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Philosophy is the logical examination of the fundamental issues that people have pondered for more than 2500 years. What is reality and what is beauty? What is knowledge and truth? What is good and just? Philosophy courses are directed toward understanding these and other questions in their historical and cultural contexts, and applying insights to contemporary life. The study of philosophy is a key component in improving one's critical thinking skills.

**PHIL 300 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This class is an inquiry into the traditional and historical views of Western Civilization's perennial human problems, e.g., peace, truth, equality, good and happiness, which provides a clarification of the problems as well as ultimate justification of each claim. It focuses on critical thinking techniques and applies them to selected philosophical topics such as human freedom, the nature and limits of knowledge, skepticism, empiricism, rationalism and the application of these to politics.

**PHIL 310 Introduction to Ethics 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is a survey of ideas proposed by important philosophers to describe and understand the conceptual foundations of ethical thought and judgment.

**PHIL 315 Ethics and Morals in Business 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103 or ESLW 320 or placement through assessment process.*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

Ever since the Industrial Revolution, there have been problems and issues concerning the moral and ethical nature of various business endeavors. This course will examine most of the important issues of economic activity, e.g., property rights, employee rights, stockholders' rights and the responsibilities of all of these—all of them with appropriate moral issues and criteria. This course will rely on the great moral philosophers to help address these issues, using the economists to set the issues.

**PHIL 320 Logic and Critical Reasoning 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area A3*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an introduction to basic principles of good reasoning. It focuses on recognizing arguments and identifying their premises and conclusions. It examines the distinction between inductive and deductive standards of evaluation and includes an overview of types of inductive reasoning, deductive argument patterns, use and misuse of language, and fallacious reasoning. Practical application to everyday life is emphasized.

**PHIL 325 Symbolic Logic 3 Units**

*Same As: MATH 320*

*Prerequisite: PHIL 320 or MATH 110, and MATH 120 with a grade of "C" or better.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area II(b); CSU Area B4*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course covers an introduction to symbolic logic including the logic of sentences (the statement of calculus) and the logic of classes and relations (the predicate calculus) together with an introduction to the nature and development of deductive systems. Applications include examples of logic used in elementary mathematics and the analysis of verbal arguments. Not open to students who have completed MATH 320.

**PHIL 330 History of Classical Philosophy 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This class addresses the development of philosophical thinking in the West from the pre-Socratic philosophers to Thomas Aquinas, its bearing on some contemporary issues in philosophy, and its influence in shaping philosophy as we know it today.

**PHIL 331 History of Modern Philosophy 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course traces the development of philosophical thinking in the West from the Renaissance to the present, and addresses its bearing on contemporary issues, and its influence in shaping the modern world.

**PHIL 350 Philosophy of Religion 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is an introduction to a philosophical examination of religion. This examination typically includes an analysis of basic religious concepts such as God, the afterlife, the soul, faith, karma, good and evil. It also includes an investigation into religious experience as well as arguments for and various forms of religious belief.

**PHIL 353 Religions of the Far East 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AAI/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course covers an introduction to the major religions of the Far East -- Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto. The origins, myths, basic teachings, development, and modern forms of each religion will be surveyed through comparison and contrast with each other and with Western tradition in order to clarify concepts and practices. The present influences of these religions on Western change and on the religions between cultures will be of focal interest.

**PHIL 354 Religions of the West 3 Units**

*General Education: AAI/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

Study of the origins, history, development, important teachings, mythology, and modern forms of the major Western religions-- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Zoroastrianism, a forerunner of these, will also be examined in detail. In order to clarify concepts and practices, comparison and contrast with other religions will be used as a basis for discussion. The influences of these religions on the Western world will be identified and examined.

**PHIL 360 Philosophy of Social Sciences 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, 103, or ESLW 320 or placement by assessment process.*

*General Education: AAI/AS Area I; CSU Area C; CSU Area D7; IGETC Area 4G*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This class is a survey of classic and modern thought on basic problems selected from at least two of the following fields: Theories of reality, the notion of justice, political philosophy, philosophy of religions, and esthetics. The emphasis will be on the application of representative views to modern life.