

Academic Offerings

This section contains descriptions of programs, majors, minors, areas of concentration, fields of specialization, and courses. Semesters following course titles indicate when each course is normally offered. On rare occasions, a course may not be available when indicated because of low enrollment or unexpected staffing changes.

Courses listed as Fall Odd and Spring Even are scheduled to be offered during the 2011-2012 academic year. i.e., fall 2011-2012 is Fall Odd, spring 2011-2012 is Spring Even.

Philosophy

General Major— CORE 200; Philosophy 301, 302, 303, 304, 309; five elective courses in philosophy; electives may include Engineering 390 and/or one course from Political Studies 310 or 312.

General Minor— CORE 200; five elective courses in philosophy.

- 202 **Logic (3)**.....Spring Even
An introduction to the study of logic, both deductive and inductive, focusing on its systematic, philosophical, and historical development.
- 206 **Aesthetics (3)**Spring
A study of the aesthetic dimension of creation, the nature and qualifying function of artistic activity, and artifacts, and an introduction to general aesthetic theory and its history. Prerequisite: CORE 200. [Cross-listed: CORE 316]
- 281- **Service-Learning (1-3)**Fall, Spring, Summer
283 See page 161, Individual Studies
- 301 **Ancient Philosophy: The Dawn of Western Thought (3)**Fall Odd
A study of the pagan roots of the thought patterns that shape our contemporary world. Designed for students interested in the philosophical and historical origins of our modern scientific culture. Readings in primary sources and a paper.
- 302 **Medieval Philosophy: Medieval Roots of Modern and Contemporary Thought (3)**.....Spring Even
A study of the medieval thought patterns that shaped our contemporary world. Designed for students interested in the history of philosophy, theology, and science. Readings in primary sources and a paper.
- 303 **History of Modern Philosophy (3)** Fall Even
A survey of philosophical problems and movements in the Western world from the end of the 15th century to the middle of the 19th century. Readings in primary sources.
- 304 **History of Contemporary Philosophy (3)**.....Spring Odd
A survey of philosophical problems and movements in the Western world from the middle of the 19th century to the present. Readings mainly in primary sources.
- 309 **History of Christian Philosophy (3)**.....Fall Even
An analysis of the origin and development of Christian philosophy since the Reformation, in the context of Western thought. Prerequisite: CORE 200. Philosophy majors are advised to complete the history of philosophy sequence before taking Philosophy 309.

- 310 **Systematics of Christian Philosophy (3)**Spring Odd
 In-depth study of selected topics in the systematic philosophy of 20th century Christian philosophers. Specific attention will usually be given to the conceptions of such people as Dooyeweerd, Stoker, Vollenhoven and/or those who follow in their line. Prerequisite: CORE 200.
- 320 **Philosophy of the Social Sciences (3)** Fall
 A study of contemporary views of society (e.g., behaviorism, symbolic interactionism, neo-Marxism), of the philosophical foundations of the social sciences and their methods, and of current attempts on the part of Christians to address these matters. Prerequisites: CORE 200; preferably junior or senior standing, with at least one course in economics, psychology, sociology, or political studies.
- 333 **Philosophy of the Environment (3)** Fall Even
 A historical and systematic study of the structure and normed character of the various relationships between human beings and their environment. Prerequisites: CORE 200; junior or senior standing. [Cross-listed: Environmental Studies 333]
- 341- **Special Topics (3)**Occasional
 348 Each of these courses is designed to be a special interest course utilizing individual instructor strengths, interests, and competencies. Each topic will be concerned with material not usually treated to any great extent in regularly scheduled courses.
- 350 **Philosophical Anthropology (3)** Fall Even
 A survey of different non-Christian views about the nature, place, and task of man, and a study of the main themes of a Christian theory of man. Prerequisite: CORE 200. Open to juniors and seniors in all disciplines.
- 391- **Individual Studies (1-3)**Fall, Spring, Summer
 393 See page 161, Individual Studies