

# Philosophy

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## Introduction to the Department

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Philosophy addresses some of the most basic questions humans ask about the world. Some questions are very broad, such as how can minds know about the external world, themselves, and other minds? How can we arrive at reasonable answers to ethical questions about right and wrong? What distinguishes science from other kinds of knowledge and are there limits to science? What is the role of moral choice and values in human life? Do standards of truth and

logic apply in areas such as religion, art, politics, and law?

Philosophy also seeks answers to particular problems in specific areas of science, medicine, law, ethics, and technology. For example, it explores the ways that modern physics impacts our notions of space, time, causation, and nature itself. It considers the ways that neuroscience and genetics impact the traditional ideas about free will and responsibility. It debates the limits of democratic governments in regulating individuals' conduct. It wrestles with problems about the right to die and the varied responsibilities of medical professionals. It inquires into the relation between science and religion. Related issues concern privacy, the limits of private property, and who should have access to what information.

## Career Guidance

Philosophy is a broad field with diverse subfields. Some students may want to pursue a general course of study for the major, sampling courses across several of these distinct subfields. This strategy develops a solid foundation for graduate work in philosophy and for any career that requires breadth of knowledge, intellectual flexibility, as well as communicative and analytic skills.

Other students may wish to pursue a more specialized program of studies. Below are descriptions of several areas of emphasis within philosophy. These illustrate the possibilities of developing your own coherent and focused set of courses that fulfill the requirements for the major in ways that are tailored to your specific intellectual and career interests. Philosophy is preparation for a wide range of careers—including science, law, medicine, teaching, business, and public policy.

Choosing a philosophy major is an excellent way to follow a disciplined and rigorous course of study that joins the breadth of a traditional college education with specialization in a chosen area.

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## Undergraduate Program—Major

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The Department of Philosophy offers the degree of bachelor of arts (B.A.) in philosophy for the undergraduate major. A major in philosophy requires a total of fifteen philosophy courses, at least twelve of which must be upper-division

(courses numbered 100 and above). Up to two upper-division courses outside of philosophy can count among the twelve required for the major if they are drawn from a related field and contribute to the major's philosophical program; such credit must be approved by the undergraduate adviser. Honors and directed study courses (Philosophy 191–199) may not be used to satisfy the major requirement of fifteen philosophy courses. Major requirements may be met by examination.

There is no standard or required introduction to philosophy or the major. The department offers a variety of lower-division courses and sequences (numbered 1–99), any of which could be a suitable introduction to philosophy. The only required lower-division course for majors is Philosophy 10, Introduction to Logic.

At the upper-division level, majors are encouraged to take courses in the central areas of philosophical study:

Metaphysics and Epistemology  
Law, Ethics, and Politics  
Philosophy of Science and Logic  
History of Philosophy

Though many upper-division courses have no prerequisite, any combination of three lower-division courses would provide a good foundation for taking most upper-division courses.

## Core Requirements for the Major

1. History of Philosophy. Majors must complete three courses in the history of philosophy. At least one course must be in ancient philosophy (courses 31, 100–102) and one course must be in modern philosophy (courses 32–33 and 104–107). This requirement can be met by taking the lower-division sequence 31, 32, 33 or by taking any suitable combination of courses from the sequences 31–33 and 100–108.
2. Logic. Philosophy 10 and Philosophy 120 are required of all majors. Because Philosophy 120 is a prerequisite for a variety of upper-division courses, prospective majors are strongly encouraged to take Philosophy 10 and Philosophy 120 as early as possible.
3. Moral and Political Philosophy. Majors must take at least one upper-division course in moral or political philosophy from among Philosophy 160, 161, 166, or 167.

4. Metaphysics and Epistemology. Majors must take at least one upper-division course in traditional areas of analytic philosophy—metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mind—from among Philosophy 130, 132, 134, or 136.

### **Optional Areas of Emphasis in the Major**

The Department of Philosophy offers four optional areas of emphasis within the major, as described below. Students selecting an optional area of emphasis for the major must take and pass five of the courses listed under that area. Courses taken to complete an area of emphasis are counted toward the fifteen courses required for the major. Particular courses may be applied both to the completion of the area of emphasis and in fulfillment of a core requirement for the major. Students should be aware, as they plan their course of study, that only some of the courses listed for an area of emphasis will be taught in any given year.

The department encourages students considering a philosophy major to consult with the assistant director of the philosophy undergraduate program and the philosophy faculty undergraduate adviser to plan a program of study that is suitable to their particular interests and needs. The department Web site <http://philosophy.ucsd.edu> provides additional information about courses falling within each area of emphasis. The optional areas of emphasis are:

#### **1. Law, Ethics, and Society**

This area targets the nature and source of our moral rights and obligations, the authority of the state and law, the basis of value and goodness. Several courses in this area target ethical issues in medicine, the environment, technological change, economic inequality, and matters concerning race, gender, class, ethnicity, and nationality. In this area, students will learn how moral and legal reasoning can reshape the political debates over abortion, the death penalty, privacy on the Internet, genetic testing, religious tolerance, free speech, affirmative action, and other issues.

This area is excellent preparation for law school as well as for postgraduate study and careers in public policy.

125. Games and Decisions

148. Philosophy and the Environment  
152. Philosophy of Social Science  
160. Ethical Theory  
161. Topics in the History of Ethics  
162. Contemporary Moral Issues  
163. Biomedical Ethics  
164. Technology and Human Values  
166. Classics in Political Philosophy  
167. Contemporary Political Philosophy  
168. Philosophy of Law  
169. Feminism and Philosophy  
170. Philosophy and Race

#### **2. Science, Technology, and Medicine**

This emphasis focuses on the insights and challenges presented by science. Modern science and technologies affect our view of ourselves and of nature, introducing novel promises and problems. For instance, how do we balance technical, economic, environmental, and ethical values in making decisions concerning which technologies or drugs to develop? Modern science has also changed our understanding of nature. Quantum physics, the genetic revolution, and neuroscience (to name a few) present problems and have important implications for human life. Finally, there are questions about science itself. What are the methods of modern science? Do they vary from one science to another? Can the sciences be value free?

