

GRADUATE COURSE OFFERING

- PHIL 6030: Topics in Ancient Philosophy** **TR 12:45-2:00** **Tim O'Keefe**
Piety and the Gods in Ancient Philosophy. The notion of divinity is central to ancient metaphysics, cosmology, and ethics. We will explore topics such as: how the theme of 'making yourself divine' functions in the ethics of Plato, Aristotle, and Epicurus; how god is said to explain the motions of the cosmos for Plato, Aristotle and the Stoics, and the Epicurean arguments against the gods having any role in the cosmos. We will also consider fate and freedom in the Stoics and Epicureans; what virtues the gods possess and which ones they lack, and the Pyrrhonian skeptics' contention that they can be pious without having beliefs.
- PHIL 6130: Philosophy of Science** **MW 11:00-12:15** **Andrea Scarantino**
 Our philosophical reflections on science will touch upon four foundational issues: (1) Demarcation: What makes science different from non-science?; (2) Theory Change: Does science really progress towards the truth over time?; (3) Confirmation: How are scientific theories confirmed by evidence?; (4) Explanation: What does it take to scientifically explain a given phenomenon?
- PHIL 6500: Symbolic Logic** **TR 9:30-10:45** **Ed Cox**
 This course will cover concepts and methods of contemporary formal logic. It will emphasize predicate logic, both semantic methods and derivations, and some basic metatheory, along with an introduction to modal logic.
- PHIL 6700: Ethics** **MW 2:00-3:15** **Andrew I. Cohen**
 A study of some leading historical and contemporary theories of what the good is, how we can know it, what evaluative statements mean, and the principles that might govern practical/applied ethics. The figures we study may include Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Mill, and some contemporary theorists such as Moore, Hare, Mackie, Gauthier, and Rawls. Students will complete several short papers, a term paper, and a final exam. Students should expect robust class discussion.
- PHIL 6820: Philosophy Of Law** **MW 12:30-1:45** **S. M. Love**
 In this course, we will consider a number of questions at the intersection of philosophy and law. Beyond the question of what law itself is, we will consider philosophical issues in specific areas of law. Among others, we will look philosophically at issues like affirmative action, abortion, contracts, and environmental justice, considering each issue from multiple perspectives. There will be a special focus on issues of racial justice.
- PHIL 6860: Feminist Philosophy** **MW 3:30-4:45** **Christie Hartley**
 Feminists claim that women are oppressed and that they face unjust barriers to equality. This course is a philosophical examination of topics related to sex, gender, and feminism, such as the nature of oppression and gender, sexism, misogyny, conceptions of feminism, and gender justice and liberal theory.
- PHIL 8060: Seminar: 17th-18th Century Philosophy** **THUR 4:30-7:00** **Eric Wilson**
Adam Smith. This course offers an advanced introduction to Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*. We will study the entire text, a selection of background readings from Smith's predecessors, and a selection of recent scholarship. Themes include sentimentalism, impartiality and objectivity in ethics, the social character of human nature, and the promises and limits of naturalism in ethics.
- PHIL 8075: Seminar: 19th Century Philosophy** **FRI 9:30-12:00** **Sebastian Rand**
Hegel's Philosophy of Mind. A long American tradition in the philosophy of mind — from James through Sellars to Brandom and beyond — takes inspiration from Hegel's views on mindedness, embodiment, and conceptuality, usually drawing on his *Logic* or *Phenomenology*. But he also wrote a relatively direct and approachable textbook on philosophy of mind (unsurprisingly entitled *The Philosophy of Mind*). We'll focus on two parts of this text, the "Anthropology" (on the mind/body relationship) and the "Psychology" (on perception, representation, and reasoning), in order to see why Hegel might remain a source of insight for us today. No background in Hegel or earlier German philosophy is required.
- PHIL 8340: Seminar in Philosophy and Cognitive Science** **TUE 4:30-7:00** **Neil Van Leeuwen**
Belief, Ideology, and Identity. This seminar combines philosophy of mind, political science of belief, and ethical thought about identity. We'll address the question in philosophy of mind of how to distinguish belief (or different kinds of "belief") from other cognitive attitudes, like imagining, hypothesis, supposition, etc. We'll then explore the empirical political science of belief (what are the psychological dynamics of political "belief"?) and ideological cognition (e.g., how can we explain climate change denial?). We'll finish by reading Anthony Appiah's recent *The Lies That Bind: Rethinking Identity*, with attention to its implications for various notions of belief and ideology.
- PHIL 8810: Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy** **TR 11:00-12:15** **Andrew J. Cohen**
Markets and Contemporary Society. Political philosophers are starting to realize they must include "intermediate" groups into their theoretical frameworks. This includes voluntary associations, churches, ethnic and cultural groups, universities, and businesses. Each of these, as Jacob Levy has noted, can either help or hinder justice. We want them, of course, to help--or at least not hinder. How should society be set up--what legal structures should be included--if this is the goal? These and similar questions are more about predistribution than distribution and are thus likely more important.