PHIL 111/6.0  What is Philosophy?
An introduction to philosophy through the examination of a number of classic philosophical works, with an evaluation of the positions and arguments offered in each.
NOTE Students considering a Major or Medial Plan in PHIL are strongly urged to take PHIL 111/6.0 or PHIL 115/6.0 in their first year.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (72L; 168P)
EXCLUSION No more than 1 course from PHIL 111/6.0; PHIL 127/6.0; PHIL 151/3.0.

PHIL 115/6.0  Fundamental Questions
Representative basic philosophical issues will be explored, such as: good and bad arguments, the source of moral obligation, the justification of knowledge claims, free will and determinism, the social enforcement of gender roles, taking responsibility for the environment, and the meaning of life.
NOTE Students considering a Major or Medial Plan in PHIL are strongly urged to take PHIL 111/6.0 or PHIL 115/6.0 in their first year.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (48L; 24T; 168P)

PHIL 151/3.0  Great Works of Philosophy
An examination of some major milestones in the development of philosophical thought. The course will involve both the exposition of texts and discussion of the philosophical issues which they raise.
NOTE Also offered at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux. Learning Hours may vary.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (24L; 12T; 84P)
EXCLUSION No more than 1 course from PHIL 111/6.0; PHIL 151/3.0.

PHIL 153/3.0  The State and the Citizen
An introduction to political philosophy which explores the relationship between state and citizen. Issues include: civil disobedience, nationalism, the welfare state, anarchism and the capitalist state.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L; 84P)

PHIL 157/3.0  Moral Issues
An introduction to ethics via an examination of controversial moral issues. Special topics: abortion; animal rights; euthanasia.
NOTE Also offered online. Consult Continuing and Distance Studies.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L; 84P)

PHIL 201/3.0  Philosophy and Medicine
The relationship between philosophical traditions and medical theory will be explored, as will the impact on philosophy of medical discoveries (such as anaesthesia and antibiotics) and diseases (such as the Black Death and AIDS). Emphasis is on concepts of disease from antiquity to the present.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L; 84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 203/3.0  Science and Society
Philosophical issues - both epistemological and ethical - involved in specific debates about the relationship between science and social issues. The course may focus, for instance, on recent ‘popular’ sociobiology efforts by biologists and others to establish scientific theories of human nature and human potential.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L; 84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 204/3.0  Life, Death, and Meaning
An examination of whether life has 'meaning', and a consideration of different philosophical interpretations of the meaning of life, the significance of death for the meaning of life, and whether it even makes sense to speak of life as having meaning.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L; 84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.
PHIL 233/3.0 Greek Philosophy
This course will survey central works of Ancient Greek Philosophy from Thales and the other Pre-Socratics through the seminal works of Plato and Aristotle, and may include examples of later works by Post-Hellenic Philosophers including Plotinus, the Stoics, and the Skeptics.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.
EXCLUSION No more than 1 course from PHIL 232/6.0; PHIL 233/3.0.

PHIL 240/3.0 Philosophy of Education
An examination of key issues and texts in the philosophy of education. Possible topics include the nature and aims of the learning process, progressive and conservative education, the politics of education, and contemporary debates regarding the canon.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 247/3.0 Practical Ethics
This course will subject a range of issues in practical ethics to philosophical scrutiny. Topics may include obligations to future generations, the ethics of war and self-defence, whether torture is ever permissible, the ethics of deception, the morality of genetic enhancement, the nature of exploitation, and moral objections to organ sales.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 250/6.0 Epistemology and Metaphysics
An examination of the development of central debates in epistemology and metaphysics from the early modern period to the present. Focusing on the work of thinkers like Descartes, Kant, Wittgenstein and Quine, such questions as the nature and justification of knowledge, mind and body, personhood and community, truth and meaning will be discussed.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (72L;168P)
PREREQUISITE (A GPA of 2.0 in 6.0 units in PHIL) or (a grade of B- in 3.0 units in PHIL and registration in a COGS Plan).

