PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/).

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<td>Description: Selected writings by important philosophers (e.g., Plato, Aristotle), illustrating their problems, methods, and conclusions. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Study of central philosophical problems using literary and cinematic works, as well as traditional philosophical texts. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Survey of historical canonical contributions to western philosophy juxtaposed with minority voices to understand how social, economic, and cultural situatedness affect bodies of knowledge. Note: Cross-listed with WGST 207 and PAS 207. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Introduction to philosophical problems, philosophers, and methods through works of science fiction. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Introduction to and practice in methods of critical thinking, including argument identification, construction and revision; assessment of evidence; and critique of reasoning. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Critical studies of the treatment of sex in various moral philosophies, including a survey of classical viewpoints, but emphasizing contemporary writings. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Students in this course will develop and exercise their critical thinking capacity and knowledge of ethics as understood in western philosophy through exploring history, topics, and ways of thinking about ethics. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Moral aspects of current medical, legal, political, environmental and social problems and of the presuppositions contained in their various solutions. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: Analysis of moral problems that arise in contemporary business practice and of the different ethical frameworks proposed to resolve them. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Description: A course where philosophy majors can engage in dialogue about the nature of philosophy, the practice of philosophy, and how philosophy can promote life-long success and well being. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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PHIL 301. Ancient Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Description: Greek and Roman philosophy from the pre-Socratics through the neo-Platonists.  
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PHIL 302. Medieval Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only  
Description: European philosophy from Augustine to the Renaissance.  
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PHIL 303. Modern Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only  
Description: European philosophy from the Renaissance through Kant.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 304. Philosophy and the Americas  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Description: This course surveys traditions of philosophical thought developed in North America and Latin America, from early Maya and Aztec civilizations to the present. It explores modes of thinking and ways of doing philosophy that are responsive to the unique problems of origins, migration, colonization, democracy, and race in the Americas. Many of these actively reject distinctions between academic writing, poetry, and activism. In particular, the course focuses on traditions of engaged philosophy that seek to develop new epistemological, moral, political, and aesthetic theories that capture the challenges and particularities of life in the Americas.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 305. Selected Topics  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or faculty consent; other prerequisites determined by the instructor, depending on topic.  
Description: Examination of a selected topic in Philosophy.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 306. Nineteenth-Century Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Description: Major developments in European philosophy in the nineteenth century.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 307. Twentieth-Century Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Spring Only  
Description: Major developments in European philosophy in the twentieth century.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 308. Social and Political Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Description: Classical and contemporary philosophies of society and the state, individual in society, and social change. Philosophical analysis of such concepts as justice, revolution, freedom, and duty.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 311. Introduction to Logic  
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer  
Description: Introduction to formal and informal techniques of argument analysis, with emphasis on applications to ordinary language.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 315. Asian Philosophy - AH, D2  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Description: This course explores a variety of philosophical questions discussed in work by Indian, Chinese, and Japanese philosophers (as well as their commentators), including: What is real, what is the nature of things, and what is the self? How do we know what we know? What is right, and what is wrong? What is human nature like, and how fixed is it? How should we live, especially in light of human mortality?  
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PHIL 318. Philosophy and Feminism - D1, AH  
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only  
Description: An examination of philosophical issues involved in feminism, including classical, but emphasizing contemporary discussions.  
Note: Cross-listed with WGST 360.

