

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

- 40625 PHL 116-A, CS: What You Thought You Knew 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
40626 PHL 116-B, CS: What You Thought You Knew 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
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?
 Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40642 PHL 117-A, CS: Mind, Body, Self, Science 3 credits (Cornerstone 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?
 Only open to Honors scholars. Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40628 PHL 118-A, COR: Questions of Culture and Value 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
40629 PHL 118-B, COR: Questions of Culture and Value 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
40759 PHL 118-C, COR: Questions of Culture and Value 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
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?
 Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40635 PHL 121-A, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
40636 PHL 121-B, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
40637 PHL 121-C, CS: Philosophy as a Way of Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
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.
 Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40621 PHL 122-A, CS: Questions Without Answers? 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
Prof. K. Giberson
 What do we do when great questions have no answers? This class explores timeless questions about God, free will, right & wrong, purpose & meaning, life after death and other deep mysteries at the heart of what it means to be human. How should we respond when what we most need to know seems unknowable?
 Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40615 PHL 123-A, CS: The Examined Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
40616 PHL 123-B, CS: The Examined Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
Prof. A. Celano
 An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.
 Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.

- 40618 PHL 123-C, CS: The Examined Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
40619 PHL 123-D, CS: The Examined Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)
Prof. R. Capobianco
An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.

Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40633 PHL 123-E, CS: The Examined Life 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
Prof. B. O'Sullivan
An introductory examination of the history and nature of Western philosophical thought from the ancient Greeks to the present.

Fulfills the First-Year Seminar and Philosophy Cornerstone requirement.
- 40344 POL171-A, CS: Power, Order and Justice 3 credits (Cornerstone Seminar)**
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.