PHIL 256/3.0 Existentialism
Representative figures from Kierkegaard to de Beauvoir will be the focus of attention in this overview of the main ideas of existentialism, a vital movement in contemporary philosophy. The foundations of existential thought, its distinctive style of argumentation and its relationship to the perennial concerns of philosophy will be explored.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 257/6.0 Ethics
A study of problems in moral and/or political philosophy from the ancient or early modern period to the present.
LEARNING HOURS 240 (76L;168P)
PREREQUISITE A GPA of 2.0 in 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 259/3.0 Critical Thinking
A discussion of the general principles of reasonable discourse, with a focus on persuasive and cogent writing.
NOTE Also offered at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux. Learning Hours may vary.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)

PHIL 261/3.0 Philosophy of Mathematics
A discussion of some ontological and epistemological problems associated with mathematics.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 263/3.0 Philosophy of Religion
A consideration of traditional and/or contemporary religious conceptions and arguments. Possible topics include: the nature and existence of God, and bases of religious claims.
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.
PHIL 270/3.0  Minds and Machines
A survey of the contribution of philosophy to the cognitive sciences. The focus will be on providing a synthesis of the different perspectives brought by each of the disciplines, in particular, cognitive psychology, computer science, neurophysics, and linguistics, through an investigation of how the various approaches ultimately frame and answer our questions about the mind.
NOTE Each week, students will be assigned a number of articles or chapters for reading and will be expected to be able to discuss the readings in class.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
EQUIVALENCY PHIL 170/3.0.
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 271/3.0  Philosophy and Literature
A broad introduction to philosophical method and the nature of philosophical issues through a consideration of philosophic assumptions and theses present in important literary works.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 273/3.0  Continental Philosophy, 1800-1900
This lecture course provides an analysis of key figures and texts in nineteenth-century continental European philosophy. Possible figures include Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Soren Kierkegaard, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Wilhelm Dilthey. Possible topics include post-Kantian idealism, existentialism, and hermeneutics.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 275/3.0  Thinking Gender, Sex, and Love
What is at stake in how we think about gender, sex, and love? How do these concepts inform each other? What else defines them? Using classic and contemporary philosophical texts we examine presuppositions and alternative possibilities. Old and new insights are explored. Emphasis is on careful reading and critical thinking skills.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 276/3.0  Critical Perspectives on Social Diversity
An introduction to philosophical issues regarding sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia, classism, imperialism and other forms of oppression.
NOTE The course is intended to prepare students for upper level courses in feminist philosophy and the philosophy of culture.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 293/3.0  Humans and the Natural World
An introduction to environmental philosophy through a study of readings that have exercised a formative influence on Western thinking about the relationship between humans and the rest of nature, and hence also about human nature itself. The course will offer an environmental perspective on the history of philosophy from ancient to recent times.
NOTE Bus fare and entrance fee: estimate cost $20.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.

PHIL 296/3.0  Animals and Society
This course introduces students to historical and contemporary debates regarding the treatment of nonhuman animals within Western societies, and explores our ethical responsibilities toward them. The course examines a range of human-animal relations, involving domesticated, working, research subjects and wild animals.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 2 or above or completed 6.0 units in PHIL.
PHIL 301/3.0  Bioethics
An investigation of some moral issues arising in connection with health care, including: the relationship between patient and health care provider; reproductive decision-making; euthanasia and the nature of death; and the development of health care policy.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 or above.
EXCLUSION  May not be taken with or after PHIL 247/3.0.

PHIL 303/3.0  Ethics and Business
An examination of the moral principles involved in the evaluation of business institutions, practices and decisions. Sample topics include: liberty, efficiency and the free market ideal; the market and justice in distribution.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 or above.
EXCLUSION  No more than 3.0 units from PHIL 303/3.0; COMM 338/3.0.

PHIL 307/3.0  Latin American and Caribbean Philosophy
Specific topics in or traditions within Latin American and Caribbean Philosophy.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 and 12.0 units in PHIL, ENGL, HIST, or POLS.

PHIL 310/3.0  Development Ethics
This course examines philosophical issues in the field of Global Development, such as what is meant by ‘development’, ‘freedom’ and ‘quality of life’.
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 and 12.0 units in PHIL, ENGL, HIST, or POLS.

PHIL 311/3.0  Philosophy of Psychology
A philosophical understanding of the background to psychology. Topics may include the nature of mental representation, the place of ‘folk psychology,’ individualism in psychology, the nature of mental causation and explanation.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or 12.0 units in PSYC or permission of the Department.

PHIL 316/3.0  Philosophy of Art
A study of what is involved in enjoying, understanding and interpreting works of art, and of the place of the arts in human culture. Writings of artists and critics, as well as those of philosophers, will be used.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 or above.

PHIL 318/3.0  Philosophy of Law
A survey of the central issues in the philosophy of law including a consideration of current jurisprudential controversies about the nature of law and philosophical treatments of problems arising from within the law such as paternalism, privacy, responsibility, and civil liberties.
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 or above.