PHIL 319. Philosophy of Race and Racism - AH, D1  
Term Typically Offered: Spring, Summer  
Description: A critical examination of philosophical issues involved in interdisciplinary inquiries into race and racism.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 320. Death  
Term Typically Offered: Spring, Summer  
Description: Critical studies of the treatment of death in major philosophies, including a survey of classical viewpoints, but emphasizing contemporary writings.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 321. Ethics  
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer  
Description: Main theoretical frameworks for systematically addressing questions about moral obligation and the good life. Additional topics may include responsibility, virtue, justice, law and morality, relativism, evil, and reasons to be moral.  
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<td>Medical Ethics</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring, Summer</td>
<td>Analysis of codes of ethics and concepts of ethical practice in the profession of medicine; historical developments, contemporary problems, and case studies.</td>
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<td>PHIL 325.</td>
<td>Feminist Medical Ethics</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Analysis of codes of ethics and concepts of ethical practice in the profession of medicine through a feminist framework; historical developments, contemporary problems, and case studies.</td>
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<td>PHIL 328.</td>
<td>Environmental Ethics</td>
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<td>Fall Odd Years</td>
<td>Examination of the moral status of the natural environment and ethical problems of human/environment interaction.</td>
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<td>PHIL 331.</td>
<td>Philosophy of the Arts</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>The nature of art, appreciation, and criticism, with emphasis on contemporary discussions.</td>
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<td>PHIL 341.</td>
<td>Philosophy of Language - WR</td>
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<td>Fall Only</td>
<td>Philosophical problems concerning language, such as meaning, use, reference, private language, and their interrelation.</td>
<td>Cross-listed with LING 341.</td>
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<td>PHIL 345.</td>
<td>Philosophy of Religion</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Problems concerning religious knowledge, the existence and nature of God, and human destiny.</td>
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<td>PHIL 350.</td>
<td>Philosophy of Law</td>
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<td>Occasionally Offered</td>
<td>Theory of law and philosophical problems arising from the existence and practice of law as developed in the major philosophical traditions in the West.</td>
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<td>PHIL 356.</td>
<td>Knowledge &amp; Reality - WR</td>
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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>Study of such fundamental concepts as truth, knowledge, being, existence, substance, process, change, space, time, eternity, matter, mind, self, value, and cause.</td>
<td>Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).</td>
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<td>PHIL 357.</td>
<td>Personal Identity and the Self</td>
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<td>Philosophical analysis of metaphysical, existential, social and postmodern concepts of personal identity, drawing from classical and contemporary sources.</td>
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<td>PHIL 358.</td>
<td>Mind and Brain</td>
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<td>Occasionally Offered</td>
<td>Introduction to the philosophy of cognitive science, esp. cognition and intelligence, synthesizing research from cognitive psychology, computer science, linguistics, neuroscience and contemporary philosophy.</td>
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<td>PHIL 360.</td>
<td>Humanizing Technology - AH</td>
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<td>This course will explore the philosophical dimensions of technology by analyzing the nature of technology through multiple critical lenses.</td>
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<td>PHIL 385.</td>
<td>Introduction to Existentialism</td>
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<td>Occasionally Offered</td>
<td>A broad survey of existential thought as expressed in philosophical and literary sources.</td>
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<td>PHIL 398.</td>
<td>Senior Honors Seminar</td>
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<td>Seminar devoted to the intensive investigation of a major substantive or theoretical area within the field of philosophy.</td>
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PHIL 399. Senior Honors Seminar - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing; admission to department Honors Program.
Description: Seminar devoted to the intensive investigation of a major substantive or theoretical area within the field of philosophy.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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PHIL 401. Philosophy Internship 3 Units
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Description: Application of academic training in an organizational context. Faculty consent required.
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PHIL 412. Symbolic Logic 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: Semantic and syntactic methods for first-order propositional and predicate logic.
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PHIL 499. Senior Honors Thesis - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Prerequisite(s): Senior standing; admission to department Honors Program.
Description: An intensive examination of a topical area in philosophy undertaken with a designated faculty director.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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PHIL 501. Independent Study 1-3 Units
Description: Opportunity for the student, under the supervision of a sponsoring faculty member, to pursue individualized study related to research or practice that is not included in regular courses in the curriculum.
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PHIL 502. Philosophy Capstone Seminar - CUE 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): 24 hours of PHIL courses; major in Philosophy.
Description: Seminar with variable content consisting in sustained and rigorous primary philosophical study and reflection; required of all philosophy majors as close to graduation as feasible.
Course Attribute(s): CUE - This course fulfills the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status.

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PHIL 505. Selected Topics 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): To be determined by instructor, in the light of the topic chosen for that semester.
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PHIL 512. Advanced Symbolic Logic 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 412 or consent of instructor.
Description: Topics in the theory and application of modern logic.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 516. African-American Philosophy 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 205 or PHIL 303 or PHIL 304.
Description: Analysis of works and theories of major recent and contemporary African-American philosophers within the themes of Pan-African debates.
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 516.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 518. Feminist Philosophical Literature 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing.
Description: Examination of central works by feminist philosophers in such subdisciplines as ethics, political philosophy, and epistemology.
Note: Cross-listed with WGST 560.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 519. Topics in Philosophy of Race and Racism 3 Units
Description: Focused examination of philosophical issues involved in interdisciplinary inquiries into the nature and functioning of race and racism.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
PHIL 521. Ethical Theory - WR 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): One course in ethics or consent of instructor.
Description: Recent developments in ethical theory, such as examinations of the status of moral facts; moral realism; impartiality and personal attachments; or moral agency.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).

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PHIL 528. Philosophy of Mind 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Two semesters of philosophy or consent of instructor.
Description: Philosophical analysis of contemporary theories about the mind.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 529. Philosophy of Emotions 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): One course in philosophy or consent of instructor.
Description: Philosophical studies in the nature, interrelations, and moral and aesthetic value of specific emotions, such as pride, shame, guilt, regret, jealousy, envy, resentment, anger, hate, contempt, love, joy, happiness, contentment.
Note: Cross-listed with PHIL 629.