This area will appeal especially to those students interested in pursuing careers in philosophy, science, clinical medicine, medical research, the social sciences, science journalism, and public policy.

123. Philosophy of Logic  
145. Philosophy of Science  
146. Philosophy of Physics  
147. Philosophy of Biology  
148. Philosophy and the Environment  
149. Philosophy of Psychology  
150. Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences  
151. Philosophy of Neuroscience  
152. Philosophy of Social Science  
153. Philosophy of History  
163. Biomedical Ethics  
164. Technology and Human Values

#### **3. Mind, Brain, and Cognitive Sciences**

Traditional epistemology (the theory of how and what we know) and philosophy of mind (the theory of that-which-perceives-and-thinks) have recently been joined by several

scientific disciplines in a collective search for illuminating theories. Psychology, cognitive neurobiology, computer science, and sociology have all made explosive contributions to a tradition as old as Plato and Aristotle. For example, our growing understanding of the biological brain has given new life to our traditional attempts to understand the nature of the mind. New accounts of the various mechanisms of cognition—both at the cellular and the social levels—have provided entirely new perspectives on the nature of consciousness, the self, knowledge and free will, and on the nature of science itself.

This area is excellent preparation for careers in cognitive science, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, science journalism, and philosophy.

132. Epistemology  
134. Philosophy of Language  
136. Philosophy of Mind  
145. Philosophy of Science  
147. Philosophy of Biology  
149. Philosophy of Psychology  
150. Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences  
151. Philosophy of Neuroscience  
180. Phenomenology

#### **4. Historical Perspectives on Philosophy, Science, and Religion**

Throughout its history, philosophy has developed in a complex relationship with the natural sciences and religion. Philosophical ideas have both contributed to and challenged our understanding of nature and God, and developments in the sciences and religion have posed new challenges for philosophical thinking. The historical perspectives emphasis focuses on the fertile interplay between philosophy, science, and religion in several key periods: ancient Greece, the Scientific Revolution, and Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment Europe. The aim is not simply to document the history of philosophical ideas, but to use this history as a way of better understanding contemporary debates about the basic questions of human life.

This area prepares students for postgraduate work in philosophy, and for any career that requires breadth of knowledge, intellectual flexibility, as well as communicative and analytical skills.

100. Plato  
101. Aristotle

- 102. Hellenistic Philosophy
- 104. The Rationalists
- 105. The Empiricists
- 106. Kant
- 107. Hegel
- 108. Nineteenth-Century Philosophy
- 161. Topics in the History of Ethics
- 166. Classics in Political Philosophy
- 180. Phenomenology
- 181. Existentialism
- 183. Topics in Continental Philosophy

### **Grade Rules for Majors/Minors**

All courses applied toward the major or minor must be completed with a grade of C– or higher. Further, a GPA of 2.0 must be maintained in courses applied toward the major or minor. It should be noted that courses taken under the Pass/Not-Pass (P/NP) grading option cannot be applied toward the major or minor.

### **Honors Program**

The philosophy department offers an honors program for outstanding students in the major. Majors who have a 3.7 GPA in philosophy (3.25 overall) at the end of their junior year and who have taken at least four upper-division philosophy courses are eligible to apply. Interested students must consult with a faculty sponsor by the last day of classes during the spring term of their junior year. Admission to the honors program requires nomination by a faculty sponsor and approval of the undergraduate adviser. Nominating Petitions can be obtained from the philosophy department.

In addition to the usual major requirements, an honors student is required to complete a senior honors thesis by the end of winter quarter. During the fall and winter quarters, the student will be registered for Philosophy 191 and 192 and will be engaged in thesis research that will be supervised and evaluated by the student's faculty sponsor. A departmental committee will read and assess the completed thesis and determine if philosophy honors are to be awarded. Honors students are expected to maintain an average of 3.7 or better for all work taken in the program. (Qualified students wishing to participate in the honors program according to a different timetable than the one described above can apply to do so by petitioning the undergraduate adviser.)

### **Transfer Credit**

Courses taken at other institutions may be applied toward the major by petition only. Petitions should be submitted to the Department of Philosophy main office, and must be accompanied by supporting materials (transcripts, syllabi, course work, etc.). Students are required to submit one petition per transfer course.

For specific regulations regarding transfer credit for Philosophy 10 (Introduction to Logic), please see the information on the department Web site: <http://philosophy.ucsd.edu>.

It is important to note that seven of the twelve upper-division courses in the major must be taken in the Department of Philosophy at UCSD.

**Note:** All courses applied toward major must be taken for a letter grade.

### **Undergraduate Program—Minor**

The Department of Philosophy offers a minor in philosophy. As with the major, the minor is an attractive option for a wide range of career paths, including medicine, law, research in the natural and social sciences, journalism, education, and government. A minor requires a total of seven philosophy courses, at least five of which must be upper division. If choosing an area of emphasis, at least four upper-division courses must be from the chosen area of emphasis. All courses must be taken for a letter grade, C– or better.

### **Advising Office**

Students who desire additional information concerning our course offerings or program may contact individual faculty or the assistant director of the undergraduate program through the department main office at 7002 H&SS, (858) 534-3070.

### **Graduate Program Requirements**

The department offers programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. It is the intention of the graduate program to enable the student to obtain an understanding of diverse traditions and to develop as a philosopher in his or her own right. To this end, the department offers courses and seminars in the history of philosophy and in tra-

ditional and contemporary philosophical issues, from a variety of perspectives.

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### **Master's Degree Program**

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To qualify for a master's degree in philosophy, a student must pass eight of the distribution requirement seminars as described below, under the subheading "Distribution Requirements." At least one of the seminars must be from the ethics and political philosophy category, and no more than four seminars from any one of the five areas may count toward the master's degree. The student must also complete a master's research paper, under the direction of a faculty member or his or her choice, and have it approved by two members of the department faculty.

