# Philosophy & Religious Studies

## Two-Year Projected Course Offerings  
### Spring 2012 – Fall 2013

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### Courses Offered Once a Year

**Spring 2012**
- PHI201: Ancient Philosophy [HU, H]  
  (Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)

**Fall 2012**
- PHI244: Philosophy of Religion [HU]  
  (Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)
- REL291: Religion and Sexuality [HU]  
  (Shoemaker, TR 10:30-11:45)

**Spring 2013**
- PHI201: Ancient Philosophy [HU, H]  
  (Yount, MWF 10:00-10:50)
- PHI216: Environmental Ethics [HU, G]  
  (Yount, MWF 12:00-12:50)

**Fall 2013**
- REL291: Religion and Sexuality [HU]  
  (Shoemaker, TR 10:30-11:45)
- PHI244: Philosophy of Religion [HU]  
  (Vaughan, MWF 10:00-10:50)

### Courses Offered Every Other Year

**Spring 2012**
- REL202: Classics of Asian Religions [HU, G]  
  (Crudup, MWF 11:00-11:50)

**Fall 2012**
- PHI245: Introduction to Eastern Philosophy [HU, G]  
  (Yount, MWF 12:00–12:50)
- REL207: Ritual, Symbol, & Myth [HU, L]  
  (Crudup, TR 12:00-1:15)

**Spring 2013**
- REL206: Religion in America [HU]  
  (Crudup, TR 12:00-1:15)

**Fall 2013**
- REL202: Classics of Asian Religions [HU, G]  
  (Crudup, MWF 11:00-11:50)
- PHI234AA: Plato [HU]  
  (Yount, MWF 12:00-12:50)

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PHI101  **Introduction to Philosophy** [HU] - General consideration of human nature and the nature of the universe. Knowledge, perception, freedom and determinism, and the existence of God.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI103  **Introduction to Logic** [HU, L] - Informal logic, logical fallacies, elementary symbolic logic, analysis of argument forms, and construction of proofs for validity.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits  

PHI105  **Introduction to Ethics** [HU] - Major theories of conduct. Emphasis on normative ethics, theories of good and evil from Plato to the present.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI106  **Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving** [HU, L] - Commonly used informal fallacies; examination of emotive and unclear uses of language, including sexism and loaded terms; methods for analyzing extended arguments. Application to the news media, advertising, political speeches, and textbooks.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits  

PHI201  **History of Ancient Philosophy** [HU, H] - Historical survey of the intellectual history of the Greco-Roman world, focusing on the philosophical tradition and social/historical context.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI212  **Contemporary Moral Issues** [HU] - Examination of basic ethical theory and the way in which moral argument applies to contemporary ethical issues, such as: The role of religion in ethics; war, torture, and the death penalty; vegetarianism and the environment; abortion and euthanasia; free speech, pornography; drug legalization; affirmative action; gay marriage, immigration, and business ethics.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI213  **Medical and Bio-Ethics** [HU] - A philosophical consideration of moral problems that arise in relation to medicine and biology, e.g., death, patient rights, and biological experimentation.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI216  **Environmental Ethics** [HU, G] - Philosophical consideration of diverse theories and perspectives on the environment, including major Western and Eastern religious perspectives, and application of these theories to global moral issues such as animal rights, preservation of wilderness/species, population, world hunger & poverty, pollution, food ethics (genetically modified foods), climate change, social justice, capitalism and the economics of the environment.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits  

Prerequisites: ENG101 or 107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits 3 periods  

PHI224  **Political Philosophy** [HU] - Predominant figures and theories in Euroamerican political philosophy from Plato to contemporary social/political philosophers.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits 3 periods  

PHI234A  **Plato** [HU] - A comprehensive survey of Plato’s philosophy. We will examine various biographies of Socrates, then the putative views of Socrates in the *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito* and *Phaedo*; Plato’s biography, and Plato’s views on knowledge, metaphysics, and ethics by subject, throughout many of his dialogues and some of his letters. No previous knowledge of Socrates or Plato is necessary.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI244  **Philosophy of Religion** [HU] - The philosophical investigation of the nature and existence of God, and God’s relationship to the universe.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

PHI245  **Introduction to Eastern Philosophy** [HU, G] - Fundamental theories of Indian and Chinese metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL200  **Religion and Film** [HU] - Introduction to the fascinating interplay of religion and film.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL202  **Classics of Asian Religions** [HU, G] - Academic study of selected works from Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist, and Confucian traditions. Study of cultural values and concepts of the world, history, culture, and human nature as represented in these works.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL203  **American Indian Religions** [HU, C, L] - Introduction to the tribal traditions of people native to North America, and pan-Indian religions in the twentieth century.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or equivalent. 3 credits  

REL205  **Religion and the Modern World** [HU, L] - Introduction to the nature and role of religious beliefs and practices in shaping the lives of individuals and societies, with particular attention to the modern world.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits  

REL206  **Religion in America** [HU] - Introduction of the rich tapestry of religious traditions and movements that have helped to shape the United States of America. Investigate how religion has impacted American culture and institutions, and how the United States has in turn transformed long-standing religious traditions.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL207  **Ritual, Symbol, and Myth** [HU, L] - Introduction to the nature and role of rituals, symbols, and myths of religious traditions in shaping the lives of individuals and societies.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits  

REL210  **Introduction to Judaism** [HU, L, H] - Introduction to the nature and role of Judaism in shaping the lives of individuals and societies.  
Prerequisites: ENG101 or ENG107 or permission of instructor. 3 credits  

REL225  **African-American Religions** [HU, C] - Leaders, movements, traditions, and controversies in the religious history of African-Americans.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL243  **World Religions** [HU, G] - The development of various religions from prehistoric to modern times. Political, economic, social, and geographic relationships among world religions. Consideration of Eastern and Western religions.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL250  **Religion in Ireland** [HU, H] - A critical analysis of the religious traditions of Ireland from the Neolithic to early Medieval period in their social and historical context.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL270  **Introduction to Christianity** [HU] - The history and development of the Christian religion including a study of rituals, symbols, and traditions as they are used to establish and maintain the practice of Christianity.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL290  **Women and Religion** [HU, G] - The role of women in several organized religions and/or religious sects, including a study of myth and symbols as they are used to establish, maintain, and enforce sex roles within specific religions.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits  

REL291  **Religion and Sexuality** [HU] - The relationship between religion and sexuality including a study of myths, symbols, and rituals as they are used to establish, maintain, and enforce sex roles within specific religions.  
Prerequisites: None. 3 credits