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PHIL 531. Aesthetics 3 Units
Description: An examination of philosophical theories of art, works of art, creative activity, and aesthetic experience, from Plato to the present.
Note: Credit may not be earned for both PHIL 531 and PHIL 631.

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PHIL 535. Political Philosophy 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Two courses in philosophy and/or political science.
Description: The main concepts of contemporary political thought: rights, law, power, ideology, legitimacy, democracy, tyranny, the state, and justice, with the focus on the topic of political action in both its individual and collective forms.
Note: Credit may not be earned for both PHIL 535 and PHIL 635.

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PHIL 536. Philosophy of Science 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Two courses in philosophy and two courses in biology, chemistry, physics, or geology or consent of instructor.
Description: Critical analysis of methodological, valuational, and metaphysical problems in the natural and social sciences.
Note: Cross-listed with BETH 636.

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PHIL 538. Critical Social Theory 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Description: A critical examination of interdisciplinary theories that seek to understand and explain social formations while at the same time uncovering ways that such formations can be unjust and irrational.
Note: Cross-listed with SCHG 538.

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PHIL 540. Epistemology - WR 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or consent of instructor.
Description: Conceptual and historical background to analysis of knowledge claims; intensive study of theoretical approaches to knowledge, such as naturalized epistemology, socialized epistemology, feminist epistemology, postmodern critiques of normative conceptions of knowledge.
Note: Approved for the Arts and Sciences upper-level requirement in written communication (WR).
Note: Credit may not be earned for both PHIL 540 and PHIL 640.

For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 545. Topics in Philosophy of Religion 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring Odd Years
Description: Philosophy of religion is the branch of philosophy that discusses the nature and existence of transcendent being and its implications for us. What can reason alone tell us about such matters? Various issues for discussion: what religious belief is, religious experiences, relation of faith and reason, divine attributes, evidence for/against existence of God, possibility of miracles, immortality, language about God, religion and science, religious diversity, religion and morality.
Note: Cross-listed with PHIL 645.

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PHIL 553. Plato and Platonism 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 301 or consent of instructor.
Description: Plato's dialogues, and the course of Platonist thought through Plotinus and the Christian philosophers, to modern times. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 554. Aristotle and Aristotelianism 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 301 or consent of instructor.
Description: Aristotle's basic works and their influence on St. Thomas Aquinas and others in the Middle Ages. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)
PHIL 557. African Philosophy  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 301, or PHIL 302, or PHIL 303, or PHIL 304.  
Description: Descriptive and analytical introduction to the ideas and themes in African philosophy through careful readings of texts which address a cluster of topics.  
Note: Cross-listed with PAS 557.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 572. Phenomenology  
Prerequisite(s): PHIL 303 or consent of instructor.  
Description: The development of the phenomenological method and its use from Husserl to the present.  
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PHIL 573. Existentialism  
Prerequisite(s): Two semesters of philosophy or consent of instructor.  
Description: The thought of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Jaspers, Sartre, Marcel, and others, and its significance.  
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PHIL 580. Foundations of Bioethics  
Prerequisite(s): One Philosophy course at 300-level or above, or consent of instructor.  
Description: Grounding in the major theories and methods of bioethical decision-making, including contemporary controversies about the role of theory, principles, cases, narrative, and virtues.  
Note: Cross-listed with BETH 680.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

PHIL 581. Current Controversies in Health Care Ethics  
Prerequisite(s): One Philosophy course at 300-level or above, or consent of instructor.  
Description: Topics in health care ethics currently attracting the most attention in both professional and public discussions. A variety of viewpoints on these topics will be considered.  
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PHIL 582. Health and Social Justice  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Prerequisite(s): Admission into Bioethics MA program, or consent of instructor.  
Description: An interdisciplinary approach to a wide array of issues pertaining to health and health care that arise at the intersection of gender, race, sex, disability, class, and culture.  
Note: Cross-listed with PHIL 682, WGST 682, BETH 682, WGST 582.  
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PHIL 583. Health Care, Justice & Community  
Prerequisite(s): One Philosophy course at 300-level or above, or consent of instructor.  
Description: Examines theories of justice and equality as they apply to issues in health care delivery, considers explanations for why disparities exist, and the practical ways that communities have addressed inequalities.  
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PHIL 590. Fundamentals of Diversity  
Term Typically Offered: Occasionally Offered  
Description: This course will provide an overview of the theory and practice of diversity. Diversity is understood as the many sociocultural differences between individuals and the differences that those differences make for those individuals. In this course, we will explore the historical context of oppression, the oppression framework for understanding diversity, privilege, social identity, the role of the body in diversity, stereotypes, and the personal experiences of both those who are oppressed and those who are privileged. Students will also have a substantial opportunity to examine how these general themes impact their particular area of study, work, or interest.  
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