PHIL 101. Introduction to Philosophy. 3 credits.
An introduction to the basic problems and concepts of philosophy – the nature of man and the self, ethics, theories of knowledge, philosophy of religion, etc. as revealed in the writings of major philosophers. May be used for general education credit.

PHIL 120. Critical Thinking. 3 credits.
An introduction to the techniques for analyzing and evaluating information in everyday experience. The functions of language will be discussed. Techniques for judging the strengths of arguments and the reasonableness of the arguments’ premises will be examined. This course cannot be used to fulfill the B.A. Philosophy requirement. May be used for general education credit. May not be used for major credit.

PHIL 150. Ethical Reasoning. 3 credits.
An introduction to the principles and techniques of rational decision making in ethics, including analysis of arguments and fallacies, ethical theories, and applications of moral principles to moral issues. This course cannot be used to fulfill the B.A. Philosophy requirement. May be used for general education credit. May not be used for major credit.

PHIL 210. Philosophy Through Film. 3 credits.
This course combines feature length films and classic philosophical writings as points of departure for considering perennial philosophical questions such as: What is real? (Metaphysics) How can I know? (Epistemology) What is of value? (Morality).

PHIL/REL 218. Philosophy of Religion. 3 credits.
An intensive examination of religion from the standpoint of philosophical thinking with particular emphasis on the way philosophers view such problems as the existence of God, evil, immortality, religious language, etc.

PHIL 240. Greek Philosophy in Context. 3 credits.
This course will involve exploration of the intellectual world of the Ancient Greeks, with particular emphasis on the philosophical, historical and literary works produced during the period. The course will include lectures and site visits throughout Greece.

PHIL 250. Introduction to Symbolic Logic. 3 credits.
An introduction to the languages and techniques of propositional logic and first-order quantification theory.

PHIL 262. Problems in Applied Ethics. 3 credits.
Ethical theories are used to analyze contemporary moral issues in areas such as business and health care. Course content varies.

PHIL 270. Introduction to Ethics. 3 credits.
An introductory study of the basic ethical theories past and present with some application to moral problems.

PHIL 285. Philosophy, Art and Literature. 3 credits.
This course will study artistic works (literary or otherwise) for their philosophical content. Related issues in the philosophy of art for example, the nature of tragedy, theories of interpretation may also be considered.

PHIL 300. Knowledge and Belief. 3 credits.
An extensive examination of theories of knowledge and philosophical problems concerning knowledge and belief. Prerequisite: PHIL 101 or permission of the instructor.

PHIL ART 305. Seminar in Aesthetics. 3 credits.
Readings and discussions in the persistent philosophical problems of the arts, centering on consideration of the work of art, the artist and the audience. Prerequisite: ART 203, ARTH 206, ARTH 208 or PHIL 101.

PHIL 310. Symbolic Logic. 3 credits.
The study and application of the principles and techniques of modern deductive logic to natural language. Also, examination of the properties of formal systems and of the logical implications and paradoxes of language. Prerequisite: PHIL 250 or consent of the instructor.

PHIL 311. Metaphysics. 3 credits.
Examination of central questions regarding the fundamental nature of reality. Possible topics: universals and particulars, possibility and necessity, identity of objects over time and puzzles of material constitution, the problem of free will and determinism, and the nature of time. Prerequisite: At least one other philosophy course or approval of the instructor.

PHIL IA 312. Causal Analysis. 3 credits.
Examines causal analysis in national, military, counter- and competitive intelligence. By assessing a factor’s amount and kind of efficacy, students will learn the most reliable methods for distinguishing between relevant/irrelevant events and factors, identifying and excluding pseudo-causes and anticipating higher order effects of a causal process. Prerequisite: IA 281 or permission of the instructor.

PHIL IA 313. Counterfactual Reasoning. 3 credits.
Examines counterfactual reasoning in national, military, counter- and competitive intelligence. By analyzing alternate scenarios and their consequences, students will learn the most relevant methods for employing creative thinking in generating, developing and assessing possibilities; substantiating after-action reports, and structuring futures analysis. Prerequisite: IA 281 or permission of the instructor.

PHIL 314. Rational Decision Theory. 3 credits.
Explores the fundamental principles of making reasonable choices. The course considers both the conceptual, epistemological and logical insights of these principles, as well as applies them to numerous real-world cases faced by recent decision-makers in areas such as intelligence, information analysis, business or politics. Prerequisite: PHIL 120 or instructor consent.

PHIL 315. Logic and Legal Reasoning. 3 credits.
Application of symbolic logic (first-order logic with identity) to legal language and deductive legal argument. Will include close logical analysis of at least one of the following: Supreme Court brief, Supreme Court decision, Supreme Court oral argument. Prerequisite: PHIL 250 or instructor consent.