SUMMER 2015 COURSE OFFERINGS IN PHILOSOPHY

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY: PHIL 101 4 Week Session 1   Makang
6 Week Session 2   Brassfield
Philosophical approaches to the following content areas: the nature of reality or world views, the foundations of knowledge, the human condition and personal relationships, problems of God’s existence and critical analysis of religious issues, social-political structures (e.g., democracy), the standards of values, and social and global justice. GEP Group B.

CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS: PHIL 102 5 Week Session 2   Zirlott
Ethical issues such as abortion, euthanasia, preferential treatment, censorship of pornography, world hunger, the environment, and the treatment of animals. GEP Group B.

FALL 2015 COURSE OFFERINGS IN PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY AND FOOD: IDIS 150 MWF 10:00-10:50   Brill
MWF 1:00-1:50   Brill
The aim of this interdisciplinary course is to arrive at a better understanding of what it means to eat well morally, nutritionally, and aesthetically. In this effort, the course discusses various forces that have shaped and sustained our current eating habits. It examines the effects of these eating habits on our personal health and well-being, as well as the health and well-being of other people, the environment, and animals. And it explores recent views that challenge the status quo by encouraging new ways to think about food and its value in our lives.

TECHNO-PHILOSOPHY: IDIS 150 TuTh 9:30-10:45   Dacey
Is Google making us stupid? Is there an app for democracy? Is a word worth a thousand pictures? Drawing on science, philosophy, and art, this course explores the ways in which technologies from the printed word to Snapchat have been shaped by, and in turn have shaped, our forms of thought and ethical ideals.

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY: PHIL 101 Taught in multiple sections by different instructors [See listing in PAWS]
See course description in Summer 2015 above. GEP Group B.

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (Honors): PHIL 111 TuTh 2:00-3:15   Mathias

CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS: PHIL 102 Taught in multiple sections by different instructors [See listing in PAWS]
See course description in Summer 2015 above. GEP Group B.

CONTEMPORARY ETHICAL PROBLEMS (Honors): PHIL 112 TuTh 11:00-12:15   Brill

ETHICS: PHIL 201 MWF 1:00-1:50   Brassfield
A study of several significant theories of ethics, including utilitarianism, Kantianism, and virtue ethics, addressing questions such as “What makes actions right or wrong?” and “What is a good life?” Emphasis will be placed on building basic argumentative writing skills.

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL: PHIL 202 MW 3:00-4:15   Makang
A study of the origin and development of Western philosophy from the early Greeks to the Renaissance. The course will concentrate on the philosophical questions initiated by the Pre-Socratics, their development by Plato and Aristotle, and the Judaeo-Christian influence on philosophy by Augustine and Aquinas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS: PHIL 305 MWF 11:00-11:50   Mathias
MWF 12:00-12:50   Mathias
An examination of ethical issues confronting the institutions of the criminal justice system of a liberal democracy like the United States (legislature, law enforcement, courts, and corrections) and their occupational players (legislators, police officers, judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, jurors, correctional officers, prison administrators, parole and probation officers, and so on).

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: PHIL 308 TuTh 11:00-12:15   Makang
Issues arising out of the relationship between individuals and the state are examined. Also examined are the issues associated with the ongoing transformation of national states and the relationship between the states, international finance and the global community. Themes analyzed include political power, authority, law, rights, democracy, political ideologies, globalization, and terrorism.

SKEPTICISM & KNOWLEDGE: PHIL 318 TuTh 2:00-3:15   Brassfield
Is global warming a hoax? Is red wine good for you? Is Morgan Freeman dead? How do you know? Should you trust the information you get from Wikipedia? Or from university professors? This course investigates of fundamental issues concerning what we should believe, when our beliefs are justified, and whether knowledge is ever really possible. Discussion of historical and contemporary philosophical approaches will be supplemented by two short Reacting to the Past role immersion games that will serve as case studies.

INTERNSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY: PHIL 492 & 495 9-15 cr.)  Consult Makang

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH IN PHILOSOPHY: PHIL 499 1-6 cr.)  Consult Faculty
Independent study of a philosopher, period, movement, or problem, initiated by student in consultation with instructor.