

# Philosophy (PHI)

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## **PHI 1510 Introduction to Philosophy ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

Primarily Western in orientation, this course addresses themes such as objectivity and relativism, the existence of God, the nature of reality, the self, knowledge, good lives, wisdom and the meaning of life. This course examines, in an open-ended way, competing answers to fundamental questions of human existence through the analysis, evaluation, or construction of well thought out arguments. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking

## **PHI 1520 History of Modern Philosophy ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

The student will read and study the thought of some of the most important modern philosophers in the area of foundations of knowledge, metaphysics, religious belief, political philosophy, aesthetics, and philosophy of science. The primary objective of the course is to understand the unique role of philosophical questioning in the determination of the major human problems of our age. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking

## **PHI 1610 Ethics ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course addresses themes such as the nature and purpose of morality, the basis and justification of morality and moral beliefs, whether there is anything truly right or wrong, objectivity and relativism, good lives, and what makes for a good person. This course examines, in an open-ended way, standards of responsible choice making through the analysis, evaluation, or construction of well thought out arguments. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking

## **PHI 1710 Introduction to Informal Logic ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course is a one-semester introduction to informal argument. Topics addressed include deductive and inductive reasoning; what distinguishes good from bad arguments; common mistakes in reasoning; and the use of language, definition, and explanation. This course, focusing on logic as applied to everyday language, aims at clarifying the rules for clear thinking and improving skills in analysis and reasoning in daily life. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking

## **PHI 2710 Introduction to Formal Logic ..... 3 Credit Hours**

**ESL Placement Level:** For English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students, placement in ESL 2520.

This course is a one semester introduction to formal logic. The course will develop a symbolic language and study arguments constructed using these symbols. Topics will include truth tables, formal study of validity, soundness, and both deductive and inductive reasoning. Students will also study and construct arguments using propositional logic. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking