Summer 2019

First Summer Session May 22, 2019 to June 28, 2019

Phil 0002-A (Intro to Philosophy Online)
David Denby

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.) Formerly PHIL 0001. Students may not receive credit for both PHIL 0001 and PHIL 0002.

Phil 0033-A (Logic Online)
David Denby

(Cross-listed as LING 33). 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. Please note: only one of PHIL, LING 33 and 103 may be taken for credit.

Phil 0041-A (Western Political Thought I)
Ioannis Evrigenis
Time: MW 1:00pm-4:30pm
Location: TBA

(Cross-listed as CLS 41 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.
Phil 0091-A (Philosophy of Sports)
Seena Eftekhar
Time: MTR 10:00am-12:30pm
Location: TBA

Sports have come to play a central role within our culture and society. Athletes have come to be revered like god-like figures and have the salaries to prove it. For many people sports represent something very similar to a sort of religious devotion. But should sports play such a significant role in our lives? In this class we will consider the important role that sports play in shaping our culture and our values. In doing so we will also consider other questions: What counts as a sport? What is the point of sport? What happens when sports become more about money than competition and winning? Beginning with and answering these broader questions will help in evaluating other issues such as the usage of performance-enhancing drugs, the remuneration of college athletes, as well as racial and gender issues prevalent in sports today. By the end of the course, we should hope to become more cognizant of and sensitive to the role that sports play in our society.

Phil 0092-A (Existentialism)
Jeff McConnell
Time: TWR 1:00pm-3:30pm
Location: TBA

Existentialism emerged as a philosophical movement in Europe in the period just prior to and during World War II. Amidst the horrors of Nazism, it addressed questions about morality and moral responsibility, about death and the meaning of life, in ways that seemed new and relevant. This course introduces some of the main writings and themes of existentialism by focusing on six writers linked to it, whose lives or reputations were intertwined with, and sometimes compromised by, events around the war: Friedrich Nietzsche, whose sister was close to Hitler; Martin Heidegger, who became a member of the Nazi Party; Hannah Arendt, Jewish but notoriously close to Heidegger, whose book about the trial of Nazi official Adolf Eichmann generated much controversy; Albert Camus and Jean-Paul Sartre, who chose themes inspired by the weighty decisions of living under Nazi occupation; and Simone de Beauvoir, who documented such decisions in fiction. We also discuss later works by visual artists
(Giacometti and Bacon) and filmmakers (Bergman and the Coen brothers) inspired by existentialism.

**Second Summer Session July 2, 2019 to August 9, 2019**

**Phil 0002-B (Intro to Philosophy)**
Stephen White  
**Time: TR 1:00pm-4:30pm**  
**Location: TBA**

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**Phil 0003-B (Language and Mind)**
Stephen White  
**Time: TR 6:00pm-9:30pm**  
**Location: TBA**

(Cross-listed as LING 3). Implications of recent work on language for our understanding of the human mind: consciousness, human intention, paradoxes, computers as models of mind, rules and conventions, metaphor. Readings drawn from classic and contemporary texts.

**Phil 0024-B (Intro to Ethics)**
Valentina Maria Urbanek  
**Time: TWR 10:00am-12:30pm**  
**Location: TBA**

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.
Phil 0041-B (Western Political Thought II)
Ioannis Evrigenis
Time: MW 1:00pm-4:30pm
Location: TBA

(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.

Phil 0054-B (Philosophy and Film)
Mario De Caro
Time: MW 6:00pm-9:30pm
Location: TBA

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.