Title: Introduction to Philosophy (Online)
Course Number: PHIL 0001A
Room: Online

Course Description:
The major types of philosophical thought and the central problems of philosophy are presented through study of some classic texts of the great philosophers. Offered each term. (May be used to satisfy the second half of the college writing requirement by students with credit for ENG 1.)

Instructor: David Denby
Instructor Website

Offered in: First session
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017
Day(s): Online
Online Session Times: Anytime
Call Number: 50236

Title: Introduction to Ethics
Course Number: PHIL 0024A
Campus: Medford/Somerville
Room: Bromfield-Pearson 101

Course Description:
An introduction to moral judgment--and the reasoning it is based on--by a detailed study of current issues such as abortion, vegetarianism, and responsibility for war crimes, and the application to such problems of ethical theories, such as egoism, utilitarianism, and the doctrine of rights.

Instructor: Lydia Amir
Instructor Website

Offered in: First session
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017
Day(s): MW
Times: 6:00-8:30 PM
Call Number: n/a

Title: Logic
Course Number: PHIL 0033A
Campus: Medford/Somerville
Room: Barnum Hall 114

Course Description:
An introduction to fundamental concepts of modern formal logic, including sentence logic, quantification theory, and identity. Emphasis on the application of formal methods to reasoning in philosophy, mathematics, and everyday affairs.

Instructor: David Denby  Instructor Website

Offered in: First session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
Day(s): TWTh  Times: 10:00 AM-12:15 PM  
Call Number: 50238

Title: Western Political Thought I

Course Number: PHIL 0041A  
Campus: Medford/Somerville

Room: Olin Center 108

Course Description:  
(Cross-listed as CLS 45 and PS 41.) Central concepts of ancient, medieval, and early modern political thought. Ideas of Thucydides, Aristophanes, Plato, and Aristotle during the rise and fall of Athens. Subsequent transformations of political philosophy related to the decline of the Roman empire and the origins and development of Christian political doctrine, and the new political outlook of those who challenge the hegemony of Christianity. Analysis of how premodern political thought helped structure future political debate.

Instructor: Ioannis Evrigenis  Instructor Website

Offered in: First session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
Day(s): MW  Times: 1:00-4:30 PM

Credit Value: 1  
Call Number: 50176

Title: Aesthetics

Course Number: PHIL 0052A  
Campus: Medford/Somerville

Room: Bromfield-Pearson 007

Course Description:

A survey of some fundamental problems in the philosophy of art: the nature of aesthetic judgment; the task of criticism, formalism, and formalist criticism; the idea of antiart; the concept of quality in a work of art; modernist vs. traditional art. The course will include writings in contemporary philosophy and criticism as well as works by philosophers such as Hume, Kant, Nietzsche, and Heidegger.

Instructor: Lydia Amir  Instructor Website
Offered in: First session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
Day(s): TTh  
Times: 6:00-9:30 PM  
Call Number: n/a

Title: Seeing Differently: Insiders and Outsiders  
in Philosophy & Photography (Online)

Course Number: PHIL 0091A  
Room: Online

Course Description:
This is an online course about insiders and outsiders. How does the perspective of an insider differ from that of an outsider, and what does it mean to bring these perspectives to life? What are the moral dimensions of these designations? What justifies them, and what are their consequences? What sustains a person’s or a people’s status as an insider or an outsider, and how does this status come to change? These are just some questions we shall ask in investigating the insider/outsider relation as it appears in various walks of personal, philosophical, artistic, social, and political life.

Instructor: Mario DeCaro  
Stephen White

Syllabus

Offered in: First session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
Day(s): Online  
Online Session Times: Anytime  
Credit Value: 1  
Call Number: 50506

Title: Rome in Focus: Philosophy & Photography in the Eternal City

Course Number: PHIL 0091AB  
Campus: Medford/Somerville  
Room: TBA

Course Description:
This course is about insiders and outsiders. How does the perspective of an insider differ from that of an outsider, and what does it mean to bring these perspectives to life? What are the moral dimensions of these designations? What justifies them, and what are their consequences? What sustains a person’s or a people’s status as an insider or an outsider, and how does this status come to change? These are just some questions we shall ask in investigating the insider/outsider relation as it appears in various walks of personal, philosophical, artistic, social, and political life.

Morning lectures will raise philosophical questions that students confront first in the classroom and then, in the afternoon, through guided photographic excursions into Rome.
and its environs led by a Tufts Professor of Studio Art as well as guest art historians. Students will earn course credit in either philosophy or studio art, and each student will produce a portfolio of philosophical writing and/or photography.

