

PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

The graduate courses offered, and the content of those courses, vary from year to year according to interests of members of the Department and students. A list of the expected offerings and detailed course descriptions is available at the department website at https://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/graduate/graduate_courses (https://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/graduate/graduate_courses/)

PHIL 802 Moral Philosophy I

This course focuses on an examination of major issues in moral philosophy. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 803 Moral Philosophy II

This course focuses on an examination of issues and trends in moral philosophy. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. K. Gordon-Solmon

PHIL 805 Social and Political Philosophy I

An in depth exploration of topics across the spectrum of social and political issues. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall. W. Kymlicka

PHIL 806 Social and Political Philosophy II

Fall. M. Krishnamurthy

PHIL 807 Social and Political Philosophy III

An in depth exploration of topics across the spectrum of social and political issues. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 808 Philosophy of Law

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 809 Colloquium in Political, Legal and Moral Philosophy

A colloquium course focused on exploring new work in political, legal, and moral philosophy. Fall. J. Thomas and G. Webber

PHIL 810 Topics in the History of Philosophy

An in depth of examination of a central figure or topic in the history of Philosophy. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor.

Winter. R. Murty – History of Philosophy

Winter J. Collins – Topics and Methods in the History of Political Thought

PHIL 812 Philosophy of Culture

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining philosophy as it exists with culture. Winter. D. Manning

PHIL 820 Ethical Issues I

This course is focused on discussing questions of ethics from a philosophical lens. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. U. Schuklenk

PHIL 821 Ethical Issues II

This course is focused on discussing questions of ethics from a philosophical lens. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. L. Guenther

PHIL 831 Ancient Philosophy I

This course is focused on exploring philosophical figures and topics in the Ancient World. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. S. Leighton.

PHIL 832 Ancient Philosophy II

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 835 Modern Philosophy

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 836 19th Century Philosophy

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 841 20th Century Philosophy I

An exploration of topics and figures in philosophy focused on the 20th century.

Fall. J. Mozerky – Origin and History of Analytic Philosophy

Fall. L. Guenther – Critical Phenomenology

PHIL 842 Creativity

This seminar will be concerned with questions such as these: What is creativity? Is there a general structure to the creative process? In what sense, if any, does creativity involve freedom? Could a computer program be creative? What role, if any, does creativity play in living well, or in moral thought or action? Is there any truth to the popular idea that mental illness is linked to creative genius? Can creativity be measured? Can it be explained? Can it be learned? Can it be taught? Readings will be drawn from philosophy as well as cognitive science. Not offered 2023-24.

EXCLUSION: PHIL 442

PHIL 844 Philosophy in the Community

A unique experiential course involving a volunteer internship in such fields as rehabilitation healthcare, local government, prisoners' advocacy, LGBTQ cultural activities, immigrant support, animal rescue, or speech therapy. The course also involves class meetings, regular reports, and a final research essay.

PHIL 845 Major Figures I



An in depth of examination of a central figure in the history of Philosophy. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor.

Fall. P. Fairfield – Gabriel Marcel
Winter. J. Miller – Ancient Stoicism

PHIL 846 Major Figures II

Fall. E. Paul – Rene Descartes

PHIL 847 Major Figures III

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 850 Epistemology I

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 851 Epistemology II

Winter. S. Sismondo

PHIL 852 Metaphysics I

An exploration of topics and questions in metaphysics. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. H. Laycock

PHIL 854 Feminist Philosophy

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 859 Philosophy of Language I

An investigation of the philosophy of language. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 860 Philosophy of Language II

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 863 Metaphysics II

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 864 Philosophy of Mind

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 866 Philosophy of Art

An exploration of the philosophy of art and aesthetics. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall. D. Knight

PHIL 867 Hermeneutics

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 870 Philosophy of Science

An in depth exploration of issues in the philosophy of science and technology. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. C. Stinson

PHIL 871 Philosophy of Medicine

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 873 Philosophical Logic

An examination of issues within the philosophy of logic. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor.

PHIL 893 Ethics and the Environment

An exploration of philosophical issues and questions concerning the environment. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter. M. (Mick) Smith

PHIL 897 Ethics and Animals

Not offered 2023-24.

PHIL 898 Master's Research Project

PHIL 899 Master's Thesis Research

PHIL 989 Clinical Practicum in Biomedical Ethics

An in-depth study of clinical ethics and bioethics applied to healthcare setting. Winter. D. Campbell.

PHIL 990 Philosophical Methods

PHIL 991-995 Special Directed Studies

PHIL 999 Ph.D. Thesis Research