UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY (COMPLEMENTARY MINOR)



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General Information

A complementary minor is taken in addition to a student's main program. There is no direct admission in a complementary program; the choice is made after admission and registration in a bachelor program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Compulsory courses (24 credits)

» PHI2113 Nature, Science and Philosophy
» PHI2153 Christian Philosophers
» PHI2182 Human Existence
» PHI2184 Philosophy of Religion
» PHI2185 Ethics and Education
» PHI3107 Thomas Aquinas (UO)
» PHI3112 Philosophical Theology
» PHI4114 Process Metaphysics and God

Optional courses (6 credits)

3 credits from:

» PHI1101 Reasoning and Critical Thinking (UO)
» PHI1105 Introduction to Philosophical Reasoning
» PHI1110 Elementary Logic

3 credits from:

» PHI2380 Greek Philosophy or the Birth of Philosophy (UO)
» PHI2382 Medieval Philosophy (UO)
» PHI2383 Modern Philosophy (UO)
» PHI2386 Existentialism (UO)
» PHI2389 Asian Philosophy (UO)
» PHI3105 Phenomenology (UO)
» PHI3152 Philosophical Hermeneutics
» PHI3377 Continental Contemporary Philosophy (UO)
» THO2315 Ethics and Human Person

Some courses have specific prerequisites.

A course that is part of a bachelor degree or a major cannot count as an optional course toward a minor.

COURSES

PHI 1101 - REASONING AND CRITICAL THINKING (UO)

Development of fundamental skills in reasoning and critical thinking through the study of argument types, logical structures, criteria used in the evaluation of arguments, and forms of fallacious reasoning.

PHI 1105 - INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL THINKING

Explores the various sides of Critical Thinking: the nature of arguments, common errors in reasoning as well as evaluating evidence and information. Enables students to acquire and develop research and writing skills.

PHI 1110 - ELEMENTARY LOGIC

This course is a general introduction to logic. The course introduces students to such basic logical concepts as deduction, induction, validity and invalidity, fallacy, the relation of language to logic, and problems arising from workaday, rhetorical forms of argument.

PHI 2113 - NATURE, SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

Difference between philosophy of nature and the science of nature. The history of philosophical reflection on nature. The individuation of beings; the relationship between matter and life; the nature of the consciousness in relation to the body, the problem of finality in nature. Impact on environmental ethics and bioethics.

PHI 2153 - CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS

Great Christian philosophers. Relationships between faith and reason.The reciprocal influence of theology and philosophy on one another.

PHI 2182 - PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Study of different philosophical conceptions of the human being.

PHI 2184 - PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Philosophers and religion. Questions raised by the scientific study of religion in the contemporary period. Contributions of linguistic analysis to the study of the expressions of religious faith.

PHI 2185 - ETHICS AND EDUCATION

Examination of the philosophical and psychological research on the formation of ethical judgments. Relationships between judgment, feeling, and moral action. Examination of how various learning theories can be incorporated into teaching ethics to children, how ethics may be taught to children both inside and outside a religious context. Education as a pillar of democratic citizenship.

PHI 2380 - GREEK PHILOSOPHY OR THE BIRTH OF PHILOSOPHY (UO)

The birth of philosophy in Ancient Greece and its development, from the 6th to the 4th century B.C. Introduction to the originality and specificity of philosophical discourse through the study of Heraclitus, Parmenides, Empedocles, Anaxagoras, Democritus, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

Also offered as CLA2380.

PHI 2382 - PHILOSOPHY IN THE MIDDLE AGES (UO)

Introduction to major thinkers of the fifth to fourteenth centuries (Augustine to Ockham) and to some of the great questions of the era, concerning such matters as the nature of universals, of knowledge, and of the mind. Particular attention is paid to developments in epistemology and metaphysics.

PHI 2383 - MODERN PHILOSOPHY (UO)

Introduction to major philosophers, from Descartes to Kant, and philosophical systems (Rationalism, Empiricism) of the 17th and 18th centuries, with emphasis on developments in epistemology and metaphysics.

PHI 2386 - EXISTENTIALISM (UO)

Study of a philosophical tradition which has shaped contemporary thought. Existentialism questions the idea of human nature and emphasizes subjectivity, consciousness, freedom, finitude and the meaning of human existence. Readings from philosophers such as Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Jaspers, Sartre, Camus and Merleau-Ponty.

PHI 2389 - ASIAN PHILOSOPHY (UO)

Study of some of the basic principles and themes of Asian traditions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism.

PHI 3105 - PHENOMENOLOGY (UO)

Phenomenology as the attempt to overcome the distinction between appearance and reality by going back to the things themselves and by developing a new descriptive method. Study of texts from the precursors, Husserl, and his legacy, from Heidegger to French phenomenology.

Prerequisites: 12 PHI credits, including PHI 2383.

PHI 3107 - THOMAS AQUINAS

Life, intellectual context, and philosophical thought of Thomas Aquinas. Study of selected texts.

PHI 3112 - PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY

The philosophical question of God. The problem of the existence of God. The proofs of existence of God. Divine being and divine attributes. God and History. God and Evil. God and Human Freedom.

PHI 3152 - PHILOSOPHICAL HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutics of the Enlightenment and birth of the modern hermeneutical paradigm in relationship with the history of ideas and the theological preoccupations.

PHI 3377 - CONTEMPORARY CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY (UO)

Survey of the major trends in 20th-century European philosophy: existentialism, phenomenology, hermeneutics, critical theory, structuralism, and poststructuralist.

Prerequisites: 15 PHI credits, including PHI 2383.

PHI 4114 - PROCESS METAPHYSICS AND GOD

The relationship between process metaphysics and metaphysics with a special focus on the development of process thought and its relationship to God as primarily a 20th-century phenomenon

Prerequisite: PHI 3112.

THO 2315 - BEING HUMAN

What is ethics? Introduction to the key ethical ideas that shape our lives. Ethical riches of the Christian tradition to understand ourselves and our responsibilities to other persons.