

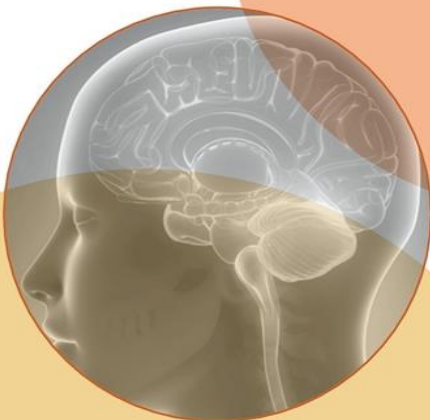
On-Campus Philosophy Classes



Oregon State
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Fall 2020

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We're in this together.**



OSU Philosophy Classes Offered On-Campus FALL 2020

PHL 121 Reasoning and Writing 3 cr. CSW2, TTh 12pm-1:20pm **Stenberg**

This course is an introduction to logical reasoning useful for practical analysis of arguments in everyday contexts such as identifying fake news and navigating social media. We will study argument structure, meaning, informal fallacies, analogical and scientific reasoning, causation, probabilities, and statistical inference.

PHL 150 Great Ideas: Knowledge and Reality 3 cr. CPWC, LACH, TuTh 2pm-3:20pm **Leibowitz**

Who is a knower and according to whom? What's collective about building knowledge and what's individualized? How are philosophies about knowing connected to social justice? How are philosophies about knowing connected to my experience? How is science based on philosophies of knowing? What's wrong with conspiracy theories? Can Artificial Intelligence know anything?

PHL 150 Great Ideas: Star Trek and Philosophy 3 cr. CPWC, LACH, TTh 4pm-5:20pm **Orosco**

Explore how the Star Trek Universe can help us think about the ethical dimensions of AI, genetic technology, war, pandemics, and building a better future.

PHL 160 Quests for Meaning: World Religions 4 cr. CPWC, LACH, MW 10am-11:40pm **Arnold**

World Religions explores many of the major religious traditions of the world, finding points of commonality as well as significant differences. The course also features in depth case studies of particular religious phenomenon, including twentieth century Roman Catholic women, Buddhist Yogācāra philosophy, and late twentieth century voodoo. Overall, the course introduces students to not only the basic ideas and beliefs of these traditions, but also to the ways in which those ideas play out in the lives of real people.

PHL 160 Quests for Meaning: World Religions 4 cr. CPWC, LACH MW 4pm-5:40pm **McAllister**

PHL 160 Quests for Meaning: World Religions 4 cr. CPWC, LACH TTh 2pm-3:40pm **Dubinsky**

PHL 203 The Meaning of Existence 4 cr. CPWC, TTh 4pm-5:40pm **Jenkins**

Who are you? Why are you here? Does your life matter? Existentialism is a kind of philosophy that attempts to understand the meaning of human existence. Through an examination of major themes in existentialism, we will seek to understand the broader philosophical issues at stake, such as the very meaning and importance of freedom, existence, embodiment, and death.

PHL 205 Ethics 4 cr. CPWC, LACH, MW 10am-11:40pm **Figueroa**

In this course, ethics is used in public domains and professional practices, as well as our personal lives and our social relations, to both humans and nonhumans. Connections across institutional, collective, and individual ethical contexts will be considered. We study historical and recent approaches such as feminist ethics, critical race theory, and environmental justice. With this spectrum of theoretical approaches, students will be expected to study specific ethical problems related to their own professional and life vision.

PHL 205 Ethics 4 cr. CPWC, LACH TTh 8am-9:50am or MW 12pm-1:50pm or MW 10am-11:40am **Stenberg**

Are moral claims universal? What makes right acts right? What is the ultimate good? What is the role of character in ethical behavior? We will look at three of the most influential ethical theories (utilitarianism, Kantianism, and virtue ethics), as well as contemporary applications and criticisms of those theories, in order to assess their competing answers to these and other questions. The aim is to help you understand the arguments put forward by defenders of these views and, by examining them, to refine your own understanding of moral questions.

PHL 205 Ethics 4 cr. CPWC, LACH MW 12pm-1:50pm **Kong**

We will explore issues of morality in the larger context of society. Questions include: What is the right thing to do and why? Why should we care for each other? How do we actually make moral decisions? Is ethics a set of socially agreed rules? Where does the idea of justice come from and why does it matter? What is morally wrong with oppression?

PHL 208 Intro to Buddhist Traditions 4 cr. LACN, TTh 12pm-1:40pm **G. Barstow**

We will explore Buddhist thought, including ideas about anatman (the lack of a self, soul, or other fundamental identity), the implications of radical impermanence, and the Yogācāra tradition of Buddhist philosophy. We will also see how these ideas have impacted the lives of actual Buddhists, influencing how they understand the world around them and, through that, how they act and what they do. Along the way we'll explore how Buddhism intersects with questions of gender, violence, the environment, and other social justice issues.

PHL 210 Religion in the U.S. 4 cr. CPDP, MW 12pm-1:50pm **E. Barstow**

Why is religion such powerful force in the United States? Why do people have vastly different ideas about the nature of the divine? How has religion affected the history of the US and the experience of people who have lived here? Religion in the US explores the history of religion in the US with a specific focus on ideas and trends that shape the past, present and future of America, from indigenous peoples through present day pluralism.

