PHILOSOPHY (3600)

3600:511 Plato (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Detailed study of the origin and development of Plato’s Theory of Forms and the related theories of knowledge, ethics, and politics.

3600:514 Aquinas (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. An in depth examination of the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas covering his contributions in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political theory, and philosophical theology.

3600:515 Augustine (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. An in depth examination of the philosophy of St. Augustine covering his contributions in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political theory, and philosophical theology.

3600:518 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Study of ideal and ordinary language movements in 20th century British and American philosophy. Deals with such figures as Russell, Carnap, Ayer, Moore, Wittgenstein, Ryle and Austen.

3600:521 Philosophy of Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Identification and critical evaluation of classic and contemporary theories and assumptions of law, including legal reasoning, justice, natural law, punishment, etc.

3600:524 Existentialism (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: permission of instructor. In-depth inquiry into the thought of Kierkegaard, Jaspers, Heidegger, Sartre, Tillich and other existentialists with their concern for the human condition.

3600:526 Phenomenology (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. In-depth inquiry into methodology of Husserl and Heidegger and their influence upon Western European and American thought.

3600:532 Aristotle (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Detailed study of Aristotle’s metaphysics, philosophy of nature, philosophy of mankind and ethics.

3600:534 Kant (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Study of Kantian system of thought and its relation to history of philosophy. Includes thorough investigation of one or more of Kant’s philosophical works.

3600:555 Philosophy of Feminism (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Study of feminist critiques of, and alternatives to, traditional western philosophy, including topics in ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, and religion.

3600:561 Neuroethics (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor. Discussion and evaluation of contemporary theories of moral agency arising from developments in neuroscience.

3600:562 Theory of Knowledge (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Examination of nature of knowledge; theories of perception, conception and truth, problem of induction and relation of language to knowledge.

3600:564 Philosophy of Science (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Nature of scientific inquiry, types of explanation, laws and causality, theoretical concepts and reality. Also considers critics of hypothetical-deductive view of science, e.g., Hanson and Kuhn.

3600:571 Metaphysics (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Theories about ultimate nature and ultimate explanation of reality. Uses readings from classical and contemporary sources.

3600:580 Seminar in Philosophy (3 Credits)
(May be repeated, for additional credit, with change of topic).
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Varying philosophical topics not covered in regular course offerings.

3600:581 Philosophy of Language (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Contemporary philosophies about nature of language and its relation to reality and human thinking. Includes discussion of views of linguists such as Chomsky.

3600:597 Individual Study: Philosophy (1-3 Credits)
(May be repeated for a total of six credits) Prerequisites: completion of required course of philosophy major or permission of instructor and department chair. Directed independent study of philosopher, philosophy or philosophical problem under guidance of selected faculty member. Subject matter determined by selected faculty member in consultation with student. Graduate credit requires significant additional work which may include additional research paper.

3600:665 Ethics of Science (3 Credits)
Examination of the foundational issues surrounding ethics and science as well as consideration of applied ethical issues of scientists, science, new technologies and society.