Although Ph.D. students sometimes elect to complete their studies with a master's degree, we *do not admit students to a master's degree program.*

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### **Doctoral Degree Program**

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#### **Course Work**

During the first two years of residence the student's work will normally total thirty-six units (nine courses) per year. At least twelve of these units in each year must be graduate philosophy seminars (those numbered 201-285). The balance may be made up from additional graduate courses in philosophy, upper-division courses in philosophy (those numbered 100-199), approved upper-division or graduate courses in related departments, and, if the student is a teaching assistant, Philosophy 500 (Apprentice Teaching).

After consultation with the graduate adviser, each entering student shall be assigned a faculty adviser. Students are encouraged to meet with their faculty adviser periodically to plan their course of study during their first two years and must meet once a year in the spring to review progress in the program.

#### **Logic Requirement**

During the first term of residence, all entering graduate students will take an examination designed to demonstrate their level of proficiency in formal logic. The examination covers the predicate calculus, up to and including functions, relations, and identity. Students who pass the examination with a grade of B+ or better have satisfied the first component of the logic

requirement. Students who do not score a B+ or better must take Philosophy 120 (Symbolic Logic) during the first year of study and achieve a grade of B+ or better. By the end of the sixth term of residence, all students must also pass an advanced logic course (Philosophy 121, 122, 221, or another logic class approved by the graduate adviser) with at least a grade of B+.

### ***Proseminar***

In fall quarter of their first year of residence, graduate students shall take a proseminar designed to introduce them to philosophical methods and improve their skills at writing and analysis. Enrollment in the proseminar is limited to first-year students. The proseminar is normally team-taught. The topics to be covered will address some central area of areas of philosophy and will vary from year to year. The proseminar is a regular four-unit seminar and as such may be counted toward satisfaction of the distribution requirement.

### ***Core Courses***

In the following areas, the department shall offer "core" or advanced introductory seminars: philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of science, the history of philosophy, epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics. The department shall offer at least three of these courses in each academic year. Students must take two of these core courses by the end of their sixth quarter of residence. Courses taken to satisfy this requirement may be applied toward the distribution requirement. (A *core course* provides a point of entry into a field that is suitable for graduate students with no prior work in this area of philosophy as well as students with some background knowledge. A core course need not be and normally should not be a general survey of the field, but will take up some central topic. A core course will normally offer students the option of writing shorter papers rather than one long seminar paper; as an alternative, a final examination may be offered.)

### ***Distribution Requirements***

By the end of the seventh quarter of residence, a student must have completed ten graduate seminars in philosophy with a grade of B+ or better. The seminars must be distributed as follows:

1. Four seminars in the history of philosophy. At least one of these courses must be in ancient philosophy; at least one must be in modern philosophy.
2. Six seminars in the four areas listed below. Students must take at least one seminar in every area and two seminars in any two of the areas.
  - A. Philosophy of science and philosophy of logic
  - B. Philosophy of mind and philosophy of language
  - C. Ethics and political philosophy
  - D. Metaphysics and epistemology

Courses used to satisfy a requirement in one category cannot be used to satisfy a requirement in another category. The determination as to what category or categories a particular seminar taught in a given quarter may count toward is normally made by the seminar instructor.

The proseminar and courses used to satisfy the core course requirement may be counted toward fulfillment of the distribution requirement.

At the end of the fifth quarter of residence, a student must have completed eight of the required seminars. In order to remain in the program, a student must have attained an average of B+ or better in all philosophy seminars completed by this point.

### ***Philosophy Writing Workshop***

In fall term of their third year of study, graduate students shall enroll in the Philosophy Writing Workshop, a one- to three- unit course depending on the expected enrollment. This course is graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. In this workshop each student shall produce a polished original philosophical essay (this may be based on a paper written for a seminar), criticize the essays produced by other workshop participants, and present the essay as a talk to an audience of workshop participants, the faculty instructor, and other interested graduate students and faculty.

### ***Independent Study Courses***

**Philosophy 290** (Directed Independent Study) is appropriate for a graduate student still in the process of fulfilling course requirements for the degree.

**Philosophy 295** (Research Topics) is an appropriate course for a student in the process of coming up with a dissertation prospectus.

**Philosophy 299** (Thesis Research) is appropriate for a student working on his or her dissertation.

### ***Language Requirement***

Before advancing to candidacy, all students must demonstrate reading proficiency in one of the following languages:

German

French

Latin

Classical Greek

If a student's chosen dissertation topic requires competence in a second language from the above list, then the student's dissertation adviser can require a suitable demonstration of competence. In special circumstances students may be permitted to substitute a different language or a special competency (such as advanced work in mathematics or in one of the sciences) if educationally compelling reasons can be given for doing so. These exceptions will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The language requirement must be met before the student can be advanced to candidacy.

### ***Third-Year Advising***

At the end of the student's sixth quarter of study, the department appoints a three-member faculty committee for that student. The composition of the committee will reflect the student's preferences and the area of philosophy in which the student is inclined to do dissertation work. The committee's task is to help the student to develop a sound dissertation project and advance to candidacy in a timely manner. There is no expectation that the members of this third-year committee necessarily will serve on the dissertation committee.

### ***Dissertation Prospectus and Oral Candidacy Exam***

Some time after completing the distribution requirements, the student must submit a dissertation prospectus to his or her doctoral committee. The committee will then orally examine the student on the intended subject and plan of research. The examination will seek to establish that the thesis proposed is a satisfactory subject of research and that the student has the preparation and the abilities necessary to complete that

research. This oral qualifying exam must be passed before the end of the twelfth quarter of residence. Students who are passed and have met the other requirements will be advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D.

### **Teaching Requirements**

Participation in undergraduate teaching is one of the requirements for a Ph.D. in philosophy. The student is required to serve as a teaching assistant for the equivalent of one-quarter time for three academic quarters. The duties of a teaching assistant normally entail grading papers and examinations, conducting discussion sections, and related activities, including attendance at lectures in the course for which he or she is assisting.

