

## **Philosophy Course Offerings Summer 2022**

**Summer I: 5/9 – 6/24**

Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy  
Professor Michael Scoville  
Online Asynchronous

*PHIL 100 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

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PHIL 110: Philosophies of Life  
Professor Jeremy Proulx  
Online Asynchronous

*PHIL 110 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

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PHIL 223 Medical Ethics  
Professor John Ouko  
Online Asynchronous

This course examines the relationships between contemporary values in the medical profession and traditional ethical values. Students will investigate various ethical theories and critically examine controversial issues in medicine such as whether physicians should participate in state-ordered executions, physician assisted suicide, prenatal testing and selective abortion, using preimplantation genetic diagnosis to save a sibling, whether dying babies should be used in experimental medicine (even to help other babies), ethical issues in first-time organ surgeries, et cetera.

*PHIL 223 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

*PHIL 223 fulfills the Ethics and Value Theory requirement in the Philosophy Program*

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PHIL 224 Ethics and Food  
Professor Jill Dieterle  
Online Asynchronous

Issues related to food, its production and its distribution have garnered international attention in the last decade. This course is devoted to examining those issues from a philosophical/ethical perspective. We will discuss the industrialization of food production, the effect of agriculture on the environment, alternative food movements, food deserts, and the global problem of food insecurity. We will also examine and critique the idea of “responsible consumption” and whether ethical consumers have the power to transform the food system. Finally, we’ll discuss body image and food.

*PHIL 224 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

*PHIL 224 fulfills the Ethics and Value Theory requirement in the Philosophy Program*

*PHIL 224 counts as an elective in the Environmental Science and Society program.*

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PHIL 226 Feminist Theory  
Professor McMahan  
Online Asynchronous

This course engages in a philosophical study of the situation of women in the contemporary world—a situation that is in deep and pervasive respects a situation of inequality and oppression. In order to carry out this study, we will engage with major philosophical insights that are of interest to human

experience generally, and that are also highly relevant to feminist analyses and practices devoted to understanding and transforming situations of oppression for women as well as for other disadvantaged groups. Through studies of work from authors such as Simone de Beauvoir, Iris Marion Young, Angela Davis, Judith Butler, Evelyn Fox Keller, Susan Moller Okin, and Uma Narayan, we will explore questions concerning i) the specific nature of oppression and possibilities for resistance; ii) the embodied, intersectional, and performative nature of identity; (iii) feminist approaches to science and other forms of collective knowledge; and (iv) challenges and new possibilities that arise in opposing the oppression of women in postcolonial, global contexts.

*PHIL 226 fulfills the General Education requirement for either Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities or Global Awareness.*

*PHIL 226 fulfills the Eastern and Global requirement in the Philosophy Program.*

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## **Summer II: 6/25 – 8/15**

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy  
Professor John Koolage  
Online Asynchronous

*PHIL 100 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

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PHIL 120: Introduction to Critical Reasoning  
Professor Bryan Bruya  
Online Asynchronous

*PHIL 120 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

*PHIL 120 fulfills the Logic and Reasoning requirement in the Philosophy Program*

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PHIL 220 Ethics  
Professor Brian Coffey  
Online Asynchronous

This course will introduce students to the philosophical study of Ethics by exploring the tools and techniques of philosophical inquiry, and utilizing those tools to evaluate several important moral theories. Topics for discussion might include: Is anything really right or wrong, or is it all 'subjective'? What is the relation of ethics to law? What is its relation to religion, or society? What, if anything, is truly valuable? Which features matter most when judging the ethics of a situation? Is there one best moral theory or do several theories reveal important insights into what we ought to do? etc. We will carefully and critically read both classical and contemporary writings in ethics with the goal of not only understanding what others have written before us, but also how we can use their insights to help us deliberate about ethical choices in our own lives. We will not be passively learning about ethics—we will be *putting our ethical expertise into practice*.

*PHIL 220 fulfills the General Education requirement for Area IV: Knowledge of the Disciplines in the Humanities.*

*PHIL 220 fulfills the Ethics and Value Theory requirement in the Philosophy Program*

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PHIL 226 Feminist Theory  
Professor Kate Mehuron  
Online Asynchronous

This course critically evaluates feminist critiques of society and feminist visions of the ideal egalitarian society. Questions examined in this course include: What is a just society? What constitutes equal treatment? What is oppression? How does oppression relate to social equality? How do ethnicity, race, and sexual identities intersect with gender to affect social equality? Are women and men essentially different, or are such differences the result of socialization? What are the major theories, and conceptual differences that inform feminist social change movements? The course will use a variety of feminist philosophical sources to explore these questions.

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*PHIL 226 fulfills the Eastern and Global requirement in the Philosophy Program.*

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PHIL 413 Global Justice  
Professor Peter Higgins  
M,T,Th 1:00 – 2:50  
In-person and Online Synchronous

This is a course in global political theory and philosophy. In contrast to ethics (whose concern is the moral assessment of individual action and character), political theory/philosophy is concerned with the justice of social institutions—for example, the nation-state, the family, economic systems, gender roles, and racial classification systems.

Traditional political theory and philosophy have focused on justice within the borders of the nation-state. In contrast, this course is focused on the normative analysis of global institutions (economic, political, and social). Questions that may be considered in this course include:

- Should the interests of compatriots receive greater weight than those of foreigners in moral decision-making?
- By what policies may nation-states justly restrict immigration?
- What duties do affluent societies have to alleviate global poverty?
- Under what circumstances is humanitarian intervention justified?
- What are the appropriate boundaries of state sovereignty?
- What would a just global order look like?

*PHIL 413 fulfills the Eastern and Global requirement in the Philosophy Program.*

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