## **Spring 2022 Philosophy Cornerstone Course Descriptions**

## 40617 PHL 112-A, CS: Death – Philosophical Questions & Answers

#### 40618 PHL 112-B, CS: Death - Philosophical Questions & Answers

#### Prof. A. Carmichael

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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?

## 40619 PHL 114-A, CS: Our Bodies, Ourselves

## 40620 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?

## 40621 PHL 116-A, CS: HON: What You Thought You Knew

## 40622 PHL 116-B, 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?

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

### 40623 PHL 117-A, CS: Mind, Body, Self, Science

## 40624 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?

#### 40625 PHL 118-A, CS: HON: Questions of Culture and Value

#### 40626 PHL 118-B, CS: Questions of Culture and Value

## 40627 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?

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#### 40628 PHL 121-A, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life

## 40629 PHL 121-B, 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.

### 40630 PHL 123-A, COR: The Examined Life

## 40631 PHL 123-B, COR: 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.

## 40632 PHL 123-C, CS: The Examined Life 40633 PHL 123-D, CS: 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.

## 40634 PHL 123-E, 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.

# 40515 POL171-A, CS: Power, Order and Justice 40516 POL171-B, 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.