

Course Information

Philosophy (PH) Courses

PH 300 Moral Values in Today's Society. 3 Semester Hours. (Also listed as SO 300.)

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

This course examines the moral values of various societies as well as those of individual moral philosophers past and present to see how they legitimate their views of what constitutes a good and desirable life.

PH 312 Logic. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

A course intended to help the student develop skill in detecting, identifying, and analyzing fallacious reasoning and implication in the mass media, literature, advertising, theater, philosophy, and religion.

PH 320 Bio-Medical Ethics. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

The course is designed to create a greater understanding of modern ethical issues in the biomedical field. Key topics will include: research on human and animal subjects, stem-cell research, genetic engineering, abortion, euthanasia, issues of justice and healthcare access, and confidentiality issues. The course begins with an overview of ethical theory and principles and then explores the practical issues relating to biomedical ethics.

PH 321 History of Philosophy I. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

A critical survey of the thought of major western philosophers from Thales to Descartes.

PH 322 History of Philosophy II. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

A critical survey of the thought of western philosophers from Descartes to the present time.

PH 325 Philosophy of Religion. 3 Semester Hours. (Also listed as RE 325.)

Formats Offered: Classroom

A philosophical study of the grounds of religious belief and practice, the relationship of man to God and its implications for morality, and the belief in life after death. Special attention is given to the impact of science upon religion.

PH 401 Elements of Skeptical, Critical, and Logical Thinking. 3 Semester Hours.
(Also listed as PS 401.)

Formats Offered: Classroom

Prerequisite: General Psychology. A course that encourages thinking skills and is divided into three domains. Skeptical thinking will be entertained first, followed by critical thinking or informal logic, with formal logic being addressed last. Skeptical thinking will be taught using “Occam’s razor,” and informal logic will be studied by analyzing cognitive biases and cognitive fallacies. Formal logic will be learned through the use of categorical sentences, truth functions, and inductive and deductive reasoning.

PH 441 Special Topics in Philosophy. 1 Semester Hour.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

To be offered on occasion of student demand or need.

PH 442 Special Topics in Philosophy. 2 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

To be offered on occasion of student demand or need.

PH 443 Special Topics in Philosophy. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

To be offered on occasion of student demand or need.

PH 461 Directed Study/Research in Philosophy. 1 Semester Hour.

Formats Offered: Independent Work, DL

(Open only to superior students who have had at least fifteen hours of philosophy in the classroom.) (May be repeated for up to ten additional hours of credit.)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. To be offered on occasion of student demand or need. The student studies in an area of his or her particular interest approved by the instructor.

PH 462 Directed Study/Research in Philosophy. 2 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Independent Work, DL

(May be repeated for up to ten additional hours of credit.) (Open only to superior students who have had at least fifteen hours of philosophy in the classroom.)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. The student studies in an area of his or her particular interest approved by the instructor.

PH 463 Directed Study/Research in Philosophy. 2 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Independent Work, DL

(Open only to superior students who have had at least fifteen hours of philosophy in the classroom.)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. The student studies in an area of his or her particular interest approved by the instructor.

Religion (RE) Courses

RE 300 Religion, Culture, and Media. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

This course examines the religious content of popular culture and media. This course guides the student through a study of cultural and media events that have a religious emphasis. The class will combine a theological and sociological approach to the study of religion, culture, and media.

RE 301 Religions That Shaped the World. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: DL

A survey of religions from ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Persia, Rome, Africa, America and the Eastern Religions of India, China, and Japan. This course will examine how these religions have shaped and continue to shape our religious world views.

RE 302 Religion and Literature. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

A study of various theological themes as they appear in literature. This course involves students in the study of great works of literature that have a religious motif, which is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry. It provides the student the opportunity to reflect on the great themes that emerge from both fields of study.

RE 303 Current Religious Movements and Issues. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

An examination of current religious issues and movements which are influential in the thought and practice of modern society.

RE 305 Survey of Religious Education. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

This course provides an introduction to the field of religious education. The philosophy, history, processes and methods, organization, administration, and institutions concerned with the delivery of contemporary Christian educational ministries will be examined.

Particular emphasis will be placed on specialized and parachurch religious educational organizations and processes representing a variety of denominations and faiths.

RE 306 Theology of Music. 3 Semester Hours.

Format offered: Blended, DL

An examination of historical perspectives regarding the theology of music in Christian worship. Sources will include the theological works of the early Christian thinkers and writers and the primary figures of the Protestant Reformation. The course will culminate in an exploration of the theological concerns, in regard to worship music, that face the church today.

RE 308 Essentials of Biblical Studies. 3 Semester Hours.

Format offered: Classroom, Blended, DL

This course will provide students who are preparing for graduate studies or those who want to know about the field of biblical studies an overview of the field. There are no prerequisites for this course. The course will contain discussion of biblical content, methods used to interpret biblical text, and some very basic information about biblical language and manuscripts. (The course should be taken by all religion majors who lack pre-professional hours in Religion.)

