100- & 200-Level
Introductions to Philosophy

100 (1-2) Intro to Phil: Survey of Problems
MW 10:30-11:20A KELL 302
Break-out Section (1) F 10:30-11:20 KELL 302
Break-out Section (2) F 9:30-10:20 MIL 2
An introduction to the fundamental questions, problems, and methods of contemporary philosophy

100 (3) Intro to Phil: Survey of Problems
MWF 8:30-9:20 SAK B-103 STOLL
This class will put great emphasis, not just on reading canonical material in order to survey the problems addressed by our ancestors, but on generating our own questions and discussions on the basis of the reading material.

101 (1-2) Intro to Phil: Morals & Society
WF 9:30-10:20A KUY 306 KIPNIS
Break-out Section (1) M 9:30-10:30 KUY 306
Break-out Section (2) M 1030-1120a BUSAD E203
An introduction to systematic thinking on ethics, social philosophy, legal philosophy, and political philosophy

103 (1) Intro Phil: Environmental Phil
MWF 11:30-12:20P SAK C-103 IZOR
An overview of environmental ethics, contemporary climate change debates, practical ecological decisions, history of environmental activism, and conceptions of nature from eastern, western, and indigenous perspectives.

110 (1) Intro to Deductive Logic
MWF 8:30-9:20A SAK B-102 HUDSON
This course will teach students to analyze and make valid arguments as well as recognize several common logic fallacies

110 (2) Intro to Deductive Logic
MWF 9:30-10:20A SAK B-102 UNDERWOOD
This introductory course will provide students an understanding of basic deductive logic.

111 (1) Intro to Inductive Logic
MWF 9:30-10:20A SAK C-103 MORROW
This course hopes to improve your intuitive awareness of logical problems involving probabilities and to analyze what often goes awry in evaluating “risky” inferences. By the end of the course, you should be familiar with the basic concepts of logic, probability, statistics, and decision theory.

211 (1) Ancient Philosophy
TR 1:30-2:45P SAK B-102 LEBEL
This course will provide an extensive overview of Plato and Aristotle and early Roman thinkers in terms of how they approached philosophy as a way of life.

Upper-Division Undergraduate Courses

304 (1) Introduction to Metaphysics
TR 10:30-11:45A SAK B-101 CHENG
This course deals with the classical and contemporary concepts and issues of metaphysics as it relates to ontology, cosmology and philosophical anthropology.

306 (1) Philosophy of Art
TR 9:00-10:15A SAK B-104 ODIN
We will explore fundamental problems, questions and themes in the philosophy of art as developed in both the Western and Eastern (Indian, Chinese, and Japanese) traditions of aesthetics.

308 (1) Philosophy of Science
TR 9:00-10:15A SAK B-103 ISHIDA
Introduction to the philosophy of science through the reading of classical and contemporary works.

310 (1) Ethics and Health Care
W 12:15-2:45P BIOMD T208 KIPNIS
A critical examination of selected ethical issues arising in the application and organization of biomedical resources.

318 (1) Philosophy of Law
TR 1:30-2:45P SAK B-103 BONTKEOE
In the process of working our way through three books written by Leo Katz, we will discover how and why what the law requires of us is a very different thing from what ordinary morality requires

319 (1) Ethical Issues in the Law
TR 10:30-11:45A SAK B-104 KIPNIS
An exploration of the varied relationships between law and ethics. Topics will include the justifiability of the ethics of lawyers, conflicts of interest, expert testimony in court cases, the nature of social justice, and the legal enforcement of morality.

330 (1) Islamic Philosophy
TR 7:30-8:45A SAK A-101 ALBERTINI
Introduction to Islamic Philosophy focusing on Andalusian thinkers Ibn Masarra, Ibn Tufayl, Ibn Rushd, and Ibn Khaldun

350 (1) Indian Philosophy
MWF 9:30-10:20A SAK A-103 DALMIYA
This course introduces students to the diversity and argumentation in the philosophical traditions of ancient India.

360 (1) Buddhist Philosophy
TR 10:30-11:45A KUY 213 CHAKRABARTI
A general survey of the central themes of Buddhist Philosophy, including impermanence, suffering, no-self, and Madhyamika (Nagarjuna’s) arguments against the very possibility of knowledge, and for the emptiness of all things.

402 (1) Introduction to Phenomenology
TR 10:30-11:45A SAK C-302 ODIN
An introduction to major themes, concepts, and methods of the Phenomenological Movement.
414-B (1) Western Movements & Periods: Greek
TR 10:30-11:45A SAK B-308 ALBERTINI
This course introduces students to Greece’s most ancient philosophers (Thales, Anaximander, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Parmenides, Anaxagoras, Empedocles) and discusses Friedrich Nietzsche’s interpretation of those he called the “Pre-Platonics.”

418 (1) Feminist Issues in Philosophy
MWF 11:30-12:20P SAK C-101 DALMIYA
This course examines feminist ethics and disability. We will focus on some conceptual issues surrounding disability in the light of feminist theories of justice.

492 (1) Philosophy with Children
MW 4:10-5:30P SAK C-201 JACKSON
Examines the theory and practice of doing philosophy with children. The principles of practice apply to “children” in elementary, intermediate, high school, and undergraduate classrooms.

493 (1) Teaching Philosophy
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Supervised work in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms, facilitating philosophical inquiry with students. (Practicum)
Pre: 492 or consent.

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Upper Division students may take graduate-level courses with instructor’s approval.

Graduate Seminars

611 (1) Studies in Ethics
TSAI
W 12:45-3:15P SAK C-302
A seminar on the normative significance of the different ways in which we exert influence on each other in the realm of interpersonal relationships.

614 (1) Metaphysics (Graduate Seminar)
CHAKRABARTI
R 3:30-6:00P SAK C-302
A historical analytic exploration of two debates and their connections in Western and Indian philosophies: the Realism/Anti-Realism debate and the Theism/Atheism debate, keeping the concept of Omniscience (in G. Leibniz, 17th century and M. Dummett, 21st century) at the center.

725 (2) Seminar on Philosophical Topics
CHENG
T 12:45-3:15P SAK C-302
This seminar will focus on the Yijing and Neo-Confucian philosophers and their sources, methods, systems and issues.

780 (1) Seminar in Japanese Philosophy
ISHIDA
R 12:45-3:15P SAK C-302
A graduate seminar on Nishida, Dōgen, and other thinkers in the Japanese tradition.

Full course descriptions are available on the table outside Sakamaki D-305.

Course Offerings

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-There has to be more to life than to occupy oneself with its meaning!

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