

PHILOSOPHY

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF SUDBURY

COURSES OFFERED ON CAMPUS IN ENGLISH IN 2020 – 2021

PHIL 1115 Introduction to Philosophy

Dr. Paolo Biondi, University of Sudbury (Fall & Winter),
Monday and Thursday 11:30am – 12:50pm

Dr. Normand Raymond, University of Sudbury (Fall & Winter),
Monday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

This course provides an introduction to philosophy by helping students formulate ultimate questions whose answers guide our lives, such as: What is the meaning of life? What is truth? How should I behave? What is beauty? Who am I? Students have the opportunity to think reflectively about such questions by exploring and evaluating critically the writings of influential philosophers of the past and of our own day. (6 cr.)

PHIL 2266 Philosophy and Literature

Dr. Normand Raymond, University of Sudbury (Fall),
Tuesday 1:00pm – 2:20pm and Thursday 2:30pm – 3:50pm

This course examines the rich relationship of literature and philosophy. It covers topics such as defining features of literary forms (e.g., drama, tragedy, comedy); literature and truth; vicarious experience; literature and interpretation; and literary works as a source important philosophical insight (e.g., Dostoevsky, Kafka, Beckett, Sartre, Camus). (3 cr.)

PHIL 2326 The Empiricists, from Locke to Hume

Dr. Paolo Biondi, University of Sudbury (Fall), Tuesday and Friday 11:30am – 12:50pm

This course introduces the main authors of 17th and 18th century empiricism, according to which the primary source of knowledge is experience. The course focuses on Locke, Berkeley and Hume, and examines their innovations in epistemology, metaphysics and moral philosophy. (3 cr.). Students may not retain credit for both PHIL 2326 and 2325.

PHIL 2327 The Rationalists, from Descartes to Leibniz

Dr. Paolo Biondi, University of Sudbury (Fall), Monday and Thursday 10:00am – 11:20am

This course introduces the main authors of 17th century rationalism, according to which valid knowledge stems from irrefutable a priori principles. The course focuses on Descartes, Spinoza, Malebranche and Leibniz, and examines their innovations in epistemology, metaphysics and moral philosophy. (3 cr.). Students may not retain credit for both PHIL 2327 and PHIL 2325.

PHIL 2345 Bioethics: Human Life Issues

Dr. Real Fillion, University of Sudbury (Fall & Winter),
Wednesday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

This course examines current controversies about the benefits and dangers to human life arising from recent developments in the biomedical sciences. Special attention is given to issues in the reproductive technologies, genetics, the care of the terminally ill, AIDS, research with human subjects, and to questions of abortion and euthanasia. Comprehensive understanding of the issues at stake and ability to evaluate the positions taken in these controversies define the aims of the course. (6 cr.). Students may not retain credit for both PHIL 2345 & RLST 2345 and PHIL 3346.

PHIL 2506 Critical Thinking

Dr. Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury (Fall), Tuesday & Thursday 4:00pm – 5:20pm

This course aims to develop interpretive and evaluative skills, and dispositions that are useful for both education and professional life. Various aspects of language and reasoning are studied to evaluate arguments and explanations from a variety of contexts. (3 cr.). Students may not retain credit for both PHIL 2506 and PHIL 2505.

PHIL 2616 Philosophical Anthropology

Dr. Lucien Pelletier, University of Sudbury (Winter), Monday and Wednesday 4:00pm – 5:20pm

This course examines such themes as: the relation of self and language to embodiment, emotions and rationality; nature and culture; the genesis of institutions (family, religion, art, state, economy, etc.) and their role in the constitution of the self; the value systems of different cultures; and the impact of modern technology on identity and values. (3 cr.).

PHIL 2626 Philosophy of the Social Sciences

Dr. Real Fillion, University of Sudbury (Fall), Monday and Wednesday 4:00pm – 5:20pm

Topics include: social sciences compared with natural sciences; objectivity in social science; what it means to study human behaviour impersonally; facts and values; the individual and the institution; structures and change in society; individualism and the social self; the sociological critique of philosophy and the philosophical critique of sociology. (3 cr.). One course in social science (may be taken concurrently), or department's permission.