### **Doctoral Dissertation**

Under the supervision of a doctoral committee, each candidate will write a dissertation demonstrating a capacity to engage in original and independent research. The candidate will defend the thesis in an oral examination by the doctoral committee. (See "Graduate Studies: The Doctor of Philosophy Degree.")

### **Application Request**

For information regarding the graduate program call (858) 534-6809 or write to: University of California, San Diego Graduate Adviser; Philosophy, 0119 9500 Gilman Drive; La Jolla CA 92093-0119 Email: casmann@ucsd.edu

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## **Interdisciplinary Degree Programs**

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The philosophy department at UCSD participates in two interdisciplinary programs, the requirements for which are outlined below.

### **Interdisciplinary Degree Program in Cognitive Science**

The Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Cognitive Science includes faculty from a number of UCSD departments including anthropology, biology and neurobiology, cognitive science, communication, computer science and engineering, linguistics, music, neurosciences, philosophy, psychiatry, psychology, and sociology. This group includes many outstanding figures in contemporary cognitive science.

Students wishing to pursue a Ph.D. in "Philosophy and Cognitive Science" register in the philosophy program in the normal fashion, but pursue a significant portion of their studies with faculty in the several departments participating in the interdisciplinary program. Students may apply for admission to the interdisciplinary program at the same time that they apply to the Department of Philosophy, or at some point after entering UCSD. (All students wishing to transfer into any interdisciplinary program must do so prior to the end of the fifth quarter of residency.) Students in philosophy/cognitive science are required to do the following:

1. Complete all requirements for the philosophy Ph.D. except that the distribution requirement is amended. By the end of the ninth quarter of residence, a philosophy/cognitive science degree student must have completed ten graduate seminars in philosophy with a grade of B+ or better in each course distributed across the areas of (A) philosophy of science and philosophy of logic, (B) philosophy of mind and philosophy of language, (C) ethics and political philosophy, (D) metaphysics and epistemology, and (E) history of philosophy. Students must take at least one seminar from each of these five areas and at least two seminars from any four of these areas.
2. The equivalent of one year's course work (usually in six courses) in one or more of the other departments affiliated with the Department of Cognitive Science. (It should be noted that a philosophy graduate student who completes this requirement is deemed thereby to have satisfied the philosophy language requirement by gaining an approved special competency.)
3. Six quarters of Cognitive Science 200

A plan detailing the course of study must be approved by the Cognitive Science Program Committee. The dissertation should be interdisciplinary, reflecting the two areas of specialization.

### **Science Studies Program**

The Science Studies Program at UCSD is committed to interdisciplinary investigations. Understanding, interpreting, and explaining the scientific enterprise demand a systematic integration of the perspectives developed within the history, sociology, and philosophy of science. The program offers students an opportu-

nity to work towards such integration, while receiving a thorough training at the professional level in one of the component disciplines.

Students enrolled in the program choose one of the component disciplines for their major field of specialist studies, and are required to complete minor field requirements in the others. The core of the program, however, is a year-long seminar in science studies, led by faculty from all participating departments.

To obtain a Ph.D. in "Philosophy/Science Studies," students must take a total of eighteen courses, including:

1. Nine seminars in philosophy with a grade of B+ or better, distributed across the areas of (A) philosophy of science and philosophy of logic, (B) philosophy of mind and philosophy of language, (C) ethics and political philosophy, (D) metaphysics and epistemology, and (E) history of philosophy. Students must take at least one seminar from each of these five areas and at least two seminars from any three of these areas. This requirement must be completed by the end of the seventh quarter of residence. By the end of the fifth quarter of residence, a student must have taken at least five Philosophy seminars (distributed across at least three areas), and must have achieved an average B+ or better in all philosophy seminars taken up to that point. Failure to take a sufficient number of seminars or to achieve a B+ average means that the student may not continue in the program after the fifth quarter.
2. The Introduction to Science Studies 209A, plus the Seminar in Science Studies 209B, to be taken twice with changed content, plus Colloquium in Science Studies 209C, to be taken once on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis and once for a letter grade.
3. Two additional Science Studies courses outside philosophy drawn from a list of approved courses available each year from the Science Studies Program office. (One course in one of the sciences may be substituted for one of these courses as part of an approved program of study.)

The student's program of study must be approved by the philosophy faculty adviser for Science Studies.

Students may apply for admission to the interdisciplinary program at the same time that they apply to the Department of Philosophy, or at some point after entering UCSD. (All students

wishing to transfer into any interdisciplinary program must do so prior to the end of the fifth quarter of residency.)

### **Ph.D. Time Limit Policies**

Students must be advanced to candidacy by the end of four years. Total university support cannot exceed seven years. Total registered time at UCSD cannot exceed eight years.

### **Financial Aid**

Almost all philosophy graduate students are supported by some form of financial aid. Most work as teaching assistants at 50 percent time (approximately \$14,143 for nine months). Typically this involves running discussion sections and grading papers for lecture and introductory courses in philosophy, humanities, and writing programs. An assistantship is also regarded as a full-credit course, so teaching assistants usually take two graduate classes each quarter.

In addition, some Regents' fellowships are available for first-year students, and the department usually awards one or more dissertation fellowships a year for its advanced graduate students. Various fee scholarships, tuition and tuition/fee scholarships are also available, as are San Diego fellowships.

Advanced graduate students who have just completed or nearly completed their dissertations are sometimes hired by the department as teaching associates or visiting lecturers. Under these titles advanced graduate students autonomously plan and teach their own courses.

## **COURSES**

*For course descriptions not found in the 2006–2007 General Catalog, please contact the department for more information.*

### **LOWER-DIVISION**

#### **1. The Nature of Philosophy (4)**

What is philosophy? A study of major philosophical questions, making use of both classical and contemporary sources. An introduction to the basic methods and strategies of philosophical inquiry.

