

PHILOSOPHY
FALL 2018
First-Year Eligible Courses

PHIL 004-010: Belief, Knowledge, and Action: An Introduction to Philosophy

CRN 42466; 4 credits (HU)

MWF 10:10 – 11:00am

Through reading selected texts in philosophy, from the ancient period to the modern Enlightenment and Romantic reaction, we shall introduce ourselves to some of the central epistemological, ontological, ethical, and socio-political positions developed in relation to their historical and material contexts. A unifying theme thus will be the emergence and evolution of rational thought and its relation to belief, knowledge, and action. Course not open to seniors.

Professor Hulsizer

PHIL 006-010: Conduct and Character: An Introduction to Philosophy

CRN 43573; 4 credits (HU)

TR 10:45am – 12:00pm

How should we live our lives? How should we act? What kinds of persons should we be? What should we care about? These are among the central questions of philosophy because they are among the most central questions of human existence. This explores answers that have been proposed by thinkers throughout history and across cultures. Course not open to seniors.

Professor Kautzer

PHIL 014-010: Reasoning and Critical Thinking

CRN 42467; 4 credits (HU)

Most intellectual endeavors involve reasoning. Whether in everyday discussion about right and wrong, friendly political disagreements, ordinary explanations of natural phenomena, and short letters to editors, or in sophisticated legal debates, national political campaigns, complex treatises, and intricate scientific theories, reasons are constantly invoked to support or criticize points of view. This course develops skills needed to reason well, to analyze and critique others' reasoning, to distinguish reasoning from mere rhetoric, and to become a savvy consumer of information.

Professor Schmidt

PHIL 129-010: Jewish Philosophy

CRN 43576; 4 credits (HU)

WF 8:45 – 10:00am

Consideration of how major Jewish thinkers from the first to 21st centuries confronted questions at the intersection of religion and philosophy: the existence and nature of God, free will, evil, divine providence, miracles, creation, revelation, and religious obligation.

Professor Weiss

PHIL 131-010: Ancient Philosophy

CRN 42789; 4 credits (HU)

WF 11:10am – 12:25pm

Historical survey of selected texts and issues in the classical world, from the pre-Socratics through Aristotle, with emphasis on the origins of the western philosophical traditions in ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology.

Professor Weiss