NURSING - ORIENTATION

Nursing

NURS 401 Health Assessment 3 cr.
Comprehensive holistic assessment theory and concepts, inclusive of physical, emotional, cultural, nutritional, spiritual, and social assessment skill sets. Specific skills include, but are not limited to, interviewing and history-taking skills, physical exam skills, and the identification of data-based health problems via integrated lab modules within the course. Spring and summer. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program and MATH 200.

NURS 402 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 cr.
Theory and methods of qualitative and quantitative research provide basic knowledge for reading and understanding nursing research. Theory and concepts of evidence-based nursing practice, including formulating a clinical problem, identifying sources of evidence, using clinical guidelines, disseminating evidence, and motivating for change based on scientific evidence. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program and MATH 109.

NURS 403 Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 cr.
Implementation of the professional nursing role within the rapidly changing healthcare system. Identifying shifting demographic and social trends while maintaining caring and compassionate values. Focuses on concepts such as patient-centered care; interdisciplinary collaboration; elements of safe, quality care; nursing diversity in roles, organizations, and culture; and finally professional identity and image. Every semester. Prerequisite: Admission to the RN to BSN program or permission of Program Coordinator.

NURS 404 Nursing Informatics 3 cr.
Introduction to nursing informatics as it applies to data, information, knowledge, and wisdom within the areas of administration, education, practice, and research. Basic informatics competencies will include day-to-day, safe, quality patient care; interdisciplinary collaboration; decision support systems and use-cases; workflow analysis and implementation; standardized terminologies; and privacy and security issues. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program; Tech. Fluency.

NURS 405 Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice 3 cr.
Application of ethical decision-making in current nursing practice. Critical elements consist of discovery of individual ethical viewpoint and framework including individual biases; principles and legal concepts; and examination of contemporary ethical issues such as genomics, patient and employee rights, healthcare ethics and organizational committees. Every semester. Prerequisite: Admission to the RN to BSN program.

NURS 406 Leadership for Quality and Safety 3 cr.
Examination of leadership skills necessary to understand and develop a culture of quality and safe patient care. Concepts include decision-making, conflict resolution, communication, motivation, organizational structure, resource management, quality improvement processes and instruments, and tools for safeguarding patients. These concepts form the basis for examination of quality improvement approaches, nurture sensitive indicators, and safety principles, in addition to national quality and safety initiatives. Summer and fall. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program; prerequisite or corequisite: MGMT 356.

NURS 407 Health Finance 3 cr.
Conceptual and practical issues related to health care economics, finances and budgeting, including accounting, business planning, cost/benefit analysis, managing financial resources and other management tools for the nurse administrator. Spring.

NURS 490 Special Topics in Nursing 1-6 cr.
Exploration of specialized topics in nursing. Topics vary from semester to semester. Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credits if topics are substantially different. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN-BSN Program and permission of Program Coordinator.

NURS 491 Population-Focused Nursing Practice 3 cr.
Introduction to the role of the professional nurse in promoting health and preventing disease in the community health setting. Epidemiological, sociological and environmental concepts examined with a focus on the health status of aggregates. The course consists of a community health assessment/analysis in theory and presentation, case studies and examinations. 3 hrs. lecture. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program and Program Coordinator permission; corequisite NURS 495.

NURS 495 Population-Focused Nursing Practice Practicum 3 cr.
Experiential component of practicum. Students will prepare a proposal for a community health nursing clinical experience and work directly with a preceptor upon approval of the instructor and program coordinator. 135 hours of Clinical Experience: an average of 9 hours in the clinical experience each week. Every semester. Graded P/F. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN to BSN program and Program Coordinator permission; corequisite NURS 491.

NURS 496 Capstone Project 2 cr.
Represents the synthesis of theoretical and clinical knowledge and skills for the professional baccalaureate-prepared nurse. Focuses on critical thinking, professional collaboration and community engagement in the planning and implementation of a project designed to meet an identified health need. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN-BSN Program and permission of the Program Coordinator; prerequisites NURS 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 491 and 495; corequisites NURS 491 and 495.

