

# PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Two-Year Projected Course Offerings Spring 2012 – Fall 2013

## COURSES OFFERED EVERY SEMESTER

Please check the on-line MCC class schedule for days and times

PHI101: Introduction to Philosophy [HU]	REL203: American Indian Religions [HU, L, C]
REL243: World Religions [HU, G]	PHI218: Philosophy of Sexuality [HU, L]
PHI103: Introduction to Logic [HU, L]	REL290: Women and Religion [HU, G]
REL205: Religion and the Modern World [HU, L]	PHI212: Contemporary Moral Issues [HU] (except when Environmental Ethics PHI216 is offered)
PHI213: Medical and Bio-Ethics [HU]	REL200: Religion and Film [HU] (evening only)
PHI105: Introduction to Ethics [HU]	
PHI106: Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving [HU, L]	

## COURSES OFFERED ONCE A YEAR

### Spring 2012

PHI201: Ancient Philosophy [HU, H]  
(Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)

### Fall 2012

PHI244: Philosophy of Religion [HU]  
(Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)  
REL291: Religion and Sexuality [HU]  
(Shoemaker, TR 10:30-11:45)

### Spring 2013

PHI201: Ancient Philosophy [HU, H]  
(Yount, MWF 10:00-10:50)  
PHI216: Environmental Ethics [HU, G]  
(Yount, MWF 12:00-12:50)

### Fall 2013

REL291: Religion and Sexuality [HU]  
(Shoemaker, TR 10:30-11:45)  
PHI244: Philosophy of Religion [HU]  
(Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)

## COURSES OFFERED EVERY OTHER YEAR

### Spring 2012

REL202: Classics of Asian Religions [HU, G]  
(Crudup, MWF 11:00-11:50)

### Fall 2012

PHI245: Introduction to Eastern Philosophy [HU, G]  
(Yount, MWF 12:00-12:50)  
REL207: Ritual, Symbol, & Myth [HU, L]  
(Crudup, TR 12:00-1:15)

### Spring 2013

REL206: Religion in America [HU]  
(Crudup, TR 12:00-1:15)

### Fall 2013

REL202: Classics of Asian Religions [HU, G]  
(Crudup, MWF 11:00-11:50)  
PHI234AA: Plato [HU]  
(Yount, MWF 12:00-12:50)



Debra  
Campbell



Keith  
Crudup



Patrice  
Nango



Tom  
Shoemaker



Elizabeth  
Ursic



Barry  
Vaughan



Michael  
Wintz



David  
Yount

## Course Descriptions

- PHI101 **INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY** [HU] - General consideration of human nature and the nature of the universe. Knowledge, perception, freedom and determinism, and the existence of God. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI103 **INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC** [HU, L] - Informal logic, logical fallacies, elementary symbolic logic, analysis of argument forms, and construction of proofs for validity. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits**
- PHI105 **INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS** [HU] - Major theories of conduct. Emphasis on normative ethics, theories of good and evil from Plato to the present. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI106 **CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING** [HU, L] - Commonly used informal fallacies; examination of emotive and unclear uses of language, including sexist and loaded terms; methods for analyzing extended arguments. Application to the news media, advertising, political speeches, and textbooks. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits**
- PHI201 **HISTORY OF ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY** [HU, H] - Historical survey of the intellectual history of the Greco-Roman world, focusing on the philosophical tradition and social/historical context. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI212 **CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES** [HU] - Examination of basic ethical theory and the way in which moral argument applies to contemporary ethical issues, such as: The role of religion in ethics; war, torture, and the death penalty; vegetarianism and the environment; abortion and euthanasia; free speech, pornography; drug legalization; affirmative action; gay marriage, immigration, and business ethics. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI213 **MEDICAL AND BIO-ETHICS** [HU] - A philosophical consideration of moral problems that arise in relation to medicine and biology, e.g., death, patient rights, and biological experimentation. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI216 **ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS** [HU, G] - Philosophical consideration of diverse theories and perspectives on the environment, including major Western and Eastern religious perspectives, and application of these theories to global moral issues such as animal rights, preservation of wilderness/species, population, world hunger & poverty, pollution, food ethics (genetically modified foods), climate change, social justice, capitalism and the economics of the environment. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits**
- PHI218 **PHILOSOPHY OF SEXUALITY** [HU, L] - Philosophical examination of sexuality in human life. Historical and critical survey of philosophical and theological views. Comparison and evaluation of contemporary theories about the nature of sexual desire and sexual acts. Implications of theories for contemporary moral problems. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or 107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits 3 periods**
- PHI224 **POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY** [HU] - Predominant figures and theories in Euroamerican political philosophy from Plato to contemporary social/political philosophers. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits 3 periods**
- PHI234AA **PLATO** [HU] - A comprehensive survey of Plato's philosophy. We will examine various biographies of Socrates, then the putative views of Socrates in the *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito* and *Phaedo*; Plato's biography, and Plato's views on knowledge, metaphysics, and ethics by subject, throughout many of his dialogues and some of his letters. No previous knowledge of Socrates or Plato is necessary. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI244 **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION** [HU] - The philosophical investigation of the nature and existence of God, and God's relationship to the universe. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- PHI245 **INTRODUCTION TO EASTERN PHILOSOPHY** [HU, G] - Fundamental theories of Indian and Chinese metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL200 **RELIGION AND FILM** [HU] - Introduction to the fascinating interplay of religion and film. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL202 **CLASSICS OF ASIAN RELIGIONS** [HU, G] - Academic study of selected works from Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist, and Confucian traditions. Study of cultural values and concepts of the world, history, culture, and human nature as represented in these works. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL203 **AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIONS** [HU, C, L] - Introduction to the tribal traditions of people native to North America, and pan-Indian religions in the twentieth century. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits**
- REL205 **RELIGION AND THE MODERN WORLD** [HU, L] - Introduction to the nature and role of religious beliefs and practices in shaping the lives of individuals and societies, with particular attention to the modern world. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits**
- REL206 **RELIGION IN AMERICA** [HU] - Introduction of the rich tapestry of religious traditions and movements that have helped to shape the United States of America. Investigate how religion has impacted American culture and institutions, and how the United States has in turn transformed long-standing religious traditions. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL207 **RITUAL, SYMBOL, AND MYTH** [HU, L] - Introduction to the nature and role of rituals, symbols, and myths of religious traditions in shaping the lives of individuals and societies. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits**
- REL210 **INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM** [HU, L, H] - Introduction to the nature and role of Judaism in shaping the lives of individuals and societies. **Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits**
- REL225 **AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELIGIONS** [HU, C] - Leaders, movements, traditions, and controversies in the religious history of African-Americans. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL243 **WORLD RELIGIONS** [HU, G] - The development of various religions from prehistoric to modern times. Political, economic, social, and geographic relationships among world religions. Consideration of Eastern and Western religions. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL250 **RELIGION IN IRELAND** [HU, H] - A critical analysis of the religious traditions of Ireland from the Neolithic to early Medieval period in their social and historical context. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL270 **INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY** [HU] - The history and development of the Christian religion including a study of rituals, symbols, and traditions as they are used to establish and maintain the practice of Christianity. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL290 **WOMEN AND RELIGION** [HU, G] - The role of women in several organized religions and/or religious sects, including a study of myth and symbols as they are used to establish, maintain, and enforce sex roles within specific religions. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**
- REL291 **RELIGION AND SEXUALITY** [HU] - The relationship between religion and sexuality including a study of myths, symbols, and rituals as they are used to establish, maintain, and enforce sex roles within specific religions. **Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**