PHIL 324/3.0  African Philosophy
This course offers an introduction to African philosophical thought. After dealing with metatheoretical questions about the nature of philosophy and the philosophical inquirer, the focus will shift to African views on topics such as truth, the concept of a person, art, morality, slavery and colonialism.
PREREQUISITE  Level 3 or above.

PHIL 328/3.0  Ancient Philosophy
A study of selected topics in ancient philosophy.
PREREQUISITE  (PHIL 250/6.0 or PHIL 257/6.0) or (6.0 units in PHIL and registration in a CLST Major or Medial Plan) or permission of the Department.

PHIL 329/3.0  Early Modern Philosophy
A study of selected topics in early modern philosophy.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or PHIL 257/6.0 or permission of the Department.
PHIL 330/3.0  Investigations in the History of Philosophy
An examination of perennial topics and/or important authors and schools of thought within the History of Philosophy. While the course will target material that has proven important to contemporary thinking, the emphasis will be on understanding the topics/authors/movements within their historical milieu.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or PHIL 257/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 335/3.0  Introduction to Kant
An examination of the Critique of Pure Reason.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 343/3.0  Social and Political Philosophy
An examination of some of the principles and theories to which appeal is commonly made when social institutions and practices (and the policies associated with their establishment and maintenance) are subjected to critical scrutiny.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 257/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 347/3.0  Contemporary Moral Philosophy
A critical survey of some recent trends in moral philosophy. Study will begin with the emotive theory of ethics, and end with very recent works of importance in the field.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 257/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 348/3.0  Freedom of the Will
An examination of the concept of freedom of the will, with emphasis on the problems generated by causation and the notion of responsibility.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or PHIL 257/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 351/3.0  Philosophy of Mind
A discussion of concepts and issues in the philosophy of mind. Sample topics include identity, action, emotion, intention, belief and desire.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 352/3.0  Metaphysics
The nature and varieties of metaphysics, including rationalistic ‘Platonist’ and empirical/descriptive ‘Aristotelian’ approaches. Positivistic and pragmatic anti-metaphysical ‘critiques’ and verificationism. Contemporary analytical metaphysics after Quine and Strawson.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 359/3.0  Philosophy of Language
Central issues include: the distinction between language and speech; the syntax/semantics/pragmatics trio; reference, denoting, names and descriptions; meaning, truth and verifiability; realism and anti-realism; linguistic forms of pragmatism, behaviourism, idealism, etc.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 250/6.0 or permission of the Department.

PHIL 361/3.0  Introduction to Logic
From propositional calculus to first-order monadic predicate calculus. Symbolization, rules of inference, derivation and refutation of arguments.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  A GPA of 2.0 in 6.0 units in PHIL.
ONE-WAY EXCLUSION  May not be taken with or after: CISC 204/3.0.

PHIL 362/3.0  Further Studies in Logic
From first-order monadic predicate calculus to polyadic predicate calculus with identity. Symbolization, rules of inference, derivation and refutation of arguments. Introduction to modal logics.
PREREQUISITE  PHIL 361/3.0 or ELEC 270/3.0.
PHIL 367/3.0 Jewish Philosophy
An examination of key Jewish thought from Philo to Fackenheim, exploring such themes as the relationship between philosophy, literature, law, and religion; developments within Jewish philosophy; non-Jewish influences on Jewish thought and vice-versa. Contributions to contemporary philosophical work such as those in bioethics and postmodernism may also be considered.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE (6.0 units in PHIL or JWST) or permission of the Department.

PHIL 373/3.0 Continental Philosophy, 1900-1960
This lecture course provides an analysis of key figures and texts in continental European philosophy between 1900 and 1960. Possible figures include Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, Karl Jaspers, Gabriel Marcel, Hannah Arendt, and Hans-Georg Gadamer. Possible topics include phenomenology, existentialism, and hermeneutics.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 3 or above.

PHIL 374/3.0 Continental Philosophy 1960-present
This lecture course provides an analysis of key figures and texts in continental European philosophy from 1960 to the present. Possible figures include Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, Jurgen Habermas, Emmanuel Levinas, Jean-Francois Lyotard, and Julia Kristeva. Possible topics include hermeneutics, postmodernism, critical theory and feminism.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 3 or above.