NURS 499 Independent Study 1-6 cr.
Independent study of specialized problems in nursing. Problems vary from semester to semester. Repeatable for a maximum of 6 credits if problems are substantially different. Every semester. Prerequisites: Admission to the RN-BSN Program and permission of Program Coordinator.

Orientation

ORIE 101 Introduction to Higher Education 1 cr.
Orientation of incoming students to academic and social contexts of college life. Nature and process of higher education; educational and career planning; learning skills; support services. Required of all first-time students, including transfer students with fewer than 13 semester hours of transfer credit. Students may not withdraw from the course unless they are withdrawing from the University.

Philosophy

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 cr.
Philosophical approaches to three major content areas: personal relationships (e.g., friendship), social-political structures (e.g., democracy), worldviews (e.g., the problem of God). Every semester. GEP Group B.

PHIL 102 Contemporary Ethical Problems 3 cr.
Ethical issues such as abortion, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, the death penalty, censorship of pornography and hate speech, sex and marriage, social and economic justice, world hunger and global poverty, the environment and the treatment of animals. Every semester. GEP Group B.

PHIL 111 Honors: Introduction to Philosophy 3 cr.
Philosophical problems such as the meaning of existence, freedom and determinism, body versus mind, the existence of God, the human person and human relationships. Credit cannot be earned for both PHIL 101 and PHIL 111. Variable. Prerequisite: acceptance into Honors Program or permission of instructor. GEP Group B.

PHIL 112 Honors: Contemporary Ethical Problems 3 cr.
Contemporary ethical issues such as abortion, euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, the death penalty, censorship of pornography and hate speech, sex and marriage, social and economic justice, world hunger and global poverty, the environment and the treatment of animals. Credit cannot be earned for both PHIL 102 and PHIL 112. Variable. Prerequisite: acceptance into Honors Program or permission of instructor. GEP Group B.

PHIL 201 Ethics 3 cr.
Ethical theories or selected problems in moral philosophy (e.g., relativism versus absolutism, the nature of value judgments). Variable.

PHIL 202 History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval 3 cr.
Classical western philosophy from the early Greeks to the Renaissance. Emphasis on Pre-Socratics, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine and Aquinas. Fall.
PHIL 203 History of Modern Philosophy 3 cr.
Western philosophy in the modern period; the rationalist tradition (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz) and the empiricist tradition (Locke, Berkeley, Hume); some reference to Kant. Spring.

PHIL 205 Logic 3 cr.
A study of the forms of reasoning: inductive, deductive; fallacies. Variable.

PHIL 302 Philosophy of Religion 3 cr.
A study of religious experience, religious language, and the question of a rational basis for religious belief. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 303 Philosophy of Art 3 cr.
Analysis of the nature of art and its creation, appreciation, and criticism; the major theories of art. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 304 Social Philosophy 3 cr.
Issues arising out of the relationship between individuals and society. Themes such as social values, law, and the ideal of justice. Fall. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 305 Criminal Justice Ethics 3 cr.
Ethical issues confronting the criminal justice system and its occupational players—criminalization, policing, courts and corrections. Fall. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 306 Science on Trial 3 cr.
A study of the logical structure of the natural sciences. Topics such as the nature of scientific evidence, scientific explanation and the objectivity of scientific knowledge. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy

PHIL 308 Political Philosophy 3 cr.
Issues arising out of the relationship between individuals and the state. Issues associated with the ongoing transformation of national states and the relationship between the states, international finance and the global community. Themes such as power, authority, democracy, law, rights, political ideologies, globalization and terrorism. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 311 Asian and African Philosophy 3 cr.
A study of the major concepts of Indian philosophy with an emphasis on Hinduism and Buddhism, Chinese philosophy with an emphasis on Confucianism and Taoism, and African philosophy with an emphasis on the community orientation of ethics and philosophical anthropology. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy. GEP Group F.