#### **10. Introduction to Logic (4)**

Basic concepts and techniques in both informal and formal logic and reasoning, including a discussion of argument, inference, proof, and common fallacies, and an introduction to the syntax, semantics, and proof method in sentential (propositional) logic. (May be used to fulfill general-education requirements for Warren and Eleanor Roosevelt Colleges.)

#### **12. Logic and Decision Making (4)**

An introduction to the study of probability, inductive logic, scientific reasoning, and rational choice among competing hypotheses and alternative courses of action when the evidence is incomplete or uncertain. (May be used to fulfill general-education requirements for Marshall, Warren, and Eleanor Roosevelt Colleges.)

#### **13. Introduction to Philosophy: Ethics (4)**

An inquiry into the nature of morality and its role in personal or social life by way of classical and/or contemporary works in ethics. (May be used to fulfill general-education requirements for Muir and Marshall Colleges.)

#### **14. Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics (4)**

A survey of central issues and figures in the Western metaphysical tradition. Topics include the mind-body problem, freedom and determinism, personal identity, appearance and reality, and the existence of God. (May be used to fulfill general-education requirements for Muir and Marshall Colleges.)

#### **15. Introduction to Philosophy: Theory of Knowledge (4)**

A study of the grounds and scope of human knowledge, both commonsense and scientific, as portrayed in the competing traditions of Continental rationalism, British empiricism, and contemporary cognitive science. (May be used to fulfill general-education requirements for Muir and Marshall Colleges.)

#### **27. Ethics and Society (4)**

(Same as Poli. Sci. 27.) An examination of ethical principles (e.g., utilitarianism, individual rights, etc.) and their social and political applications to contemporary issues: abortion, environmental protection, and affirmative action. Ethical principles will also be applied to moral dilemmas in government, law, business, and the professions. Satisfies the Warren College ethics and society requirement. Letter grade only. *Prerequisites:* CAT 2 and 3, DOC 2 and 3, MCWP 40 and 50, Hum. 1 and 2, MWW 2 and 3, WCWP 10A-B or WCWP 11A-B.

#### **31. History of Philosophy: Ancient Philosophy (4)**

A survey of classical Greek philosophy with an emphasis on Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, though some consideration may be given to Presocratic and/or Hellenistic philosophers. (May be used in fulfilling the Muir College breadth requirement.)

#### **32. History of Philosophy: The Origins of Modern Philosophy (4)**

A survey of early modern philosophy. Beginning with the contrast between medieval and modern thought, the course focuses on modern philosophy and its relation to the scientific revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Philosophers to be studied include Descartes, Hobbes, Spinoza, and Leibniz. (May be used in fulfilling the Muir College breadth requirement.)

#### **33. History of Philosophy: Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment (4)**

A survey of the major philosophers of the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries with a focus on the British empiricists—Locke, Berkeley, and Hume—and the critical philosophy of Kant. (May be used in fulfilling the Muir College Breadth requirement.)

### **UPPER-DIVISION**

#### **100. Plato (4)**

A study of Socrates and/or Plato through major dialogues of Plato. Possible topics include the virtues and happiness; weakness of the will; political authority and

democracy; the theory of Forms and sensible flux; immortality; relativism, skepticism, and knowledge. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **101. Aristotle (4)**

A study of major issues in Aristotle's works, such as the categories; form and matter; substance, essence, and accident; the soul; virtue, happiness, and politics. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **102. Hellenistic Philosophy (4)**

A study of selected texts from the main schools of Hellenistic philosophy—Stoicism, Epicureanism, and Skepticism. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **104. The Rationalists (4)**

The major writings of one or more of the seventeenth century rationalists—Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz. Topics include the existence of God, the mind-body problem, free will, the nature of knowledge, belief, and error. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **105. The Empiricists (4)**

The major writings of one or more of the British empiricists—Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Reid. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **106. Kant (4)**

A study of selected portions of the Critique of Pure Reason and other theoretical writings and/or his major works in moral theory. *Prerequisite:* Philosophy 33 or 105 or consent of instructor. May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of the instructor.

#### **107. Hegel (4)**

A study of one or more of Hegel's major works, in particular, *The Phenomenology of Spirit* and *The Philosophy of Right*. Readings and discussion may also include other figures in the Idealist tradition—such as Fichte, Hölderlin, and Schelling—and critics of the Idealist tradition—such as Marx and Kierkegaard. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **108. Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (4)**

A study of one or more figures in nineteenth-century philosophy, such as Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Marx, Emerson, Thoreau, James, and Mill. The focus may be on particular figures or intellectual themes and traditions. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **111. Contemporary Work in Epistemology and Metaphysics (4)**

A study of a prominent figure or central issue in contemporary epistemology and/or metaphysics. Examples of figures: Quine, Putnam, Sellars; examples of issues: the problem of universals, the nature of self-knowledge, freedom, ontological relativity. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite:* upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

#### **115. Philosophical Methods Seminar (4)**

This course provides an introduction to the techniques of philosophical inquiry through detailed study of selected philosophical texts and through

extensive training in philosophical writing based on those texts. Enrollment limited and restricted to majors; must be taken for letter grade. May not be repeated for credit. *Prerequisite: open to philosophy majors only.*

**120. Symbolic Logic I (4)**

The syntax, semantics, and proof-theory of first-order predicate logic with identity, emphasizing both conceptual issues and practical skills (e.g., criteria for logical truth, consistency, and validity, the application of logical methods to everyday as well as scientific reasoning). *Prerequisite: Philosophy 10 or consent of instructor.*

**121. Symbolic Logic II (4)**

The meta-theory of first-order predicate logic: expressive power, the notions of a model, truth-in-a-model, effective procedure, proof and decidability, the completeness of first-order logic (co-extensionality of the semantic and proof-theoretic methods), etc. The course is fairly formal. *Prerequisite: Philosophy 120 or consent of instructor.*