Students will complete ten online modules before arriving in Rome for Phase II. Modules include guided reading exercises, multimedia clips, essay questions, file search activities, and homework assignments. Each module anticipates a corresponding Phase II session by preparing students to adequately engage Phase II course material.

Instructor: Mario DeCaro  Instructor Website
Stephen White  Instructor Website

Syllabus

**Offered in:** First session  
**Class Dates:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
**Day(s):** TBA  
**Times:** TBA  
**Credit Value:** 1  
**Call Number:** 50539

**Title:** Plato's Socrates  
**Course Number:** PHIL 0150A  
**Campus:** Medford/Somerville  
**Room:** Olin Center 102

**Course Description:**  
(Cross-listed as CLS 150 and PS 150). Faced with a death sentence, Socrates claimed that even the fear of death could not prevent him from doing what is right, offering as proof not words, but deeds. Taking Socrates' distinction between words and deeds, and focusing on the relationship between the arguments and the action, we will study the Laches, Symposium, Meno, Protagoras, and Republic, as well as the works recounting his last days, in an attempt to understand Plato's Socrates and his views regarding knowledge, virtue, justice, courage, and the care of one's soul.

Instructor: Ioannis Evrigenis  Instructor Website

**Offered in:** First session  
**Class Dates:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to Friday, Jun 30, 2017  
**Day(s):** TTh  
**Times:** 1:00-4:30 PM  
**Credit Value:** 1  
**Call Number:** 50179

**Title:** Introduction to Philosophy  
**Course Number:** PHIL 0001B  
**Campus:** Medford/Somerville  
**Room:** Tisch Library 314

**Course Description:**
The major types of philosophical thought and the central problems of philosophy are presented through study of some classic texts of the great philosophers. Offered each term. (May be used to satisfy the second half of the college writing requirement by students with credit for ENG 1.)

**Instructor:** Jeffrey McConnell  
**Instructor Website**

**Offered in:** Second session  
**Class Dates:** Wednesday, Jul 5, 2017 to Friday, Aug 11, 2017  
**Day(s):** MW  
**Times:** 6:00-9:30 PM  
**Call Number:** 50237

**Title:** Western Political Thought II

**Course Number:** PHIL 0042B  
**Campus:** Medford/Somerville  
**Room:** Olin Center 103

**Course Description:**  
(Cross-listed as PS 42.) Central concepts of modern political thought. The views of those writers who challenged the dominance of Christianity: Machiavelli, Descartes, Hobbes, and others. Some of the main transformations of political thinking that characterized the Enlightenment: the possibility of scientific thinking and reasoning as the basis for human freedom. Nietzsche’s critique of the Enlightenment, and the ability to find political principles that are genuinely true or liberating.

**Instructor:** Ioannis Evrigenis  
**Instructor Website**

**Offered in:** Second session  
**Class Dates:** Wednesday, Jul 5, 2017 to Friday, Aug 11, 2017  
**Day(s):** MW  
**Times:** 1:00-4:30 PM  
**Credit Value:** 1  
**Call Number:** 50182

**Title:** Philosophy & Film

**Course Number:** PHIL 0054B  
**Campus:** Medford/Somerville  
**Room:** Tisch Library 304

**Course Description:**  
Introduction to the study of film as a philosophical medium. Centers on film's capacity to bring out the ethical dimensions of the problem of distinguishing reality from illusion. A classic or contemporary film paired with a philosophical text each week.

**Instructor:** Mario DeCaro  
**Instructor Website**
Offered in: Second session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, Jul 5, 2017 to Friday, Aug 11, 2017  
Day(s): MW  
Times: 6:00-9:30 PM  
Call Number: n/a  

Title: Media Ethics  
Course Number: PHIL 0091B  
Campus: Medford/Somerville  
Room: TBA  

Course Description:  
The course aims at analyzing the ethical dimensions of communication and the media. It will address questions like: what is a good communication? Can communication and the media contribute to a better and more just society? What role do they have in shaping personal identity and interpersonal relations?  

In order to answer these and other questions, the course will integrate theoretical reflection and analysis of concrete cases. Different relevant media will be taken into account, with a specific focus on the new media and the ethical issues raised by information and communications technology (ICT). Topics include: objectivity and neutrality in journalism, the significance of "fake news," reality and fiction in television, the impact of social networks, and ethical issues in cyberspace.  
Instructor: Benedetta Giovanola  

Offered in: Second session  
Class Dates: Wednesday, Jul 5, 2017 to Friday, Aug 11, 2017  
Day(s): TTh  
Times: 6:00-9:30 PM  
Credit Value: 1  
Call Number: 50507