

Undergraduate Philosophy Courses

PHIL 1301. Introduction to Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

A study of the writings of major philosophical authors.

PHIL 1304. Introduction to World Religions. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

A comparative study of world religions, including but not limited to Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

PHIL 2303. Introduction to Logic. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

This course will introduce the student to the basic principles and concepts of formal logic, formal and informal fallacies, deductive and inductive reasoning, truth tables, symbolic notation, Venn diagrams, and the logic of scientific method. It will also include consideration of the philosophical foundations of logic.

PHIL 3301. Ethics in the Professions. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

This course will consider both the responsibilities inherent in a profession as such and some of the specific ethical dilemmas that arise in particular professions: business, science, engineering, military, education, medicine, etc. Prerequisite: Junior classification.

PHIL 3304. World Religions: Theory, Origins, & Practices. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

A study of the philosophical, ethical, and social dimensions of the religions of the world. Focuses on major religions but lesser known ones may be included. The course will emphasize the variation in religious experiences and traditions. Credit for both PHIL 3304 and RELI 3304 will not be awarded.

PHIL 3309. History of Christianity and Christian Thought to the Reformation. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours). [WI (<https://catalog.tarleton.edu/academicaffairs/>)]

An overview of the history of Christianity and Christian thought from founding to the beginnings of the Reformation with particular attention to major themes, movements, events, leaders, and developments within their social, cultural and political contexts. The course also offers an introduction to the central ideas and debates that have shaped the historical development of Christian theologies, practices, and institutions. Credit for PHIL, RELI, and HIST 3309 will not be awarded.

PHIL 3311. Political Philosophy I. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Philosophical ideas concerning basic political problems from the Classical Period through the Renaissance. Credit for both PHIL 3311 and POLS 3311 will not be awarded. Prerequisite: PHIL 1301 or GOVT 2305 or POLS 2304 or approval of the instructor.

PHIL 3312. Political Philosophy II. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

Philosophical ideas concerning basic political problems since the Early Modern period. Credit for both PHIL 3311 and POLS 3312 will not be awarded. Prerequisite: PHIL 1301 or GOVT 2305 or POLS 2304 or approval of the instructor.

PHIL 4086. Problems in Philosophy. 1-3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 0 Hours, Lab: 1-3 Hours).

Independent reading, research, and discussion. Entry into this course will be arranged with the instructor and department head.

PHIL 4305. Environmental Ethics. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

An inquiry into how humans ought to relate to nature, including questions about the moral standing of animals and other non-human beings, environmental justice, and what we may owe to future generations. In addition to exploring universal ethical issues concerning our relationships with the environment, the course will also consider exemplary American and Texan nature writers.

PHIL 4385. Philosophy Seminar. 3 Credit Hours (Lecture: 3 Hours, Lab: 0 Hours).

An examination of major philosophical issues and theories. May be repeated for credit as topic varies. Prerequisite: Junior classification or approval of department head.