

# Philosophy

## PHILOSOPHY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **PHIL 101 - Self, World & God\*AEH (Credits: 5)**

**Gen Ed Core-Aesthetics & Humanities**

**University Graduation Requirement - UWR**

The quest for understanding ourselves, the world, and our possible relation to the divine is as old as philosophy itself. This course will introduce classic questions about the nature of mind and body, free will, and life after death. Of particular importance will be the nature and applicability of human knowledge to these sorts of questions. The course requires the ability to read, write and think about difficult and important questions, but no special training or background.

### **PHIL 102 - Ethics, Polit & Law\*AEH (Credits: 5)**

**Gen Ed Core-Aesthetics & Humanities**

**University Graduation Requirement - DPD, UWR**

The problem of how we ought to live our lives is as old as philosophy itself. We will begin with an investigation of theories of ethics (or morality). We will also explore the question of political legitimacy. Finally we will look at the nature of law, with particular emphasis on philosophical questions concerning the U. S. Constitution. Philosophy 101 is not a prerequisite.

### **PHIL 103 - Critical Thinking\*GTW (Credits: 5)**

**Gen Ed Core-Gateway**

**University Graduation Requirement - UWR**

An introduction to critical thinking and argument analysis. The primary goal of this course is to develop a technique for the evaluation of practical arguments in the real world.

### **PHIL 110 - Selected Topics (Credits: 1 to 6)**

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### **PHIL 320 - Phil of Religion\*AEH (Credits: 5)**

**Gen Ed Core-Aesthetics & Humanities**

**University Graduation Requirement - UWR**

An introduction to some of the main problems, theories, and arguments in the philosophy of religion. Student must have at least sophomore standing to register for this course.

### **PHIL 420 - Philosophy of Law (Credits: 5)**

**University Graduation Requirement - UWR**

A philosophical examination of some of the key concepts, arguments, controversies, and theories within the field of law. Typical topics to be covered may include the nature of law, the nature of legal reasoning, how legal texts should be interpreted, and the relationship between morality and the law. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.

### **PHIL 490 - Ethics & Public Affairs (Credits: 5)**

The first two thirds of the course will focus on contemporary normative theory and decision theory. The remainder of the course will be devoted to directed research in which a significant public policy issue will be analyzed from a normative perspective. Prerequisite: PHIL 102, POLS 350. Student must have at least junior standing to register for this course.