

**PHILOSOPHY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES - SPRING 2003**

**Philosophy 1204: Knowledge and Reality**

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: 13982  
Lecture: 9:30-10:45 SQUIR 116 T Th

Instructor: M. Rea CRN: 13972  
Lecture: 3:30-4:45 MCB 318 T Th

**Philosophy 1204: Knowledge and Reality**

This course begins with a study of what knowledge is and how knowledge is acquired. We will then evaluate what we know about the nature of the mind, persons, and the nature and existence of God.

Instructor: L. Perini CRN: 13968  
Lecture: 9:05-9:55 MAJWM 334 M W F

**Philosophy 1204: Knowledge and Reality**

We will read and discuss the work of some important historical and contemporary philosophers. We will focus on questions such as: What is the nature of reality and the self? How do I know what is real, and what is misleading appearance, error, or illusion? What is knowledge? What is the meaning of life?

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13971  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 8:00-8:50 MAJWM 434 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13970  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 9:05-9:55 MCB 328 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13978  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 9:05-9:55 SHULT 109 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13969  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 10:10-11:00 RAND 210 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13977  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 10:10-11:00 RAND 209 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13973  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 11:15-12:05 SQUIR 116 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13976  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 11:15-12:05 SHULT 109 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13974  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 MCB 219 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13979  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 SHULT 109 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13975  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 1:25-2:15 SCHULT 109 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13981  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 1:25-2:15 MAJWM 434 F

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 13980  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 MCB 100 M W  
Recitation: 2:30-3:20 MAJWM 434 F

**Philosophy 1304: Morality and Justice**

This course is a comprehensive introduction to moral philosophy. We will combine a survey of some classic texts (by Plato, Aristotle and Mill) with an examination of prominent treatments of issues in ethical theory and applied ethics by leading contemporary philosophers. Some questions we'll explore: What should our ultimate goal in life be? How is moral goodness related to happiness? What in general makes something right or wrong? Is it always possible for a good enough end to justify bad means, or are there some things we shouldn't do even for good ends? Does morality depend on the commands of God? Are there really objective facts about right or wrong, perhaps transcending differences across cultures and times, or is morality ultimately subjective and/or "relative"? Does anyone ever really act from unselfish motives? Some more particular problems: Is it morally justifiable to use human embryonic stem cells for research or tissue therapy? If so, is it right to deliberately create embryos for the purpose of harvesting stem cells (which destroys the embryos)? Can abortion ever be morally justified, and if so, how? In what cases might euthanasia be morally permissible? Is capital punishment morally justifiable in principle? In practice? How far does our duty to aid distant strangers extend? Is it morally acceptable to cause harm to non-human animals in biomedical research?

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13989  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 RAND 209 M W  
Recitation: 8:00-8:50 MAJWM 334 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13985  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 MCB 328 M W  
Recitation: 9:05-9:55 MCB 210 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13993  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 RAND 222 M W  
Recitation: 9:05-9:55 PAB 105 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13984  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 MCB 316 M W  
Recitation: 10:10-11:00 RAND 212 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13992  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 MAJWM 434 M W  
Recitation: 10:10-11:00 SHULT 109 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13983  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 SHULT 109 M W  
Recitation: 11:15-12:05 RAND 209 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13986  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 SQUIR 116 M W  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 RAND 316 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13988  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 RAND 320 M W  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 RAND 212 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13991  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 RAND 121 M W  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 RAND 210 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13990  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 RAND 206A M W  
Recitation: 1:25-2:15 MCB 328 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 13999  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 PAT 215 M W  
Recitation: 1:25-2:15 MCB 316 F

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 14000  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 NOR 204 M W  
Recitation: 2:30-3:20 MAJWM 334 F

**Philosophy 1304: Morality and Justice**

This is a first course in moral philosophy. We will begin with a short introduction to logical fallacies. Then we will discuss classic theories in ethics such as deontology, consequentialism, natural law and natural rights theories, virtue ethics, as well as the more current feminist care ethics. These deal with such questions as: Can we have objective facts in ethics as we do in science, for example? Should our moral decisions be based on the consequences, or on duty, or on caring? Is there a relation between all of this and the happiness of the individual? These theories will then be applied to contemporary issues such as: Is abortion morally permissible? What ethical issues are involved in cloning? Do non-human animals have rights? Can we justify capital punishment? Can we justify preferential treatment based on race or gender? By the end of the semester you will be asked to analyze in a critical fashion your own moral beliefs.

