PHILOSOPHY (3600)

3600:101 Introduction to Philosophy (3 Credits)
Introduction to the methods of philosophy, important leading thinkers, and topics such as free will, consciousness, goodness, truth, and beauty.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:120 Introduction to Ethics (3 Credits)
Introduction to problems of moral conduct through readings from the tradition and class discussions; nature of "good," "right," "ought" and "freedom".
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:125 Theory & Evidence (3 Credits)
An investigation of the concept of evidence and the criteria for the evaluation of theories in various areas of study, including natural sciences, social sciences, and philosophy. The role of scientific information in the formation and justification of value judgments.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:150 Critical Thinking (3 Credits)
Examination of good and bad reasoning patterns. Topics may include rational and persuasive arguments, deductive and inductive inference, causal and basic statistical inference, logical fallacies, and moral arguments.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:170 Introduction to Logic (3 Credits)
Introduction to logic and critical thinking. Includes such topics as meaning, informal failacies, propositional logic, predicate and syllogistic logic and nature of induction.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:200 Philosophy of World Religions (3 Credits)
A philosophical examination of the major religious traditions of the world including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, tribal religions, and others.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Global Diversity

3600:210 Legal Reasoning and Critical Thought (3 Credits)
An introduction to applied deductive and inductive logic reasoning skills, concentrating on applications to reasoning in legal contexts, e.g., courtroom argumentation and jury deliberations.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:211 History of Ancient Philosophy (3 Credits)
History and development of ancient Greek philosophy including Presocratics, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and Hellenistic philosophers. Readings of primary sources in translation.
Gen Ed: Tier 2 - Humanities; Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:312 History of Medieval Philosophy (3 Credits)
History of Western philosophy from end of Roman Empire to Renaissance. Major philosophers studied include St. Augustine, St. Anselm, Peter Abelard, St. Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus and William of Ockham. Readings from primary sources.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:313 History of Modern Philosophy (3 Credits)
Analysis of major philosophical issues of 17th and 18th Centuries from Descartes through Kant. Readings of primary sources in translation.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Critical Thinking

3600:323 Advanced Topics in Ethics (3 Credits)
(May be repeated with change of topic for a total of nine credits). An examination of selected topics in applied ethics and ethical theory, such as the ethics of cloning, evolutionary ethics, history of ethics and ethical issues from the Human Genome Project. Specific topics will be announced in the course schedule.

3600:324 Social & Political Philosophy (3 Credits)
An examination of the normative justification of social and political institutions and practices. Analysis of concepts such as rights, justice, equality, and political obligation from historical as well as contemporary points of view. Application to particular social issues covered.

3600:327 Law and Morality (3 Credits)
Nature of law examined from the perspective of the law's alleged obligation to be ethical and promote justice.

3600:329 Philosophies of International Law (3 Credits)
Inquiry into the theories of utility of international law and the philosophical controversies surround them, e.g., international legal norms vs. international relations.

3600:331 Philosophy of Religion (3 Credits)
Discussion and analysis of problems of theology, nature of religious experience, God's nature, existence, immortality, sin, faith, reason, holy revelation, and redemption.

3600:333 Philosophy of Science and Religion (3 Credits)
Survey of conflict, independence, and integration models of science and religion. Topics include: origin and nature of the universe, life, mind, value, meaning, science, religion.

3600:340 Eastern Philosophy (3 Credits)
Examination and evaluation of philosophical traditions from India, China and Japan, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Global Diversity

3600:350 Philosophy of Art (3 Credits)
An examination of theories of the nature of art and the grounds of aesthetic evaluation. Analysis of such concepts as representation, form, content, expression, institution, convention, meaning and truth as they apply in the context of the arts.

3600:361 Biomedical Ethics (3 Credits)
The identification, analysis and evaluation of ethical issues arising most critically in the biomedical setting, e.g., abortion, termination of treatment, definition of death, IVF, AIDS.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Complex Systems

3600:362 Business Ethics (3 Credits)
Basic moral theories, moral principles, and the decision-making process applied to issues in business.

3600:363 Police Ethics (3 Credits)
Basic moral concepts and their application to the criminal justice system. Concerned with such issues as punishment, the use of force, and conflict resolution.

3600:364 Digital Ethics (3 Credits)
A critical examination of ethical issues arising in connection with digital technology, e.g., data privacy and use, artificial intelligence, censorship, and social media.

3600:365 Environmental Ethics (3 Credits)
Examination of the moral relationships among human beings, other species, and their shared environment. Ethical aspects of agriculture, global warming, extinction, and wilderness.
Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Complex Systems
3600:371 Philosophy of Mind (3 Credits)
Nature of mind and the relationship between mind and body. Specific topics such as the limits of human reason, personal identity, the role of human thought in action and whether machines can think are also considered.

Prerequisite: Minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.7 or greater. Placement in appropriate public or private sector organization. Written assignments required. May repeat for maximum 6 credits.

3600:411 Plato (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3600:211 with a grade of C or higher. Detailed study of the origin and development of Plato's theory of forms and the related theories of knowledge, ethics and politics.

3600:414 Aquinas (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of "C" or higher. An in depth examination of the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas covering his contributions in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political theory, and philosophical theology.

3600:415 Augustine (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of "C" or higher. An in depth examination of the philosophy of St. Augustine covering his contributions in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, political theory, and philosophical theology.

3600:418 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of "C" or higher. 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.

3600:421 Philosophy of Law (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of "C" or higher. Identification and critical evaluation of classic and contemporary theories and assumptions of law, including legal reasoning, justice, natural law, punishment, etc.

3600:424 Existentialism (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of C or higher, or 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.

3600:426 Phenomenology (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: Completion of one course in philosophy with a grade of C or higher, or permission. Inquiry into methodology of Husserl and Heidegger and their influence upon Western European and American thought.

3600:432 Aristotle (3 Credits)
Prerequisites: 3600:211 with a grade of C or higher. Detailed study of Aristotle's metaphysics, philosophy of nature, philosophy of mankind and ethics.

3600:434 Kant (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: 3600:313 with a grade of C or higher. Study of Kantian system of thought and its relation to history of philosophy. Includes thorough investigation of one or more of Kant's philosophic works.

3600:455 Philosophy of Feminism (3 Credits)
Prerequisite: One course in philosophy with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor. Introduction to feminist critiques of, and alternatives to, traditional western philosophy, including topics in ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, and religion.

Gen Ed: Tier 3 - Domestic Diversity