**122. Topics in Logic (4)**

A study of new, extended, or alternative logics and/or special issues in meta-logic. Topics include the nature of logic, modal logic, higher-order logic, generalized logic, free logic, the Löwenheim-Skolem theorem, the incompleteness of arithmetic, undecidability. May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: Philosophy 120 (and for advanced topics: Philosophy 121) or consent of instructor.*

**123. Philosophy of Logic (4)**

Philosophical issues underlying standard and non-standard logics, the nature of logical knowledge, the relation between logic and mathematics, the revisability of logic, truth and logic, ontological commitment and ontological relativity, logical consequence, etc. May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: Philosophy 120 or consent of instructor.*

**124. Philosophy of Mathematics (4)**

The character of logical and mathematical truth and knowledge; the relations between logic and mathematics; the significance of Gödel's incompleteness theorem; Platonism, logicism, and more recent approaches. *Prerequisite: Philosophy 120 or consent of instructor.*

**125. Games and Decisions (4)**

Formal and philosophical issues in the theory of games and the theory of rational decision. *Prerequisite: Philosophy 12 or consent of instructor.*

**126. Topics in the History of Logic (4)**

Problems and figures in history of logic. Subject matter varies, in some cases a single author or text (e.g., Aristotle, The Port Royal Logic, Leibniz, Kant, Frege, Tarski), in other a particular tradition or problem (e.g., Hilbert's Program, intuitionism, quantification, logicism and psychologism, modality). *Prerequisite: Philosophy 120 or consent of instructor.*

**130. Metaphysics (4)**

Central problems in metaphysics, such as free will and determinism, the mind-body problem, personal identity, causation, primary and secondary qualities, the nature of universals, necessity, and identity. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**131. Topics in Metaphysics (4)**

An in-depth study of some central problem, figure, or tradition in metaphysics. May be repeated for credit

with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**132. Epistemology (4)**

Central problems in epistemology such as skepticism; a priori knowledge; knowledge of other minds; self-knowledge; the problem of induction; foundationalist, coherence, and causal theories of knowledge. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**134. Philosophy of Language (4)**

Examination of contemporary debates about meaning, reference, truth, and thought. Topics include descriptive theories of reference, sense and reference, compositionality, truth, theories of meaning, vagueness, metaphor, and natural and formal languages. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**136. Philosophy of Mind (4)**

Different conceptions of the nature of mind and its relation to the physical world. Topics include identity theories, functionalism, eliminative materialism, internalism and externalism, subjectivity, other minds, consciousness, self-knowledge, perception, memory, and imagination. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**137. Philosophy of Action (4)**

The nature of action and psychological explanation. Topics include action individuation, reasons as causes, psychological laws, freedom and responsibility, weakness of will, self-deception, and the emotions. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**145. Philosophy of Science (4)**

Central problems in philosophy of science, such as the nature of confirmation and explanation, the nature of scientific revolutions and progress, the unity of science, and realism and antirealism. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**146. Philosophy of Physics (4)**

Philosophical problems in the development of modern physics, such as the philosophy of space and time, the epistemology of geometry, the philosophical significance of Einstein's theory of relativity, the interpretation of quantum mechanics, and the significance of modern cosmology. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**147. Philosophy of Biology (4)**

Philosophical problems in the biological sciences, such as the relation between biology and the physical sciences, the status and structure of evolutionary theory, and the role of biology in the social sciences. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**148. Philosophy and the Environment (4)**

Investigation of ethical and epistemological questions concerning our relationship to the environment. Topics may include the value of nature, biodiversity, policy and science, and responsibility to future generations. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**149. Philosophy of Psychology (4)**

Philosophical issues raised by psychology, including the nature of psychological explanation, the role of nature versus nurture, free will and determinism, and the unity of the person. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**150. Philosophy of the Cognitive Sciences (4)**

Theoretical, empirical, methodological, and philosophical issues at work in the cognitive sciences (e.g., Psychology, Linguistics, Neuroscience, Artificial Intelligence, and Computer Science), concerning things such as mental representation, consciousness, rationality, explanation, and nativism. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**151. Philosophy of Neuroscience (4)**

An introduction to elementary neuroanatomy and neurophysiology and an examination of theoretical issues in cognitive neuroscience and their implications for traditional philosophical conceptions of the relation between mind and body, perception, consciousness, understanding, emotion, and the self. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**152. Philosophy of Social Science (4)**

Philosophical issues of method and substance in the social sciences, such as causal and interpretive models of explanation, structuralism and methodological individualism, value neutrality, and relativism. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**153. Philosophy of History (4)**

A study of classical and/or contemporary conceptions of history and historical knowledge. Topics may include the structure of historical explanation, historical progress, objectivity in historiography, hermeneutics and the human sciences. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**160. Ethical Theory (4)**

Systematic and/or historical perspectives on central issues in ethical theory such as deontic, contractualist, and consequentialist conceptions of morality; rights and special obligations; the role of happiness and virtue in morality; moral conflict; ethical objectivity and relativism; and the rational authority of morality. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**161. Topics in the History of Ethics (4)**

Central issues and texts in the history of ethics. Subject matter can vary, ranging from one philosopher (e.g., Aristotle, Hobbes, Kant, or Mill) to a historical tradition (e.g., Greek ethics or the British moralists). May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**162. Contemporary Moral Issues (4)**

An examination of contemporary moral issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, war, affirmative action, and freedom of speech. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**163. Biomedical Ethics (4)**

Moral issues in medicine and the biological sciences, such as patient's rights and physician's responsibilities, abortion and euthanasia, the distribution of health care, experimentation, and genetic intervention. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**164. Technology and Human Values (4)**

Philosophical issues involved in the development of modern science, the growth of technology, and control of the natural environment. The interaction of science and technology with human nature and political and moral ideals. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**166. Classics in Political Philosophy (4)**

Central issues about the justification, proper functions, and limits of the state through classic texts in the history of political philosophy by figures such as Plato, Aristotle,

Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, and Marx. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**167. Contemporary Political Philosophy (4)**

Different perspectives on central issues in contemporary political philosophy, such as the nature of state authority and political obligation, the limits of government and individual liberty, liberalism and its critics, equality and distributive justice. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**168. Philosophy of Law (4)**

A study of issues in analytical jurisprudence such as the nature of law, the relation between law and morality, and the nature of legal interpretation and issues in normative jurisprudence such as the justification of punishment, paternalism and privacy, freedom of expression, and affirmative action. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**169. Feminism and Philosophy (4)**

Examination of feminist critiques of, and alternatives to, traditional philosophical conceptions of such things as morality, politics, knowledge, and science. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**170. Philosophy and Race (4)**

A philosophical investigation of the topics of race and racism. The role of "race" in ordinary speech. The ethics of racial discourse. Anthropological and biological conceptions of race. The social and political significance of racial categories. Post-racialist conceptions of race. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**175. Aesthetics (4)**

Central issues in philosophical aesthetics such as the nature of art and aesthetic experience, the grounds of artistic interpretation and evaluation, artistic representation, and the role of the arts in education, culture, and politics. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**176. Aesthetics: Film (4)**

An examination of philosophical issues that arise in relation to the movies. May include questions about mass art, genre, fiction and emotion, and relations to other media, e.g., novels, plays. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing.*

**177. Philosophy and Literature (4)**

A study of philosophical themes contained in selected fiction, drama, or poetry, and the philosophical issues that arise in the interpretation, appreciation, and criticism of literature. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**180. Phenomenology (4)**

An examination of the phenomenological tradition through the works of its major classical and/or contemporary representatives. Authors studied will vary and may include Brentano, Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Levinas, Bourdieu. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**181. Existentialism (4)**

Classical texts and issues of existentialism. Authors studied will vary and may include Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Sartre, and Heidegger. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**182. Marx and Marxism (4)**

Central issues in the writings of the early and late Marx, such as alienation, false consciousness, exploitation, historical materialism, the critique of capitalism, and communism. Attention may be given to Marx's philo-

sophical predecessors (e.g., Smith, Rousseau, Hegel, Feuerbach) and/or to subsequent developments in Marxism (e.g., the Frankfurt school and analytical Marxism). *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.* Not offered in 2004-2005.

**183. Topics in Continental Philosophy (4)**

The focus will be on a leading movement in continental philosophy (e.g., the critical theory of the Frankfurt school, structuralism and deconstruction, post-modernism) or some particular issue that has figured in these traditions (e.g., freedom, subjectivity, historicity, authenticity). May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**185. Philosophy of Religion (4)**

A general introduction to the philosophy of religion through the study of classical and/or contemporary texts. Among the issues to be discussed are the existence and nature of God, the problem of evil, the existence of miracles, the relation between reason and revelation, and the nature of religious language. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**190. Special Topics (4)**

A special philosophical topic. May be repeated for credit with change of content and approval of instructor. *Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.*

**191. Philosophy Honors (4)**

Independent study by special arrangement with and under the supervision of a faculty member, including a proposal for the honors essay. An IP grade will be awarded at the end of this quarter; a final grade will be given for both quarters at the end of 192. *Prerequisites: department stamp; consent of instructor.*

**192. The Honors Essay (4)**

Continuation of 191: independent study by special arrangement with and under the supervision of a faculty member, leading to the completion of the honors essay. A letter grade for both 191 and 192 will be given at the end of this quarter. *Prerequisite: consent of instructor.*

**199. Directed Individual Study (4)**

Directed individual study by special arrangement with and under the supervision of a faculty member. (P/NP grades only.) *Prerequisite: consent of instructor.*

## GRADUATE COURSES

**200. Proseminar (4)**

Introduction to philosophical methods of analysis through study of classic historical or contemporary texts. Writing intensive. Enrollment limited to entering graduate students.

**201A. Core Course in History (4)**

A study of selected texts or topics in the history of philosophy. Usually the focus will be on a single major text. May be taken for credit nine times with changed content.

**202. Core Course in Ethics (4)**

An introduction to some central issues in ethical theory with emphasis on classic texts or contemporary authors. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**203. Core Course in Political Philosophy (4)**

A study of central topics concerning the nature, justification, and limits of state authority. The emphasis may

be on classic texts or contemporary writings. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**204A. Core Course in Philosophy of Science (4)**

An introduction to one or more central problems in the philosophy of science, or in the philosophy of one of the particular sciences, such as the nature of confirmation and explanation, the nature of scientific knowledge, reductionism, the unity of science, or realism and antirealism. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**205A. Core Course in Metaphysics (4)**

An introduction to central topics in metaphysics with emphasis on classic texts or contemporary authors. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**206A. Core Course in Epistemology (4)**

An introduction to central topics in epistemology with emphasis on classic texts or contemporary authors. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**209A. Introduction to Science Studies (4)**

Study and discussion of classic work in history of science, philosophy of science, and of work that attempts to develop a unified science studies approach. Required of all students in the Science Studies Program.

**209B. Seminar in Science Studies (4)**

Study and discussion of selected topics in the science studies field. Required of all students in the Science Studies Program. The topic varies from year to year and students may, therefore, repeat the course for credit. May be taken for credit three times with changed content.

**209C. Colloquium in Science Studies (4)**

A forum for the presentation and discussion of research in progress in science studies, by graduate students, faculty, and visitors. May be taken for credit two times with changed content.

**209D. Advanced Approaches to Science Studies**

Contemporary themes and problems in science studies. Focus on recent literature in the history, philosophy, and sociology of science, technology, and medicine.

