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# COURSES

**PHI 107 INTRO TO THE ART OF REASONING****3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

This course is concerned with techniques for identifying an argument, its components and suppositions, and for evaluating all these elements. Besides the analysis of arguments, topics will include deductive and inductive forms, rational decision-making and recognition of informal fallacies. Emphasis will be on heightening the student's ability to convey ideas concisely, to formulate arguments clearly and to appraise them critically.

**PHI 201 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY****3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

This course involves a survey of representative problems in some of the major areas of philosophy, and the positions of different schools of philosophic thought on these problems. Topics considered include free will, the problem of religious belief, knowledge and truth, the problem of the self, morality, reality and being, and the problem of the external world.

**PHI 203 MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD****3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

An exploration of the cultural expressions and spiritual values of the world's great religions. The course aims at extending and deepening the student's awareness of the doctrine, mythology, symbolism and ritual at the heart of each religion. Among those religions studied will be Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

**PHI 205 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS****3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of ethics and the nature of morality. A wide range of ethical issues is considered, including moral relativism, the principle of utility, duty-based ethics and natural law theory. Additionally, the course will focus on problems of applied morality, examining and discussing alternative positions on such issues as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, economic justice, etc.

**PHI 271 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT I****1 Lecture Hour 0 Lab Hours 1 Credit Hour**

A special learning experience designed by one or more students with the cooperation and approval of a faculty member. Proposed study plans require departmental approval. Projects may be based on reading, research, community service, work experience, or other activities that advance the student's knowledge and competence in the field of philosophy or related areas. The student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 35-50 hours.

**PHI 272 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT II****2 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 2 Credit Hours**

Similar to PHI 271, except that the student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 70-90 hours.

**PHI 273 SPECIAL STUDY PROJECT III****3 Lecture Hours 0 Lab Hours 3 Credit Hours**

Similar to PHI 271, except that the student's time commitment to the project will be approximately 105-135 hours.