to protect it? What is the proper ethical balance between economic and environmental concerns regarding natural resources? Does the present generation have an ethical obligation to preserve a healthy environment for future generations? Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 207 Ethical Issues in Aging 4.00** This course will investigate central ethical issues pertaining to the care of elderly patients. Students will become more familiar with various ethical principles and frameworks and then apply these to various ethical issues and dilemmas that arise in caring for the elderly. Students will learn how to identify ethical issues in caring for the elderly and become more proficient in ethical decision making in order to render well-reasoned ethical decisions regarding care for the elderly. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 208 Political Philosophy 4.00** Introduction to and analysis of political theories and concepts through study of the works of major figures in the history of political philosophy from Plato to the present. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 209 Business Ethics 4.00** Designed primarily for students of business and related fields. Reviews some historical and contemporary ethical theories and ethical issues that arise in several aspects of business, such as, management, use of computers, marketing, accounting, and doing business in an international setting. Includes the social responsibilities of corporations, the rights of workers, truth in advertising, the environmental impact of doing business, affirmative action in hiring, sexual harassment in the workplace, respect for cultural differences, and the responsibilities of the individual in the corporate setting. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 210 Introduction to Asian Philosophy 4.00** Introduces the non-dualistic philosophies of India, China, Japan, and South East Asia, which offer a complementary approach to Western traditions in logic, ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 211 Existentialism 4.00** This course will investigate existential philosophy from the 19th Century to the present. Students will become familiar with the different branches of existentialist thought and the influence existentialism had on philosophy, literature, and culture in the 19th and 20th Centuries. Philosophers that will be studied include, but are not limited to, some of the following: Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Camus and Sartre. Prerequisite: Placement into WR 121 and placement into RD 90 Audit available.

**PHL 221 Symbolic Logic 4.00** Propositional notation and truth value analysis of simple and compound statements. Includes quantificational notation and deductive techniques for determining consistency and validity. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 222 The Philosophy of Art and Beauty 4.00** Introductory course exploring individual and cultural assumptions about the nature of art and aesthetic expression. Applies a philosophical approach to the study of art forms from many world cultures. In seminar/workshop format, the class involves the study of a variety of media and genres, with possible field trips to museums, galleries gardens, and performing arts events. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

**PHL 298 Independent Study: Philosophy 4.00** Advanced, individualized study in areas of philosophy not considered in other courses to meet special interests or program requirements. Complete a term project and readings approved by the instructor. Recommended: prior study in philosophy and instructor permission. Audit available.