Instructor: R. Mayorga CRN: 15601  
Lecture: 9:30-10:45 MAJWM 434 T Th

Instructor: R. Mayorga CRN: 13994  
Lecture: 5:00-6:15 MAJWM 334 T Th

**Philosophy 1304: Morality and Justice**

Given contemporary events, has it ever been more important to ask ourselves how we should live our lives and what we want our society to be like? Certainly many people report finding some solace in refocusing their own thinking in this way. We will examine those questions and others: What is the nature of moral reasoning? Can it help? Or are moral views purely relative to cultural or other influences? How should I live my life, and how am I to go about making up my mind on the major moral questions of the day? Students will have some input in deciding which questions they are most interested in, but there will be a special emphasis on moral thinking in our close personal relationships: What kind of relationship do I want for myself and my current or future partner? What kind of son or daughter, friend or neighbor, should I be? We will also take time to examine larger questions about the nature of fairness and justice in society as a whole. By close reading of contemporary and historical examinations of such issues, we will begin to think through some of the deep problems that naturally arise when one thinks about morality in personal and social terms.

Instructor: B. Kelley CRN: 13987  
Lecture: 11:00-12:15 PAB 105 T Th

Instructor: B. Kelley CRN: 13996  
Lecture: 12:30-1:45 SQUIR 116 T Th

**Philosophy 1304: Morality and Justice**

A critical survey of theories concerning human nature, the meaningful life, and the moral evaluation of actions, persons, and institutions. Theories will be applied to such issues as abortion, justice, and moral problems faced by professionals.

Instructor: STAFF CRN: 15602

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Lecture: 2:30-3:45 SQUIR 116 MW  
Instructor: STAFF CRN: 15603  
Lecture: 4:00-5:15 MAJWM 334 MW

#### Philosophy 1504: Language and Logic

This is a first course in logic and some preliminary parts of the philosophy of language. It deals with the basic concepts of reasoning, with deductive and nondeductive inference, with sources of information, with the uses of language, and with causal inquiry. Students will be introduced to truth functional and syllogistic logic, the study of formal and informal fallacies, and to theories of truth. For a detailed description of the current offering of the course see <http://server.phil.vt.edu/Miller/hbm1504.html> Test deadlines and other things will of course be different in different terms. For further information contact Harlan B. Miller, Dept. of Philosophy, 231-8484, or [hmliller@vt.edu](mailto:hmliller@vt.edu)

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 14002  
Lecture: 12:30-1:45 TORG 3100 T Th

#### Philosophy 2116: Ancient/Medieval Philosophy

Western philosophical thought through the medieval period. Main trends in Post-Aristotelian Greek and Roman philosophy and medieval philosophy, including Augustine, Aquinas, and Ockham.

Instructor: R. Ariew CRN: 14003  
Lecture: 2:00-3:15 MAJWM 434 T Th

#### Philosophy 2126: History of Modern Philosophy

This is a survey of the history of modern philosophy from Descartes to Kant. We will study the central themes in 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century philosophy that shaped the development of modern philosophy. Concentrating on Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant, our topics will include: the status of metaphysics, scientific knowledge, and ordinary experience; the relation between mind and body; self-knowledge and personal identity; the connection between experience and knowledge; the existence of God; freedom and responsibility.

Instructor: A. Baxley CRN: 14004  
Lecture: 5:00-6:15 MCB 204 T Th

#### Philosophy 2304: Global Ethics

In this course we will examine global issues of ethics and justice, such as: environmental problems, development, poverty, famine, war, technology and the oppression of women. In addition, the concept of a "global" problem/issue will itself be examined.

Instructor: W. Galusky CRN: 14005  
Lecture: 8:00-9:15 MAJWM 334 T Th

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15642  
Lecture: 9:05-9:55 SQUIR 145 M  
Recitation: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15647  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 SQUIR 145 M  
Recitation: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15645  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 SQUIR 145 M  
Recitation: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15644  
Lecture: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th  
Recitation: 9:05-9:55 SQUIR 145 F

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15648  
Lecture: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th  
Recitation: 12:20-1:10 SQUIR 145 F

Instructor: H. Miller CRN: 15646  
Lecture: 5:00-5:50 TORG 3100 T Th  
Recitation: 1:25-2:15 SQUIR 145 F

#### Philosophy 2304: Global Ethics

Ethical issues in international context. Application of the principles of moral theory to such issues as the obligations of richer nations toward poorer ones, cultural and other forms of relativism, emigration and immigration, nationalism, war, deterrence, intervention, environmental degradation, preservation of natural diversity, and responsibilities toward future generations.

