

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 101 3 Units

Introduction to Philosophy

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a general introduction to the major problems in philosophy, with attention directed to both classical and modern philosophy as a basis for discussion of issues such as epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, and aesthetics.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to both UC/CSU

C-ID: PHIL 100

PHIL 101H 3 Units

Introduction to Philosophy - Honors

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process and READ 015.

This course is a general introduction to the major problems of philosophy, with attention directed to classical and modern philosophy as a basis for discussion of issues such as epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, and aesthetics. This course is intended for students in the Honors Program but is open to all students who desire more challenging coursework.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to both UC/CSU

C-ID: PHIL 100

PHIL 102 3 Units

Critical Thinking and Writing

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H

This course is an introduction to critical thinking focusing on argument and evidence and the ability to write coherent argumentative essays. Topics include recognition of the structures of reasoning in natural language, the evaluation of such reasoning (including informal fallacies), the uses and abuses of language, and an investigation of the rhetorical devices common in our culture. Students practice critical thinking by writing substantive arguments and essays.

Associate Degree Applicable

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PHIL 103 3 Units

Introduction to Logic: Argument and Evidence

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

Introduction to the techniques of critical thought, including language analysis, inductive and deductive logic, symbolic logic, and the development of the scientific method.

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C-ID: PHIL 110

PHIL 105 3 Units

Introduction to Ethics

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is an introduction to ethics focusing on the analysis of the basic ideas and principles underlying moral conduct. Theories such as utilitarianism, deontology, virtue ethics, and many others will form the basis of the course. Specific ethical problems arising in disciplines such as business, health care, administration of justice, and politics, as well as specific ethical problems confronting individuals, will also be addressed in this course.

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C-ID: PHIL 120

PHIL 112 3 Units

Philosophy in Literature

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 015 or eligibility for ENGL 101 as determined by SBVC assessment process.

This course addresses ethical and metaphysical themes as presented in literature from the classical to the modern period. Philosophical problems such as freedom and determinism, the nature of virtue, the meaning of death, and the individual's relationship to the state and the structure of reality are explored through the encounter with novels, plays, short stories, and film.

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PHIL 180 3 Units

Death and Dying

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is a study of dying, death, and bereavement. Medical, ethical, legal, philosophical, and religious considerations will be explored. (This course is also offered as RELIG 180).

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