

CRN#**Fall 2021 Philosophy Cornerstone Course Descriptions**

20878 PHL112-A, CS: Death: Philosophical Questions & Answers

20879 PHL112-B, CS: Death: Philosophical Questions & Answers

Prof. A. Carmichael

This course will focus mainly on philosophical questions about the self and death: What am "I"? Do we have souls or are we just physical bodies? Does "person" necessarily mean "human"? What makes someone the same person over time? What happens after death? If death is the end, is that a bad thing? Is suicide ever rational or morally acceptable?

20313 PHL 114-A, CS: Our Bodies, Ourselves

20314 PHL 114-B, CS: Our Bodies, Ourselves

Prof. M. Mitchell

This course explores some of the questions that are raised by recognizing that we are not just minds— we are embodied creatures. How should we organize society to provide for our bodily needs? Should we worry about the death of our bodies? Are our minds and our bodies really different?

20315 PHL 116-A, CS: What You Thought You Knew

20316 PHL 116-A, CS: What You Thought You Knew

Prof. A. Lannstrom

What is true happiness? Is morality real, or is it just a made up thing? Everything we experience is put together by our brains --- how, then, can we be sure any of it is really true? Are we secretly biased? Does God exist? Should all protests be non-violent or is violence sometimes allowable?

20317 PHL 117-A, CS: Mind, Body, Self, Science

20318 PHL 117-B, CS: Mind, Body, Self, Science

Prof. C. Mekios

An examination of how philosophers have historically treated questions pertaining to the relationship between mind and body, the concept of the self, the human condition, and the limits of what we can know about such things. What makes these problems philosophical in nature? Could they be resolved by science instead?

Section B is only open to Moreau Honors Scholars and students that have not completed the Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.

20319 PHL 118-A, CS: Questions of Culture and Value

20320 PHL 118-B, CS: Questions of Culture and Value

20321 PHL 118-C, CS: Questions of Culture and Value

Prof. J. Velazquez

Why do we enjoy sitcoms where the characters suffer social and romantic disasters: are we just cruel or is there some other explanation? Is morality something real or is power the only reality and morality just an illusion? What kind of compassion is the best kind? Why are flowers beautiful? What's the hidden meaning of the marriage ceremony?

20329 PHL 121-A, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life

20330 PHL 121-A, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life

20331 PHL 121-A, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life

Prof. E. McGushin

Philosophy is often taught as a theoretical discipline about abstract ideas and arguments. This course will emphasize how the ideas and insights of different philosophers might be applied to our daily lives and potentially change the way we live, helping us lead wiser, better and more authentic lives.

20322 PHL 123-A, COR: The Examined Life

20323 PHL 123-B, COR: The Examined Life

Prof. A. Celano

An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.

20324 PHL 123-C, CS: The Examined Life

20325 PHL 123-D, CS: The Examined Life

20326 PHL 123-E, CS: The Examined Life

Prof. R. Capobianco

An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.

20327 PHL 123-F, CS: The Examined Life

Prof. B. O'Sullivan

An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.

20178 POL171-A, CS: Power, Order and Justice

Prof. B. Scholz

The dilemmas facing all governments: On what principles should the political order be based? What is the nature of the just state? What determines citizenship, political authority and power? What is the good life, and how is it related to the political order; and the satisfaction of justice?

Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.