UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

B.A. SPÉCIALISÉ EN ÉTHIQUE PUBLIQUE POUR LES DIPLÔMÉS EN TECHNIQUES D'ÉDUCATION SPÉCIALISÉE DU COLLÈGE BORÉAL



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TEACHING STAFF

BEAUVAIS, Chantal, Rector
Edith Stein, Ethics

CHANDRA SHUKLA, Rajesh, Professor
Ethics and political philosophy; public policy; environmental ethics; and Karma theory.

CLOUTIER, Sophie, Professor
Research in environmental and medical ethics, political philosophy of Hannah Arendt, genetics and religion

FEIST, Richard, Professor
Ethics; metaphysics; phenomenology; philosophy of science and mathematics, process philosophy (especially Alfred North Whitehead)

LANOIX, Monique, Professor
Ethics; bioethics; feminist philosophy; social and political philosophy, continental philosophy.

MCLENNAN, Matthew, Professor
Social and political philosophy; philosophical anthropology; continental philosophy; ethics; vulnerability/precarity

PAQUETTE, Julie, Associate Professor
Modern and Contemporary Political Thought, Critical Thinking on New Forms of Fascism (Pier Paolo Pasolini), Theory of Abjuration, State of Exception / Scandal and Transgression studies, Dissensus / Consensus, Art and Politics (theater, litterature, cinema)

PERRON, Louis, Professor
Contemporary continental philosophy; Phenomenology and hermanentics; Jean Ladrière; Ethics

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Formation disciplinaire (48 crédits)

Cours obligatoires (39 crédits)

- » PHI1505 Introduction à la pensée philosophique
- » PHI2510 Méthodologie en philosophie et éthique OU IPA2522 Méthodes de recherche et éthique en sciences humaines
- » PHI2511 Histoire de l'éthique
- » PHI2541 Fondements de la démocratie et de la gouvernance
- » PHI2542 Pensée critique et politique de John Stuart Mill
- » PHI2543 Pensée critique et politique de Kant
- » PHI2544 Pensée critique et politique d'Aristote
- » PHI2582 L'existence humaine
- » PHI3532 Problématiques politiques contemporaines
- » PHI3707 Éthique et multiculturalisme
- » PHI3708 Éthique et politique
- » PHI4521 Éthique appliquée
- » PHI4581 Séminaire en éthique

Cours optionnels (9 crédits)

9 crédits parmi?:

- » PHI3533 Éthiques féministes
- » PHI3709 Éthique et religion
- » PHI3901 Stage 1
- » PHI4512 Justice sociale
- » PHI4555 Thèmes choisis en philosophie politique II
- » PHI4901 Stage 2

Cours au choix? (12 crédits)

COURSES

HTP 1102 - APPROACHES IN THE HUMANITIES: INTERPRETING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

Introduction to theoretical approaches in the Humanities and to the methods that are applied to interpret the multiple expressions of human experience, particularly those expressed in important works of art and literature.

HTP 1103 - PEOPLE, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY

Social and ecological challenges facing humanity today, and related issues of social justice. These questions will be examined from a perspective of community building and efforts towards ecological and social transformations for a hopeful future.

HTP 1105 - CRITICAL ANALYSIS, READING AND WRITING ACADEMIC WORKS

Development of abilities to read critically and understand academic works. Focus on formal writing skills: techniques of clear expression and construction of texts, argument development and organization. This course also includes a library laboratory component with focus on research skills, citations, and academic integrity.

HTP 1106 - THE FIRST PEOPLES IN CANADA

Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives on the First Peoples in Canada, cultural diversity, traditional practices and beliefs, relationship with the environment, changing roles and structures influenced by colonization. Contemporary issues faced by First Nations, Métis and Inuit, including cultural genocide and trauma.

ISC 2306 - MEDIA AND ETHICS

Constitutive elements of ethical behavior. Basic ethical criteria in media communication. Rights in communication situations. Deontology codes in use in several institutions. Case analysis in media praxis: persuasion communication and fiction.

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 2111 - HISTORY OF WESTERN ETHICS

When offered, this course would take one of the following three forms: I. Ancient and Medieval Ethics: Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman Ethics. Selection from Plato's Dialogues, and Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Selection from the Epicureans, Stoics, Neoplatonists, and Aquinas. II. Early Modern Ethics: Renaissance Humanists, Hobbes, Descartes, Spinoza, Locke, and Hume. III. Post-Kantian Ethics. Selections from Hegel, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, J.S. Mill, T.H. Green. Selections from Moore, the positivists and post-modernists. Western ethics may be compared and contrasted to selected non-Western traditions.

PHI 2121 - ETHICS AND NEW BIOTECHNOLOGIES

Impact of robotics and new technologies on the patient-healthcare practitioner relationship, medical interventions, the manner in which we perceive our own bodies, and transhumanism.