**210. Greek Philosophy (4)**

A study of selected texts or topics from the history of Greek philosophy. Usually centers on works by Plato or Aristotle. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**214. Early Modern Philosophy (4)**

A study of selected texts or topics from philosophers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, or Locke. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**215. Eighteenth-Century Philosophy (4)**

A study of selected texts or topics from philosophers of the eighteenth century: for example, Kant or Hume. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**216. Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (4)**

A selective study of major philosophical texts for the period, with emphasis on such figures as Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Mill, and others. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**217. Twentieth-Century European Philosophy (4)**

A study of selected topics in twentieth-century European philosophy as reflected in the major writings



of Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, and others. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**218. Contemporary Analytical Philosophy (4)**

A study of the historical development of the analytical movement, with emphasis on major texts. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**221. Advanced Symbolic Logic (4)**

Topics in mathematical logic and set theory, metatheory, nonstandard logics, and other contemporary developments in logical theory. May be taken for credit five times with changed content.

**222. Philosophy of Logic (4)**

A study of selected issues in the philosophy of logic. The focus may be on contemporary texts or historical works or both. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**230. Metaphysics (4)**

Topics may include identity, personal identity, universals and particulars, modality and possible worlds, causation, reduction, supervenience, freedom and determinism, space and time, and realism versus antirealism. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**232. Epistemology (4)**

This seminar will cover issues such as rival accounts of knowledge, justification, and warrant, traditional and contemporary perspectives on empiricism, rationalism, and pragmatism, and skepticism. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**234. Philosophy of Language (4)**

Central issues in contemporary philosophy of language, such as the nature of linguistic meaning, truth, content, reference, the syntax and semantics of various linguistic constructions, presupposition, speech acts, the epistemology of language understanding and language learning, the mental/psychological basis of linguistic understanding and use. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**236. Philosophy of Mind (4)**

Contemporary debates on the nature, function, and operation of the mental. May include questions about the mind-body relation, mental causation, perception, consciousness, and mental representation. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**245. Philosophy of Science (4)**

This seminar will cover current books and theoretical issues in the philosophy of science. May be taken for credit seven times with changed content.

**247. Philosophy of Biology (4)**

Historical and contemporary perspectives on foundational issues about biology. May include questions about the nature of biological explanation, the relation of biology to chemistry and physics, the status of attributions of function, and the relation of biology to the social sciences. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**250A. Philosophy of the Cognitive Sciences (4)**

Contemporary debates about the study of the mind-brain as studied in one or more of the empirical cognitive sciences. May include questions about the different strategies of explanation invoked, the conceptions of representation employed, the connections between theoretical models developed. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**260. Ethics (4)**

Topics may include metaethics (e.g., the semantics, metaphysics, epistemology, and normativity of ethics), consequentialism and deontology, moral psychology (e.g., freedom, responsibility, and weaknesses of will), or substantive moral problems. The approach may be systematic, historical, or both. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**267. Political Philosophy (4)**

Topics may include the nature and limits of state authority, liberty and equality, distributive justice, liberalism and its critics (e.g., feminists, libertarians, and others), or issues in jurisprudence. The focus may be on classic texts or contemporary authors. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**275. Aesthetics (4)**

An exploration of problems in the philosophy of art, aesthetic experience, and aesthetic judgment within the context of a critical survey of some current aesthetic theories, and their illustrative application in various fields of art. May be taken for credit six times with changed content.

**276. German Translation Workshop (1)**

This course meets weekly to provide training in reading and translating philosophical German. Students prepare in advance written translations of assigned passages. The course helps train graduate students preparing to take the Departmental German Exam. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**277. Phenomenology Reading Group (1-2)**

This course meets biweekly with students reading and presenting material from the phenomenological literature. The course is designed both for students doing active research in phenomenology and for those seeking to gain some familiarity with that tradition. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**278. Topics and Methods in Contemporary Philosophy (1-2)**

Investigation of central issues in contemporary philosophy. Content varies but typically will center on a recent and important philosophical book. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**279. Experimental Philosophy Laboratory (2)**

A weekly forum of presentations, EPL provides a wider range of content than a traditional seminar. Content varies, but the focus is on philosophical problems of mind, representation, language and consciousness through empirical and philosophical methods. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**280. Philosophy of Science Topics and Methods (1-2)**

This course meets weekly to discuss recent books or articles in philosophy of science. The reading is designed both for students doing active research in the field and for those seeking to gain some familiarity with it. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**281. History of Philosophy Research and Methods (1-2)**

This course meets to discuss work in progress in the history of philosophy. Its aim is to introduce understanding of the methods and standards of research in the field through constructive criticism of each other's work. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**282. Topics and Methods in Ethics (1-2)**

Weekly or biweekly meetings to discuss recent literature in ethics, broadly construed so as to include ethical theory, normative ethics, jurisprudence, and historical traditions in these fields. The course is suitable for those specializing in ethics and for those seeking some familiarity with the field. Can be taken nine times for credit with changed content.

**283. Topics and Methods in Political Philosophy (1-2)**

Weekly or biweekly meetings to discuss recent literature in political philosophy and historical tradition of this field. The course is suitable for those specializing in ethics and for those seeking some familiarity with the field.

**285. Seminar on Special Topics (4)**

Focused examination of specific problems or themes in some area of philosophy. May be taken for credit nine times with changed content.

**290. Directed Independent Study (4)**

Supervised study of individually selected philosophical topics. S/U grades permitted.

**292. Writing Workshop (1-3)**

Each enrolled student produces a research essay ready for publication, presents it to students and faculty, and offers critiques of other students' presentations. Units will vary according to enrollment in course. To be taken in fall quarter of third year of philosophy graduate study.

**295. Research Topics (1-12)**

Advanced individual research studies under the direction of a member of the staff. Hours of outside prep. will vary with number of units taken. May be taken for credit nine times with changed content.

**299. Thesis Research (1-12)**

S/U grades permitted.

**500. Apprentice Teaching (1-4)**

A course designed to satisfy the requirement that graduate students should serve as teaching assistants, either in the Department of Philosophy or in one of the writing programs offered by the various colleges. Each Ph.D. candidate must teach the equivalent of quarter time for three academic quarters. Students are permitted to sign up as TAs for a maximum of eighteen quarters.