RE 311 Age of the Reformation, 1350 - 1610. 3 Semester Hours. (Also listed as HY 311.)

Format offered: Classroom

This course is a survey of the history of church and state in Europe from the Great Schism through the Protestant Reformation to the eve of the Thirty Years War.

RE 312 History of Judaism. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

Presents Judaism from the destruction of the Temple through medieval times. Examines the world of Talmud, Midrash, Response and the general Diaspora. Requires reading from historical and tenetial sources.

RE 314 History of Islam. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

Presents Islam from its beginning, in an historical, religious, and geographical context, to its major geographical, doctrinal, and sectarian spread internationally.

RE 325 Philosophy of Religion. 3 Semester Hours. (Also listed as PH 325.)

Formats Offered: Classroom

A philosophical study of the grounds of religious belief and practice, the relationship of man to God and its implications for morality and the belief in life after death. Special attention is given to the impact of science upon religion.

RE 327 Sociology of Religion. 3 Semester Hours. (Also listed as SO 327.)

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

The interaction, interpretation, and interrelationships of religion, society, and individual morality in American religious behavior and institutions.

RE 330 Biblical Hebrew Grammar I. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

Inductive approach, utilizing the Biblical narratives, especially in Genesis and the Books of Kings.

RE 331 Biblical Hebrew Grammar II. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

Prerequisite: RE 330.

Emphasis on conjugations, syntax, and morphology, Hebrew poetry, and Hebrew narrative.

RE 340 New Testament Greek I. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

For Beginners. Greek grammar utilizing New Testament vocabulary.

RE 341 New Testament Greek II. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

Prerequisite: RE 340.

Continuation of 340.

RE 351 Introduction to Christian Thought. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

A critical study of contemporary Christian theological perspectives, which will cover a broad spectrum of current theological perspectives including evangelical, conservative, liberal, neo-reformation, liberationist, feminists, and other post-modern approaches.

RE 403 Religion in Life. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom

An examination of religious ethics from various religious perspectives with the primary focus on western religious traditions and a comparison of western traditions with eastern ones observing both similarities and differences.

RE 405 Religious Education of Adults. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

This course presents an overview, through lectures, discussions, and readings, of the foundations of adult religious education, a survey of adult religious education programs, and a comprehensive examination of the principles of education for adult learners. The intended audience for this course are those students who are currently involved in the delivery of religious educational programs, or those students who anticipate working with adult learners in a religious setting. This course includes a research/field experience component.

RE 409 Christian Thought in Early Centuries. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

A study of Christian thought in Jesus, Paul, and other leaders in the first centuries.

RE 412 The Hebrew Prophets. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

An examination of the settings, psychology, and conventional forms of prophecy in the ancient Near East as well as the writings of the former and latter prophets of the Old Testament.

RE 413 Psalms and Wisdom Literature. 3 Semester Hours.

Format offered: Classroom, Blended, DL

An examination of the poetry, forms, and theology in the book of Psalms along with a study of the Wisdom Literature including the Books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, and other 4th and 3rd century BC writings.

RE 416 Interpreting the Text. 3 Semester Hours (Also listed as EH 416).

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

An examination of various ancient, historical, and literary methods of interpreting literature covering the range from ancient ways of reading texts to current poststructuralist approaches. Even though primary emphasis will center on religious texts, there will be considerable attention given to issues and methods that emerged from the realms of the social sciences, literature, and philosophy.

RE 417 Internship Senior Research Project: Religious Education. 4 Semester Hours.

Format Offered: Independent Work, DL

This course provides opportunities for students to document and present directed research and supervised on-site work experiences in appropriate religious education settings. This

course includes regularly scheduled discussion conferences and the evaluation of field experiences.

RE 441 Special Topics in Religion. 1 Semester Hour.

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RE 442 Special Topics in Religion. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

To be offered on occasion of student demand or need.

RE 443 Special Topics in Religion. 3 Semester Hours.

Formats Offered: Classroom, DL

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RE 461 Directed Study/Research in Religion. 1 Semester Hour.

Formats Offered: Independent Work, DL

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. (Open only to superior majors.) (May be repeated for up to six additional hours of credit.)

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RE 462 Directed Study/Research in Religion. 1 Semester Hour.

Formats Offered: Independent Work, DL

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RE 463 Directed Study/Research in Religion. 1 Semester Hour.

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RE 464 Religious Studies Capstone Course. 1 Semester Hour.

Format: Classroom, Blended, DL

This capstone course must be taken during the student's final semester of work. Students will be expected to know critical content and demonstrate their knowledge through critical-thinking in their research, writing, and oral presentation. In collaboration with the religion faculty, each student will propose a research project related to one or more of the following areas: sociology of religion, biblical studies, or theology and upon completion will make an oral presentation of his or her paper. Research should include a history of scholarship relating to the issues or problems under investigation.