

# Philosophy courses - Spring 2022

**PHIL 1000: Introduction to Philosophy** (BHU) (multiple sections): *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) (multiple sections): *This course is about contemporary ethical debates about some of the pressing social questions of our time. This in part involves making real world decisions as a class as to how to do the most good with limited resources.*

**PHIL 2200: Deductive Logic** (QI) (Huenemann, TR 12:00): *Study of deductive arguments and techniques for evaluating their validity, including construction of proofs. Recognizing formal fallacies in reasoning. Symbolizing English sentences and arguments to make their meanings precise. Propositional and predicate logic.*

**PHIL 2400: Ethics** (BHU) (multiple sections): *How should we live our lives? How should we treat other people? What makes an action right or wrong - and a person good or bad? We'll explore these questions and others through the lenses of Virtue Ethics, Deontology, and Utilitarianism.*

**PHIL 3100: Ancient Philosophy** (CI) (Otteson, MWF 10:30): *Development of philosophical thought in the Ancient Greek world. Readings from the pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, and Epicureans.*

**PHIL 3530: Environmental Ethics** (DHA) (Ashfield, TR 9:00): *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 3580: Ethics and Economic Life** (DHA) (Kleiner, MW 3:00): *The course will examine various ways to organize our political economy. The question is being asked philosophically, so we will engage the question in view of various theories of the human person and the human good. Questions considered along the way will include the moral limits of markets, the relationship between love and exchange, ownership and estrangement, individual and communal goods, and the nature and place of work in a well-lived life.*

**PHIL 3600: Philosophy of Religion** (DHA) (Ashfield, MWF 2:30): *Problems in defining "religion" and the existence of God; the problem of evil; the immortality of the soul; religious experience; faith; alternatives to theism; religious language.*

**PHIL 3800: Philosophy in Literature** (DHA) (Huenemann, TR 9:00): *We will be reading works of literature by Dostoevsky, Kafka, Camus, Borges, Pessoa, and others that raise questions of individual identity, purpose, absurdity, and self-created meaning.*

**PHIL 3990: Philosophy and Pop Culture: the Rise of the Podcast** (DHA) (Otteson, TR 10:30): *This course will explore the rise of podcasts as an important cultural medium for discussing ethical, political, metaphysical, and epistemological questions. It will attend to how the medium of the podcast continues the dialectical approach often present in the history of philosophy.*

**PHIL 4310: Philosophy of Science** (DHA) (Gentry, MWF 11:30): *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 4530: Ethics and Biotechnology** (DSC) (Robison, 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.*