Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 100: Introduction to Philosophy
An investigation of major problems and concepts of philosophy including, the relationships between appearance and reality, mind and body, matter and mind, the conflict between freedom and determinism, the nature, sources and conditions of knowledge, the nature of morality and the existence of God.

Credits: 3

PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy: Morals and Society
Philosophical attempts to evaluate conduct, character, and social practices. This course examines ethical views and practice through the lens of reason. Philosophy has a long history of proposing, examining, discussing and criticizing moral action on both the individual and social level. This course will also explore what pathways have been explicated and explored to guide us in the endeavor to live good lives. The course looks at the ethical theories and ethical frameworks that have been proposed by some of the greatest thinkers and founders of religions to answer our basic moral questions. The breadth of moral theory over time and culture and geography is enormous. Many of the topics are controversial, ongoing and unresolved. This makes the course current and challenging.

Credits: 3

PHIL 102: Introduction to Philosophy: Asian Traditions
Problems, methods and concepts of Asian philosophical traditions including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and Zen.

Credits: 3

PHIL 110: Introduction to Deductive Logic
PHIL 110 is an introductory course in logic focusing on the methods and principles of deductive reasoning. Integral to this study will be the presentation of methods for representing logical form and the development of a system of inference rules and strategies that allow for the analysis and evaluation of deductive arguments.

Credits: 3

PHIL 111: Intro to Inductive Logic
Promote drawing logical inferences when evidence leaves them unsure as to what is actually true. Application to the media's use of probabilities and statistics, and the way many academic disciplines use these strategies to analyze and present data will provide concrete contexts for applying inductive principles and reasoning strategies.

Credits: 3
Recommended Prep: MATH 75, PHIL 110

PHIL 130: Introduction to World Philosophy I
Introduction to philosophy as it has manifested itself differently across cultures throughout the world before 1500.

Credits: 3

PHIL 211: Ancient Philosophy
An introduction to the history of philosophy based on translations of texts originally written in classical Greek or Latin. The ancient philosophers embraced rational discourse over religious and political authority as the correct method to freedom, happiness, knowledge and justice. Their early endeavor continues to light the way for those more interested in truth than money or fame.

Credits: 3
Prerequisites: ENG 100 or equivalent with a grade of C or better.
Recommended Prep: PHIL 100 or PHIL 101 or any other 100-level philosophy course.