PHI 2141 - FUNDAMENTALS OF DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

Study of the fundamentals of democracy and governance, and of its principal thinkers and critics, starting from Plato. Distinction between ancient and modern forms of democracy. Overview of the principles of political liberalism underpinning contemporary democracies. Comparison between democracy and other forms of government. Study of different models of governance and of the implications of a managerial conception of politics.

PHI 2142 - UTILITARIAN ETHICS

General history of utilitarianism, with readings from main thinkers in the tradition from its beginnings up to the present day (Bentham, Mill, Sidgwick, Singer, Lazari-Radek). Study of applied dimensions of this approach, as well as of its limitations.

PHI 2143 - DEONTOLOGICAL ETHICS

General history of deontology, with readings from main thinkers in this tradition from its beginnings up to the present day (Kant, Ross, O'Neill). Study of applied dimensions of this approach, as well as of its limitations.

PHI 2144 - VIRTUE ETHICS

General history of virtue ethics, with readings from main thinkers in this tradition from its beginnings to the present day (Aristotle, MacIntyre, Nussbaum, non-western perspectives). Study of applied dimensions of this approach, as well as of its limitations.

PHI 2146 - SOCIAL JUSTICE

Explores, from the perspective of social justice theories, issues such as social inequalities, poverty, refugees, war, and environmental degradation. Examines criticisms of this perspective.

PHI 2181 - HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

Study of the traditional, universalist, approach to knowledge as well as contemporary standpoint approaches, such as feminist and postmodernist.

PHI 2182 - PHILOSOPHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Study of different philosophical conceptions of the human being.

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 3129 - ETHICS, AI AND BIG DATA

Study of emerging ethical issues and dilemmas prompted by the Internet and related technologies. Range of topics that could include privacy, cyber-bullying, algorithms governance, control society, accessibility issues, and the monetization of data. Foundations of artificial intelligence, and ethical and public policy issues linked to emerging and possible artificial intelligence technologies.

PHI 3133 - FEMINIST ETHICS

Examination of the development of critical theories and new ethical models in different feminist currents. How these ethics take into consideration the marginalized voices of oppressed groups.

PHI 3134 - ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL ETHICS

Explores ethical issues concerning non-human animals and the environment, such as harvesting non-human animals for food production and the social problems arising from global warming.

PHI 3307 - ETHICS, MULTICULTURALISM AND IMMIGRATION

This course examines the relation of ethics, multiculturalism, and immigration, studies the questions regarding the possibility of a multicultural ethics, and addresses the issues and debates arising from cultural relativism and identity politics in the functioning of modern societies.

PHI 3308 - ETHICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Ethical issues relating to the public sector. Definitions of the common good and of public service. Study of the role of public policy in the functioning of various states and governments, and the implications of their coherence or conflict in the social, political and economic realms.

PHI 3309 - ETHICS AND RELIGION

This course examines the philosophical foundations of various ethical and religious traditions and addresses the possibility of their convergence in modern liberal societies.

PHI 3383 - CONSERVATISM AND LIBERTARIANISM

Explores the various kinds of conservative and libertarian philosophies with an emphasis on their differing views on the nature of truth and reason. Investigates conservative and libertarian critiques of social justice.

PHI 3385 - MARX AND MARXIAN TRADITIONS

Analysis of Marxist theories as well as non-western and recent post-marxist interpretations and their mobilization in thinking through oppression and power relationships.

PHI 3901 - INTERNSHIP I

A minimum of 130 hours professionally supervised in an environment that includes a component of public ethics or analysis of public policies. The internship incorporates a cumulative reflective practice component in order to encourage the critical integration of theory and practice. The internship culminates in the writing of a detailed practicum report. Prerequisite: 24 PHI credits with a cumulative grade point average of 8.0. Graded S/NS.

PHI 4119 - ETHICS, WAR AND TERRORISM

Analysis of ethical, political, and public policy dimensions of armed conflict in a global era: just war theory, humanitarian intervention, war and diplomacy, emerging military technologies, torture, detainment, state of exception, and human rights.

PHI 4121 - APPLIED ETHICS IN ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXTS

Analysis of ethical issues emerging in organizational contexts. Case studies to demonstrate how ethical decisions are made on the ground.

PHI 4155 - SELECTED TOPICS IN ETHICS AND POLITICS

Study of a particular topic, thinker or tradition. Critical analysis of the link between ethics and politics.

PHI 4181 - RESEARCH PROJECT

Writing of a major research project. Application of what the student has learned over the course of the B.A. to a topic of his or her own interest.

PHI 4313 - ETHICS AND DISABILITY

Analyzes models of disability from medical to social and political models. Critically investigates the implications of these models for the social construction of individuals as disabled.

PHI 4901 - INTERNSHIP II

A minimum of 130 hours under professional supervision in a work environment related to ethics. The student develops a clearly defined research project integrating his or her theoretical knowledge. The internship culminates in the writing of a practicum report detailing the outcomes of the project while integrating a critical reflection on theory and practice. Prerequisite: PHI3901 Internship I. Graded S/NS.

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