PHL 234 Philosophy of Happiness 3 cr. CPWC, LACH, TTh 10am-11:40am **Kunecka**

Explores various philosophical and psychological approaches to happiness and how culturally specific ideas of happiness have shaped the social and cultural realities around the world. Explores the human need for happiness within cultures. Examines happiness through the writings of the greatest Eastern and Western philosophers. Analyzes research on happiness within positive psychology.

PHL 315 Gandhi and Nonviolence TTh 10am-1140am **Sarbacker**

An examination of the life and work of Mohandas K. Gandhi, the 20th century activist and author, and the theory and practice of nonviolence in his life and work. Emphasis will be placed upon Gandhi's biographical narrative, the development of satyagraha, Gandhi's nonviolent approach to social transformation, and post-Gandhian nonviolent movements.

PHL 316 Intellectual Issues Of Mexico And Mexican Americans TTh 12pm-1:40pm **Orosco**

An examination of the cultural, political, and philosophical issues facing Mexicans and Mexican Americans/ Chicanxs since the European invasion of the Americas to the present day.

PHL 330 Technology and Ethics (new course!) 3 cr. CSST, TTh 2-3:20pm **Kong**

What happens when computers become smarter than we are? Can we fall in love with AI? Where is, if any, the line between humans and computers? In addition to these questions that technological advances pose on the meaning of being human, we will also consider issues of justice raised by new technology, such as: Will robots take over our jobs? Will advances in technology widen the rich-poor gap? How could supposedly fair algorithms be biased against women and/or people of color? Examining these questions, you will be able to construct your own critical lens to analyze various issues arising where new technology, humans, and society interact.

PHL 345 First Freedom: Religious Liberty and Intolerance 4 cr. CSGI, TTh 2pm-3:40pm **Campbell**

An examination of the philosophical and theological issues pertaining to pacifism, justified war, and forms of terrorism in Islamic and Western traditions. Special attention is given to concepts of jihad, justifications of war, and restraints on conduct in war.

PHL 407 Seminar: Foucault and the Abnormal 4 cr. CWIC, TTh 4pm-5:40pm **Jenkins**

This course will examine the productive power of the norm in early works of French philosopher. Michel Foucault. We will investigate the historical contingency of contemporary understandings of mental illness, health, and normality.

PHL 432 Yoga and Tantric Traditions W 4-650pm **Sarbacker**

An examination of the theory and practice of yoga and tantra in the traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism, and in their contemporary popular manifestations. Emphasis on the representation of yoga and tantra in Indian literature and history, including contemplative practices, bodily disciplines, and ritual.

PHL 443 World Views and Environmental Values 3 cr. CSGI, LACN, MW 4pm-5:20pm

and also TTh 4pm-5:20pm **Vogt** This course invites you to investigate how worldviews – secular and religious, ancient and modern, Western, Asian, and those indigenous to Africa, the Americas, Australia, and Oceania – affect concepts of nature, environmental values, and selected environmental issues. We will study how values and worldviews have informed both the production of environmental crises and the responses to those crises. We will identify key assumptions, and explore how the philosophical and religious aspects of selected issues relate to the political, economic, cultural and social dimensions.

PHL 444 Biomedical Ethics 4 cr. CSST, LACH, MW 8am-9:50am **Kong**

We will explore ethical issues arising in medicine and health care, and examine different philosophical arguments related to these issues. Topics will include the physician-patient relationship, patient autonomy and competence, ethical issues in reproduction, end-of-life decision-making, and issues related to health and justice (health care allocation, social determinants of health, global health ethics).

**Our major is now also available via E-Campus
as well!**

for info and on-line course offerings check out:

<https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/undergraduate/philosophy/>

Philosophy Major Requirements

Choose 4 Foundation Courses

121 Reasoning and Writing
201 Introduction to Philosophy
203 Meaning of Existence
205 Ethics
207 Political Philosophy
208 Intro to Buddhist Traditions
209 Self and Society
213 Intro to Hindu Traditions
251 Knowers, Knowing, Known
280 Ethics of Diversity
301 History: Ancient Philosophy
321 Deductive Logic
443 World Views & Environ'l Values
444 Biomedical Ethics

You need 1 PHL WIC course
e.g., PHL 407 Seminar

You need 44 credits total
of which 24 need to be upper-
division.

Choose 1 Diversity Course

213 Intro to Hindu Traditions
214 Intro to Islamic Traditions
275 Intro to Disability Studies
280 Ethics of Diversity
312 Asian Thought
316 Intellectual Issues of Mexico
345 1st Freedom: Rel. Liberty/Intolerance
371 Philosophies of China
360 Philosophy and the Arts
417 Feminist Philosophies
430 History of Buddhist Philosophy
431 Buddhism, Nonviolence, Soc. Justice
448 Native American Philosophies

**Philosophy makes a great double
major. And, yes! Employers hire
philosophy majors. So what are
you waiting for?**

**Check the OSU catalog for a
complete list of courses.**

Meet Your Philosophy Advisor!



Dr. Marta Kunecka received her Ph.D. at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and has been a faculty member here since 2007. She has taught thousands of students both at OSU and at local community colleges. She knows how to get you excited about philosophy as a path to get where you want to be in your career, and how to inspire you to use its resources to explore the deep questions of a life well-lived. As an educator she believes that her main role is not to teach you what to think but how to think well. In her spare time you can talk to her about art and social justice or watch her dancing Argentine tango and catching the winds at the local sail boat races.

Email Marta at
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Zoooooom appointment!