CRN# Spring 2020 Philosophy Cornerstone Course Descriptions

40347PHL 100-A, COR: The Examined Life3 credits40348PHL 100-B, COR: The Examined Life3 credits

Prof. A. Carmichael

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

Only open to students that have not completed the Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.

40349PHL 100-C, COR: What You Thought You Knew3 credits40350PHL 100-D, COR: What You Thought You Knew3 credits

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?

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40352 PHL 100-E, COR: The Examined Life 3 credits
40353 PHL 100-F, COR: The Examined Life 3 credits

Prof. A. Celano

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40355PHL 100-G, COR: The Examined LifeCANCELLED40608PHL 100-O, COR: The Examined Life3 credits40609PHL 100-P, COR: The Examined Life3 credits

Prof. G. Lustila

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

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40361PHL 100-H, COR: Philosophy as a Way of Life3 credits40362PHL 100-I, COR: Philosophy as a Way of Life3 credits

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.

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40364 PHL 100-J, COR: Questions of Culture and Value 3 credits
40365 PHL 100-K, COR: Questions of Culture and Value 3 credits

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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40375PHL 100-M, COR: Our Bodies, Ourselves3 credits40376PHL 100-N, COR: Our Bodies, Ourselves3 credits

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?

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40358 PHL 117-A, FYS: Mind, Body, Self, Science

4 credits (First-Year Seminar)

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?

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