PHIL 313 Biomedical Ethics 3 cr.
Ethical issues in medicine and biomedical research. Such problem areas as the physician/patient relationship, patients’ rights and professionals’ obligations, human experimentation, genetics and reproductive technologies, and social justice and health care. Spring. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 314 Business Ethics 3 cr.
Ethical issues in business. Such problem areas as the morality of capitalism, the social responsibility of business, the concept of corporate responsibility, business and the environment, the rights and responsibilities of employees, whistleblowing, the ethics of advertising, multinational corporations, feminist and minority concerns about business. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 315 Philosophy and the Environment 3 cr.
A philosophical investigation of environmental issues. Anthropocentric, eco-centric, individualist and ecofeminist approaches to the environment as well as perspectives from many cultures and religions. Connections between environmental science, ethics and aesthetics in a historical context will be made. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 316 The Meaning of Life 3 cr.
Issues concerning the meaning of life. Such issues as the various meanings of the phrase “the meaning of life;” the dependence of a meaningful life on the existence of God and/or an afterlife, the absurdity of life and how life ought to be lived. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 318 Skepticism & Knowledge 3 cr.
Investigation of fundamental issues concerning our ability to come to know the true nature of the world and the relation between our cognitive faculties and this world. Consideration not only of traditional answers from historical and contemporary au-

PHIL 319: Philosophy of Existentialism 3 cr.
Origins of existential thought in Kierkegaard and its subsequent development in Heidegger, Jaspers, Marcel, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty and Ricoeur. Such concepts as existence, historicity, freedom and consciousness. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 409 Philosophy and Women 3 cr.
Topics will include philosophical views of and by women, an examination of the extent to which gender related values underlie and permeate philosophical method and theory, and an examination of ways in which gender interrelates with other social categories such as race, ethnicity and class. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy or WMST 201. GEP Group F.

PHIL 410 Philosophy of Law 3 cr.
Leading issues in the philosophy of law. Such topics as the nature of law and its relation to morality, the concept of responsibility and the justification of punishment. Highly recommended for those interested in the theory of legal concepts and legal reasoning. Spring. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 452 Seminar in Contemporary Metaphysics 3 cr.
Contemporary approaches to problems in both special and general metaphysics. Problems in special metaphysics such as free will, personal identity, mind-body and immortality. Problems in general metaphysics such as universals, substance, change and time. Credit cannot be earned for both PHIL 452 and PHIL 412. Variable. Prerequisite: 15 cr. in philosophy or permission of instructor. Capstone.

PHIL 455 Seminar in Philosophy 3 cr.
An in-depth exploration in a seminar format of some area or philosophy of some philosophical problem or topic selected by the instructor. Repeatable for maximum of 6 credits if topics are substantially different. Variable. Prerequisite: 15 cr. in philosophy or permission of instructor. Capstone.

PHIL 490 Special Topics in Philosophy 3 cr.
In-depth analysis of a topic, selected by instructor, for development thematically or historically. Repeatable for maximum of 6 credits if topics are substantially different. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy.

PHIL 492 Internship Project in Philosophy 3 cr.
Academic component of internship experience; co-registration in PHIL 495 required. Mainly planning of the field experience, focusing on the philosophical/ethical issues associated with the work situation, and completion of a written report on the field experience. Graded A through F. Internship is optional and credit is not applicable toward the major or minor. Every semester and summer. Prerequisites: junior or senior status, major in philosophy, and permission of department.

PHIL 495 Internship in Philosophy 6-12 cr.
Guided work experience; co-registration in PHIL 492 required. Directly related to academic program and intended to enhance the student’s ability to navigate her/his way into the global workplace. Graded P/F. Internship is optional and credit is not applicable toward the major or minor. Every semester and summer. Prerequisites: junior or senior status, major in philosophy, and permission of department.

PHIL 499 Individual Research in Philosophy 1 to 6 cr.
In-depth analysis of a topic, selected by the instructor, for development thematically or historically. Repeatable for maximum of 6 credits if topics are substantially different. Variable. Recommended: 3 cr. in philosophy or permission of instructor. Capstone.

PHIL 500 Independent Study in Philosophy 1 to 6 cr.
Independent study of a philosopher, period, movement, or problem, initiated by student in consultation with instructor. Repeatable for maximum of 6 credits. Variable. Prerequisites: 12 cr. in philosophy and permission of instructor.

Physical Education
One-credit activity courses meet twice a week for a semester or four periods per week for a quarter.

PHEC 109 Aerobic Fitness 2 cr.
Leadership and technical skills for safe and effective group exercise programs. Every semester.