PHIL 376/3.0 Philosophy and Feminism
An introduction to topics and issues in feminist philosophy. The influence of feminist perspectives on the framing and study of philosophical problems, and the contribution of philosophy to the development of feminist theory and practice will be central concerns. This course can be counted towards a minor, major or medial concentration in Gender Studies.
PREREQUISITE (6.0 units in PHIL or GNDS at the 200-level or above) and (6.0 units in PHIL or GNDS) or permission of the Department.

PHIL 381/3.0 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
Topics may include the nature of scientific method; the meaning of laws of nature; theoretical entities; scientific explanation; causality, induction, and probability.
PREREQUISITE Level 3 or above.

PHIL 382/3.0 Space-Time, Matter, and Reality
Contemporary physics has revolutionized our understanding of space, time, and matter. This has raised many fascinating philosophical issues, such as: Is time real? Is time travel possible? Is reality determinate, or does it depend on human observation? We will examine these and other questions in the context of physical theory.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 3 or above.

PHIL 383/3.0 Philosophy of Computing
What is computation? What has computer science taught us about ourselves and the world? Topics to be addressed include: the relationship between computability, logic, and mathematics; computation and cognition; the simulation hypothesis; infinity and paradox; natural computation; the nature of information; artificial intelligence; and more.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 3 or above.

PHIL 402/3.0 Current Issues in Moral Philosophy I
An examination of major issues in contemporary moral philosophy. Topics to be studied may include contractualism, objectivity, practical reason, relativism and value realism.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].
PHIL 403/3.0  Current Issues in Moral Philosophy II
An examination of major issues in contemporary moral philosophy. Topics to be studied may include contractualism, objectivity, practical reason, relativism and value realism.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 405/3.0  Current Issues in Social and Political Philosophy I
An examination of major issues in contemporary social and political philosophy. Possible topics to be studied include communitarianism, liberalism, multi-culturalism, the nation-state, and utopias.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 406/3.0  Current Issues in Social and Political Philosophy II
An examination of major issues in contemporary social and political philosophy. Possible topics to be studied include communitarianism, liberalism, multi-culturalism, the nation-state, and utopias.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 407/3.0  Current Issues in Social and Political Philosophy III
An examination of major issues in contemporary social and political philosophy. Possible topics to be studied include communitarianism, liberalism, multi-culturalism, the nation-state, and utopias.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 408/3.0  Topics in the Philosophy of Law Seminar
An examination of major issues in the philosophy of law. Possible topics to be studied include definitional questions, interpretivism, positivism, punishment and the relationship between law and morality.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and registration in a PHIL Major or Medial Plan and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (minimum GPA of 2.4 in 9.0 units of PHIL 300-399).

PHIL 410/3.0  Topics in the History of Philosophy
This course examines issues and theorists in the History of Philosophy. Possible topics include the nature of substance, explanation, causality, rights and obligations, primary and secondary qualities. Possible theorists include, Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel, Frege.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 412/3.0  Topics in Philosophy of Culture
An examination of major issues in the philosophy of culture. Possible topics to be studied include: the history of the philosophy of culture; the relationship between culture and identity or the self; the relationship between culture and progress; and various forms of cultural relativism.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).

PHIL 420/3.0  Ethical Issues I
An examination of major issues in ethics. Possible topics to be considered include political violence, coercion, punishment, immigration, suicide, drug policy, leisure and akrasia.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
([registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level] or [registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level]).
PHIL 421/3.0  Ethical Issues II
An examination of major issues in ethics. Possible topics to be considered include political violence, coercion, punishment, immigration, suicide, drug policy, leisure and *akrasia*.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 431/3.0  Ancient Philosophy I
An examination of major issues in ancient philosophy. Possible topics to be considered include the appearance/reality distinction, causation, the emotions, happiness (eudaimonia) and substance.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 441/3.0  20th Century Philosophy I
An examination of major issues in 20th century philosophy. Possible topics to be studied include debates about modality, the development of logic, the natural language movement, pragmatism and verificationism.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 445/3.0  Major Figures I
An examination of the key ideas from a major figure in the history of philosophy. Philosophers studied will vary from offering-to-offering, including Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, Mill and Rawls.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 446/3.0  Major Figures II
An examination of the key ideas from a major figure in the history of philosophy. Philosophers studied will vary from offering-to-offering, including Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, Mill and Rawls.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 451/3.0  Current Issues in Epistemology
An examination of major issues in contemporary epistemology. Possible topics include justification, internalism and externalism, foundationalism and coherentism, and social epistemology.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 452/3.0  Current Issues in Metaphysics I
An examination of major issues in contemporary metaphysics. Possible topics include causation, properties, time, modal theory, and induction.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 454/3.0  Topics in Feminist Philosophy
This course examines issues in Feminist Philosophy. Possible topics may include gender and sex; feminist ethics, epistemologies and metaphysics; disputes about essentialism; the intersections of gender, sexuality, racialization, imperialism, and class.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and
[(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level) or (registration in a GNDS Major Plan)].

