

Fall Courses/Philosophy and Religious Studies

PHILOSOPHY 1100 (IAI H4 900)

Introduction to Philosophy

3 credit hours

Introduces the student, through the study of knowledge, reality and human conduct, to the discipline that inquires into human nature and the world. Designed to increase the student's self-awareness and ability to think. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1110 (IAI H4 904)

Ethics

3 credit hours

Study of the elements of ethics, including principle ethical theories, principles, concepts and meanings, and their practical application to moral problems, dilemmas and decisions. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1112

Biomedical Ethics

3 credit hours

Study of the theories and principles of ethics as applied to the major areas of biomedical ethical concern: moral problems in the professional/patient relationship, in life and death, in allocation of scarce medical resources, and in medical and health care on a social scale. Current issues such as abortion, euthanasia and genetic research are considered. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1114

Business Ethics

3 credit hours

A study of moral issues in business and the broader issues of economic justice through a study of ethical theories and their application to actual case studies. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1116 (IAI H4 904)

Environmental Ethics

3 credit hours

Study of the theories and principles of ethics as applied to major areas of environmental and ecological concern: pollution, land use, animal rights, population, consumption and waste disposal. Experience in non-remedial, college-level mathematics is strongly recommended. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1117 (IAI H4 904)

Ancient Philosophy

3 credit hours

Surveys philosophy as it developed from the classical period in Greece to the early advocates of scientific method, examining major philosophical figures in their historical contexts with an attention to how philosophy developed in response to historical, social and political events. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1120 (IAI H4 906)

Logic

3 credit hours

Introduces the student to the art and science of reasoning. Skills developed include analyzing formal and informal reasoning; identifying errors in reasoning and learning to avoid them; distinguishing different species of reasoning, including deductive and inductive styles of argumentation; and analyzing language for both logical and rhetorical force. Experience in non-remedial, college-level mathematics is strongly recommended. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1125 (IAI H4 906)

Critical Thinking

3 credit hours

An investigation into and application of the principles of effective thinking in order to develop and enhance one's ability to consciously direct focused mental activity to solve problems, achieve desired goals, evaluate beliefs and guide actions. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1145 (IAI H4 905)

Philosophy of Religion

3 credit hours

Introduces the student to the philosophical analysis and examination of basic religious concepts and beliefs, such as the nature of Ultimate Reality (e.g., God, Tao) and arguments for the existence of the Ultimate Reality. Other topics include religious experience, reason and faith, religion and morality, immortality and others. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 1150 (IAI H5 904N)

World Religions

3 credit hours

An introductory investigation of the main ideas from the world's major living religions, including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism and primal religions. Credit cannot be given for both Philosophy 1150 and Religious Studies 1150. (3 lecture hours)

PHILOSOPHY 2250

Introduction to Philosophy of Art

3 credit hours

Philosophical theories of the creative process in art. Emphasis on form, significance, emotion, reality, association and chance in the realm of aesthetic judgment and criticism. (3 lecture hours)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1100 (IAI H5 900)

Introduction to Religion

3 credit hours

This course provides a study of religion by examining representative cultural religious phenomena in a global world. In analyzing commonalities and differences among religious traditions and contexts, students develop an understanding of personal, communal and universal dimensions of religion as characterized through various religious phenomena including philosophical formulations, sacred writings, religious experiences, ethics, rituals and art. (3 lecture hours)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1110 (IAI H5 901)

Introduction to the Bible (Old Testament)

3 credit hours

This course offers an overview of the Hebrew Bible (in the Christian tradition known as the Old Testament) and selected writings from the Apocrypha as well as the Dead Sea Scrolls, introducing students to various academic methods of critical and creative ways of studying, analyzing and interpreting these ancient texts. (3 lecture hours)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1150 (IAI H5 904N)

World Religions

3 credit hours

An introductory investigation of the main ideas from the world's major living religions: including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism and primal religions. Credit can't be given for both Religious Studies 1150 and Philosophy 1150. (3 lecture hours)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES 1155 (IAI H4 903N)

Asian Thought

3 credit hours

Introductory overview of selected philosophical and religious systems of Asia. Emphasizes the conceptual and intellectual foundations of a variety of Asian traditions, and includes consideration of the historical and cultural contexts that shape them. Philosophy 1100 and/or Religious Studies 1100 is strongly recommended (3 lecture hours)