# Philosophy (PHI)

**PHI 1510  Introduction to Philosophy .......................... 3 Credit Hours**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
This course will focus on specific topics in philosophy. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the Schedule of Classes to see which topics are being offered. In studying each topic, students will become aware of the philosophical issues surrounding this topic and the reasoning used by philosophers to defend their particular viewpoints on these issues. BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3  
**GE Outcomes:** Critical Thinking

**PHI 1520  History of Modern Philosophy ..................... 3 Credit Hours**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
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, 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 1610  Ethics .............................................. 3 Credit Hours**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
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**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
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 2100  Special Topics: Human Nature, Selfhood and Identity .................................................. 3 Credit Hours**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** PHI 1510 or PHI 1610  
Human Nature, Selfhood and Identity BILLABLE CONTACT HOURS: 3

**PHI 2101  Special Topics ........................................ 3 Credit Hours**  
**English/ESL Placement:** Placement into ENG 1510.  
**Prerequisite:** PHI 1510 or PHI 1610  
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