PHIL 459/3.0  Current Issues in Philosophy of Language I
An examination of major issues in contemporary philosophy of language. Possible topics to be studied include: the nature of meaning; the relationship between language and the mind, as well as language and the world; and the syntax, semantics and pragmatics of natural language.

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)]]

PHIL 463/3.0 Current Issues in Metaphysics II
An examination of major issues in contemporary metaphysics. Possible topics include causation, properties, time, modal theory, and induction.

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 464/3.0 Topics in Philosophy of Mind
An examination of major issues in contemporary philosophy of mind. Possible topics to be considered include: consciousness; definitional questions (what is the mind?); mental causation; mental events; mental properties; and various theories about the nature of the mind.

LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P)

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 466/3.0 Topics in the Philosophy of Art
An examination of major issues in the philosophy of art. Possible topics include: the definition of art, art and the emotions, art and interpretation, art and the aesthetic, and the philosophy of particular artforms (i.e., literature, film).

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 467/3.0 Hermeneutics
An examination of major issues in hermeneutics or the theory of interpretation. Possible topics to be studied include the history of hermeneutics, objectivity and relativism, critiques of ideology, semiotics, and pragmatism.

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 470/3.0 Topics in Philosophy in Science
An examination of major issues in the philosophy of science. Possible topics to be considered include explanation, realism versus instrumentalism scientific progress, the social dimensions of science and the unity of the sciences.

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].

PHIL 471/3.0 Current Issues in Medical Epistemology
An examination of epistemic issues arising from or pertaining to medicine. Possible topics to be considered include the nature of disease, concepts of scientific discovery as found in medicine, and the relationship between medical research and clinical practice.

PREREQUISITE Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)].
PHIL 473/3.0  Philosophical Logic
An examination of major issues in the philosophy of logic. Possible topics to be considered include deviant logics, the nature of identity, modal logics and the paradoxes of material implication and strict conditionals.
LEARNING HOURS  120 (36L;84P)
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level)] and PHIL 361/3.0.

PHIL 493/3.0  Ethics and the Environment
This course examines issues in Ethics and the Environment. Possible topics include sustainable development, humans and nature, moral obligations to future generations.
NOTE  Bus fare: estimate cost $10.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level) or registration in a ENVS Medial Plan or ENSC Major plan or ENSC, EGPY, ECHM, EGEQ, ELSC or ETOX Specialization Plan].

PHIL 497/3.0  Ethics and Animals
This course examines issues in Ethics and Animals. Potential topics include animal rights, human consumption and other uses of non-human animals, the domestication of non-human animals.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and (PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and (a minimum GPA of 2.4 in all 300-level PHIL) and [(registration in a PHIL Major Plan and 9.0 units of PHIL at the 300 level) or (registration in a PHIL Medial Plan and 6.0 units of PHIL at the 300-level) or registration in a ENVS Medial Plan or ENSC Major plan or ENSC, EGPY, ECHM, EGEQ, ELSC or ETOX Specialization Plan].

PHIL 500/6.0  Directed Special Studies
This course involves a directed study of a philosophical topic. Topics chosen may be from any area of philosophy, and should be determined in consultation with a proposed supervising instructor.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and registration in a PHIL Major or Medial Plan and (a minimum GPA of 2.60 in PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and permission of the Department.

PHIL 510/3.0  Directed Special Studies
This course involves a directed study of a philosophical topic. Topics chosen may be from any area of philosophy, and should be determined in consultation with a proposed supervising instructor.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and registration in a PHIL Major or Medial Plan and (a minimum GPA of 2.60 in PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and permission of the Department.

PHIL 511/3.0  Directed Special Studies
This course involves a directed study of a philosophical topic. Topics chosen may be from any area of philosophy, and should be determined in consultation with a proposed supervising instructor.
PREREQUISITE  Level 4 and registration in a PHIL Major or Medial Plan and (a minimum GPA of 2.60 in PHIL 250/6.0 and PHIL 257/6.0) and permission of the Department.