COURSES OFFERED ON CAMPUS IN ENGLISH IN 2020 - 2021 (CONTINUED)

PHIL 2876 Business Ethics

Dr. Denis Hurtubise, Laurentian University (Fall), Tuesday & Friday 10:00am - 11:20am

This course explores ethical issues which arise in the management of a modern corporation, such as the goals and functions of the firm, corporate social responsibility, conflicts between personnel, organizational and societal values, international and environmental issues, and the firm's duties to workers, consumers and other stakeholders. (3 cr.).

PHIL 2877 Professional Ethics

Dr. Michael Yeo, Laurentian University (Winter), Tuesday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

The aim of this course is to explore ethical issues, which arise in the conduct of the professions. It will examine the notion of a profession itself and the role of technical /scientific expert knowledge in modern society. Professions considered will be drawn primarily from medicine and health care, the law, engineering, social work and psychological counselling. (3 cr.).

PHIL 3036 Indigenous and Western Philosophies

Dr. Real Filion, University of Sudbury (Winter), Monday and Thursday 10:00am – 11:20am

This course examines indigenous ways of thinking and how they relate to western philosophies. Themes and questions that may be explored include cosmogony and cosmology, the natural environment, epistemology and knowledge systems, rights and law, the relationship between an individual and the community, land and property, education, mind and body, science and belief, reason and spirituality. (3 cr.).

PHIL 3217 Philosophy of Nature and Environment

Dr. Brett Buchanan, Laurentian University (Fall), Monday and Thursday 11:30am – 12:50pm

This course examines the concepts of nature and the environment from a range of philosophical perspectives. Themes may include: social, cultural, ethical, and political constructions of nature and the environment; history of the concept of nature; ecocriticism; human/other than human/posthuman nature; animal studies; biotechnology; natural and urban environments; and environmental aesthetics, space, and architecture. (3 cr.).

PHIL 3346 Bioethics for Health Providers

Dr. Gillian Crozier, Laurentian University (Fall), Thursday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

This course examines ethical issues faced by healthcare providers that arise in relation to scientific and technological advances, social and cultural changes, and inter professional relationships. The course uses a case study approach, teaching students how to analyze and resolve ethical issues by applying ethical theories and concepts. (3 cr.). Students may not retain credit for both PHIL/RLST 2345 & PHIL 3346.

PHIL 3406 Hegel

Dr. Real Filion, University of Sudbury (Fall), Tuesday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

This course introduces students to the philosophy of Hegel through a study of selections from key texts, including "Phenomenology of Spirit". Hegel's philosophy is situated in its historical context. (3 cr.).

PHIL 3426 Nietzsche

Dr. Michael Yeo, Laurentian University (Fall), Tuesday 7:00pm – 9:50pm

This course introduces students to the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche through a study of selections from key texts. The major themes of Nietzsche's philosophy, including the will to power, the overman, and the eternal return is examined. Nietzsche's philosophy is situated in its historical context. (3 cr.).

PHIL 3496 Phenomenology

Dr. Real Filion, University of Sudbury (Winter), Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm – 6:50pm

This course examines the main texts of the phenomenological movement, which involved fundamentally rethinking the nature of consciousness, embodiment, and the relationship between consciousness and the world. Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, and Merleau Ponty are among the authors considered. Fundamental notions such as intentionality, constitution, ontology, existence, epoch, reduction, and perception are examined. (3 cr.).

PHIL 4006 / HUMA 5256 Honours Seminars: Text & Environment

Dr. Brett Buchanan, Laurentian University (Fall), Tuesday & Friday 11:30am – 12:50pm

This Honours Seminar will examine different approaches to what it means to think in the 20th and 21st centuries. We will look at a number of philosophers, writers, and poets, who have asked the question "what does it mean to think?," "what is thinking?," and "what does it mean to think like [a human, a plant, an animal, a forest, a mountain, a stone]?", particularly as concerns social, political, and environmental crises. (3 cr.).

PHIL 4007 / HUMA 5236 Honours Seminars: Text & Culture: Cosmotology & Culture

Dr. Alain Beaulieu, Laurentian University (Winter), Wednesday 7:00pm - 9:50pm

This seminar will present the history of the philosophy of cosmology and explore the importance of cosmological ideas in the humanities, including literature, music, and visual art. The seminar will also integrate some basic references to scientific theories in cosmology. We will discuss such topics as complexity, harmony of the spheres, science-fiction, and cosmic art. (3 cr.).

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