Instructor: A. Garnar CRN: 14008  
Lecture: 10:00-11:00 SQUIR 116 M W F

Instructor: A. Garnar CRN: 14007  
Lecture: 12:20-1:10 SQUIR 116 MWF

#### Philosophy 3015: Political Theory

The course will examine the major moments in the western tradition of political theory from classical antiquity to the Renaissance. The main thinkers to be considered are Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, and Machiavelli. The issues we will explore include the following: what is nature of the state? what is the best form of political organization? What is the nature of justice within the state? what role should justice play within the state? Between states?

Instructor: STAFF CRN: 14010  
Lecture: TBA TBA TBA  
(Cross listed with Political Science 3015 CRN: 14290)

#### Philosophy 3016: Political Theory

Analysis of the fundamental ideas in the history of political theory. Late 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present.

Instructor: STAFF CRN: 14012  
Lecture: 9:30-10:45 MCB 307 T Th  
(Cross listed with: PSCI 3016 – CRN 14292)

Instructor: STAFF CRN: 15612  
Lecture: 11:00-12:15 RAND 220 T Th  
(Cross listed with: PSCI 3016 – CRN 15355)

Instructor: STAFF CRN: 15614  
Lecture: 2:00-3:15 NOR 204 T Th  
(Cross listed with: PSCI 3016 – CRN 15356)

#### Philosophy 3314: Ethical Theory

This course is a systematic examination of central topics in ethical theory. Some likely questions we'll address, among others: Is there such a thing as truth in ethics? If so, what is it grounded in? Is it objective or subjective, dependent on God or derived from nature or reason, relative to various cultures or universal? Is there a single fundamental principle of morality, or is morality irreducibly complex? What role should the notion of the virtues play in ethical theory? What weight should justice have in our deliberations, as compared to utility? What is the proper role of rights in ethical theory? Can it sometimes be morally wrong to do what will bring about the best overall consequences? How is morality related to happiness or personal well-being? Does traditional ethical theory suffer from a distorting gender bias? Does evolutionary theory have anything interesting to tell us about ethics?

Instructor: W. FitzPatrick CRN: 14013  
Lecture: 11:00-12:15 SQUIR 234 T Th

#### Philosophy 3414: Aesthetics

What is Art? What is distinctive about our responses to works of Art? In this course we will develop answers to those questions, drawing on historical and contemporary philosophical sources. Since the production and experience of art depends on sophisticated cognitive and perceptual abilities, we will also think about how current psychological theories can contribute to answering these questions. Each of the art disciplines raises distinctive philosophical issues; in this class we will also take a close look at some issues specific to the visual arts.

Instructor: L. Perini CRN: 15615  
Lecture: 12:30-1:45 WHIT 257 T Th

#### Philosophy 3454: Philosophy of Religion

In this course we will examine traditional and contemporary arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the role of faith and religious experience, as well as other related issues such as life after death.

Instructor: R. Mayorga CRN: 15616  
Lecture: 11:00-12:15 SQUIR 116 T Th

#### Philosophy 3506: Modern Logic & Its Development

This is a course on metalogic, which is a part of the study of the properties of formal systems. In this course, we will focus on the consistency, completeness, and decidability of propositional logic and first order predicate logic. We will finish with an examination of Godel's proofs of the incompleteness of arithmetic. Students will be assumed to be familiar with the notions of validity, soundness, and first order propositional logic. (This would be satisfied by completing Philosophy 3505.) Course requirements will include quizzes, homework problems and exams. Graduate students will also have additional readings and assignments.

Instructor: D. Mayo CRN: 14014  
Lecture: 1:25-2:15 MAJWM 225 M W F

#### Philosophy 4214: Metaphysics

We will examine three main approaches to metaphysics in 20th Century philosophy: (1) Metaphysics through the analysis of language. We will read the English philosopher Bertrand Russell's 1918 lectures on "The Philosophy of Logical Atomism." This approach tends to be dismissive of traditional metaphysical issues, and leads to some surprising conclusions. (2) Metaphysics through reflection on human experience. We will study extensive selections from the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre's Being and Nothingness (1943), as well as other works by him. This approach is immersed in traditional metaphysical issues. (3) Metaphysics through the conceptual analytic approach of Thomas Nagel, a contemporary philosopher. Students will write weekly reaction papers, and submit three substantial papers along with drafts and revisions. (This is a writing-intensive course.) Available for graduate credit.

Instructor: J. Klagge CRN: 15618  
Lecture: 3:30-4:45 SHULT 109 T Th

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