PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

PHIL 100 – Introduction to Philosophy 3 credit hours
What is Philosophy? This course seeks both to convey a sense of what philosophy has been and to engage the student in a philosophical dialogue concerning perennial and contemporary issues. Among topics dealt with are: freedom, God, knowledge, morality and justice.

PHIL 105 – Philosophical Roots of American Democracy 3 credit hours
This course is designed to emphasize the philosophical roots of Democracy by reading primary works from Greek philosophy, literature, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The students will analyze the ideals of justice, citizenship, virtue, rights, liberty, and the constitution of government and develop an understanding of what are the duties and responsibilities of informed citizens.

PHIL 110 – Introduction to Logic 3 credit hours
The systematic study of valid arguments with emphasis upon analysis and evaluation of arguments in ordinary language.

PHIL 120 – Introduction to Ethics 3 credit hours
Introduction to a philosophical analysis of the idea of an ethical life: reading and critical discussion of both historical and contemporary sources.

PHIL 188 – GS Portal 3 credit hours
Students analyze critical issues confronting individuals and society in a global context as they pertain to the discipline in which the Portal course is taught. The Portal is intended to help students succeed in their university education by being mentored in process of thinking critically about important ideas and articulating their own conclusions. Students may take the Portal in any discipline, irrespective of their major or minor. Satisfies the General Studies Portal course requirement. Students may take their Capstone course in any discipline.

PHIL 201 – Formal Logic 3 credit hours
The formal study of valid arguments, with emphasis upon problem solving through symbolic manipulation.

PHIL 250 – Ancient Philosophy 3 credit hours
Reading and critical analysis of the texts of the philosophers of ancient Greece and Rome with an emphasis on Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

PHIL 251 – Medieval Philosophy 3 credit hours
Reading and critical analysis of the major philosophical issues of the middle ages, such as the relation of faith and reason and philosophy to theology, the interpretation of texts, and the conflict between the vita activa and the vita contemplativa.

PHIL 253 – Modern Philosophy 3 credit hours
Reading and critical analysis of texts of seventeenth and eighteenth century philosophers such as Descartes, Locke, Hume and Berkeley.

PHIL 254 – Contemporary Philosophy 3 credit hours
Study of contemporary issues and methods in Philosophy, including, but not limited to, Phenomenology, Existentialism, Analytic Philosophy.

PHIL 305 – Social and Political Philosophy 3 credit hours
Study of the fundamental principles of political and social organization, and the concepts of community, justice, law and economy.