

PHILOSOPHY AT USU • SPRING 2018

PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy (BHU) (Clark; MWF 12:30, 2:30): *an introduction to the biggest questions of philosophy. What is real? What do we know? What is justice? What are our obligations? Does God exist?*

PHIL 1120: Social Ethics (BHU) (Holberg, MWF 1:30): *Conversation in a democracy involves listening carefully to, fairly evaluating, and critically engaging with arguments made by others. This class provides practice in the skill of democratic conversation as we discuss contemporary ethical conflicts together.*

PHIL 1320: The Good Life (BHU) (Kleiner, MWF 1:30): *This course is an interdisciplinary course with readings drawn from history, literature, philosophy, and theology. Course readings focus broadly on the question of the good life for human beings, with a focus on the distinction between civilization and barbarism in the soul and in the polis.*

PHIL 1500: The Examined College Life (BHU) (Kleiner, MWF 9:30): *What sort of education should a student pursue, and what sort of education should a university provide? We will consider the relationship between education and human flourishing, work and leisure, transcendence, and the common good.*

PHIL 2200: Deductive Logic (QI) (Steinhoff, MWF 12:30): *This course applies a math-like science of symbols to human arguments, with an aim toward understanding validity - the science of what really "follows from" what.*

PHIL 2400: Ethics (BHU) (Clark, MWF 8:30): *We will study judgments concerning what is good or bad, right or wrong, and how judgments are justified and related to action. Big topics include relativism, subjectivism, absolutism, freedom, and responsibility.*

PHIL 3150: Kant and the 19th Century (CI) (Huenemann, TR 12:00): *We will start with Kant's revolutionary thoughts in epistemology and ethics, and follow through the impact upon 19th-century European philosophers, including Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kierkegaard, Marx, and Nietzsche.*

PHIL 3500: Medical Ethics (Sherlock, TR 3:00): *Key issues in medicine, including: consent, competency, confidentiality, euthanasia, abortion, and the justification of health care.*

PHIL 3530: Environmental Ethics (DHA) (Clark, MWF 9:30): *Key issues in the treatment of nature, such as: the value of wilderness, animal rights, comparative views of nature, and moral issues in economic approaches to the wilderness.*

PHIL 4310: Philosophy of Science (DHA) (Steinhoff, MWF 2:30): *Study of different views of the nature of science: the classical traditions of Hempel and Popper, Kuhn's subjectivism, and Feyerabend's anarchism. Topics include confirmation, induction, scientific realism, reductionism, and the growth of scientific knowledge.*

PHIL 4500: Contemporary Ethical Theory (DHA) (Holberg, MW 2:30): *We will start by considering the following questions: What is ethical theory suppose to do? What do various philosophers think has gone wrong in previous ethical theories? We will then examine the 'practical reason approach to morality', to try to account for the place of ethics in human life.*

PHIL 4530: Ethics and Biotechnology (DSC) (Sherlock, TR 1:30): *Critical evaluation of ethical issues of genetic engineering in biotechnology, including biological engineering and cloning of plants, animals, and humans. Presents basic science of genetic engineering and biotechnology. NOTE: Students majoring in the humanities seeking DSC credit should sign up for this course as ADVS 3200 (same course, different prefix & number).*

PHIL 4900: How to be a Philosopher (Huenemann, TR 9:00): *In this course we'll examine various ways of "doing philosophy", from analytic to historical to creative. Students will develop their own approaches, on topics of their choosing. Good class to prep for grad school - or to cap off your philosophy major!*