

3 credits

An introductory examination of the problems and scope of philosophical inquiry, this course introduces the student to major issues in philosophy, including theories of being, theories of knowledge, and theories of value, with attention to the historical development of philosophical thought. Pre/Co--requisites: ENGL 101 English Composition I; waiver by placement testing results; or permission of instructor.

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This course is designed to introduce students to the principles of clear thinking. Its objectives are to develop students' abilities to reason from available evidence to a correct conclusion, to promote an awareness of the precise use of language, and to enable students to analyze fallacious as well as sound arguments.

2 credits

This course provides an analysis and understanding of laws as they relate to the medical profession and the responsibilities and ethical considerations that must be considered and applied while executing these laws. Topics covered include codes of medical ethics, techniques and methods used in making ethical decisions, structure of the law as it relates to medical health, and the various laws as they pertain to specific situations. Case studies are utilized as much as possible.

3 credits

What is right and wrong? Is war or violence ever justified? Ethical dilemmas such as abortion, capital punishment, animal rights, welfare, and social justice pose problems that are not easily solved. This course is a critical analysis of classic and contemporary ethical theories. Through critical engagement, writing, and discussion of case studies and contemporary sources, students learn how to apply critical reasoning to moral issues, develop their own ethical philosophy, and apply these philosophies to present-day issues.

1 credit

This course involves independent work on a selected topic under the direction of members of the Philosophy faculty. Limited to two courses per student.