

PHILOSOPHY

SUMMER 2019 COURSES



PHIL 3740: BIOMEDICAL ETHICS

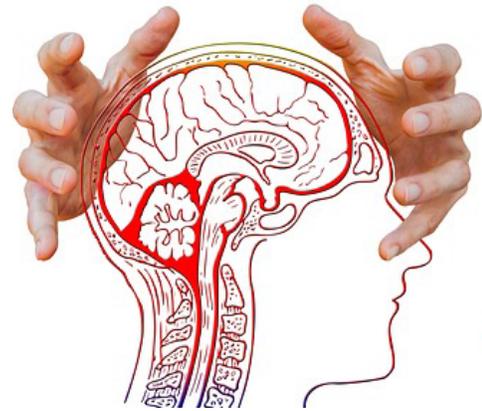
MW, 10:55- 1:25| Instructor TBA

For Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Neuroscience, Nursing, Pharmacy, Pre-med, Psychology, Public Health, Philosophy, and other interested students, this is a survey of major moral and legal problems in science and medicine, such as professional duties, legal obligations, moral responsibilities, end of life care issues, quality of care issues, beginning of life issues, neuroethics and/or other clinical or policy issues, according to the interests of those enrolled in the course.

PHIL 3330: MIND AND BRAIN

TR, 1:50- 4:20| Ed Cox

This course will cover questions about the mind and its relation to the brain. How do we know that other humans are conscious? How do we know that non-human animals are conscious? Are chimpanzees persons? Do plants think? Will it ever be possible for computers to think? Will it ever be possible to explain consciousness in terms of brain activity? Does neuroscience undermine the possibility of free will? What is it to be the same person over time?



All 4000-level philosophy classes have a pre-requisite of one 2000- or 3000-level philosophy class.
*Honors sections available

PHIL 4085: TOPICS IN HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY*

PHIL 4890: TOPICS IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY*

TR, 10:55- 1:25| Sandy Dwyer

We will begin with a distinction between public and private realms, drawn by philosopher Hannah Arendt, with a view toward identifying the location and scope of the contemporary social realm. The public/private distinction has been called untenable or undesirable by some theorists, yet it is not clear what the relation is between the social, and either the public or private realms. Is there a viable way to draw these distinctions today (where we see social media accompanied by a loss of both privacy and a public realm)? Course readings are open to suggestions based on student interest. Send me ideas.

PHIL 4300: METAPHYSICS*

MW, 1:50- 4:20| Ed Cox

This course will survey questions in the nature of reality such as the existence of God, freedom of the will, and the nature of material objects and persons and the possibility of persistence of these over time. Why is there something rather than nothing? Are we ever responsible for the things we do? Are humans merely physical objects? What, if anything, makes you the same person over time?

