

PHILOSOPHY COURSE OFFERINGS**

SUMMER SESSIONS 2007

SUMMER SESSION I

Philosophy 1204: Knowledge and Reality

This course is an introduction to metaphysics and epistemology. Through reading philosophical classics, recent philosophical writings, and literature, we will examine a wide range of topics regarding what exists and what can be known. Along side traditional problems like the existence of God, what can be known with certainty and what is the mind, we will also look into more contemporary philosophical issues surrounding science, technology and life in the so-called "information age."

Instructor: A. Garnar

CRN: 61027 Lecture: 9:30a-10:45a MTWRF

CRN: 61026 Lecture: 11:00a-12:15p MTWRF

Philosophy 1504: Language and Logic

This is an introduction to logic designed to provide the skills needed to evaluate arguments. We will cover basic logical concepts, analyze aspects of language relevant to evaluating arguments, identify common fallacies, and learn formal evaluative techniques like truth tables and proofs.

Instructor: L. Perini

CRN: 61656 Lecture: 9:30a-10:45a MTWRF

CRN: 61657 Lecture: 12:30p-1:45p MTWRF

Philosophy 2304: Global Ethics Mass Violence and Human Rights

The class investigates the concept of human rights in connection with forms of mass violence such as genocide and war. Questions to be discussed include the following: What are human rights and why do we have them? What are genocides, and why are they especially heinous? What are the obligations of the global community to protect human rights against the threat of genocide? How do human rights affect the morality of initiating and waging war? Is national sovereignty something it is always wrong to violate absent aggression? What is the best way to seek truth, justice, and peace in the aftermath of human rights violations? The class will include documentaries about human rights issues in addition to readings from prominent political theorists. Special attention is paid to the actual history of various examples, such as the Namibian, Nazi, Cambodian, and Rwandan genocides, the Iraq war, and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Instructor: S. May

CRN: 61030 Lecture: 11:00a-12:15p MTWRF

CRN: 61655 Lecture: 12:30p-1:45p MTWRF

Philosophy 3016: Political Theory

Analysis of the fundamental ideas in the history of political theory. This course focuses on the 17th century to the present.

Instructor: A. Vazquez

CRN: 61670 ONLINE
(Cross listed with PSCI 3016, CRN 61628)

SUMMER SESSIONS I&II

12-week extended course

Philosophy 6334: Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Science

Instructor: B. Reeves

CRN: 61693 Lecture (V-Tel): 6:30p-9:30p R
Blacksburg campus: DURHM 463
(Cross listed with STS 6334, CRN 61692)

CRN: 61688 Lecture (V-Tel): 6:30p-9:30p R
Northern Virginia Center
(Cross listed with STS 6334, CRN 61687)

SUMMER SESSION II

Philosophy 1204: Knowledge and Reality

This course is an introduction to some metaphysical and epistemological issues in philosophy. We will focus on such questions as: What is the nature of reality and the self? What is knowledge? How do I know what is real and what is misleading appearance, error or illusion? What is the meaning of life? We will discuss what some important historical and contemporary philosophers have said about these issues.

Instructor: I. Guajardo

CRN: 70902 Lecture: 9:30a-10:45a MTWRF

CRN: 70903 Lecture: 11:00a-12:15p MTWRF

Philosophy 1304: Morality and Justice

Examines the questions: What is the nature of reality? How do I know what is real and what is misleading appearance, error, or illusion? What is knowledge? How do I find out who I am and how I relate to the world around me?

Instructor: M. Rea

CRN: 70904 Lecture: 2:00p-3:15p MTWRF

CRN: 71424 Lecture: 11:00a-12:15p MTWRF

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Check the online university timetable for locations and current information.**