PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 Credits
Core Curriculum Foundation Course. A study of the major eras in the history of philosophy: Ancient, Medieval, Modern, and Contemporary and also of principal branches in philosophy: Aesthetics, Epistemology, Theories of Ethics, Logic, Metaphysics, and Theories of Justice. Students study the Catholic/Jesuit tradition and become able to identify the elements of rational argumentation. PHI 101 is a prerequisite for PHI 200 courses.

PHI 211 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits
A study of principal contemporary and classical discussions about the existence and nature of God, God’s relationship to the world, the individual and society. 
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy), Global Awareness

PHI 225 Logic 3 Credits
An introductory study of logic treating such topics as: deduction, techniques for evaluating reasoning, language and meaning, various formal and informal fallacies, and the notion of implication.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 240 Justice 3 Credits
A study of enduring questions such as: What does it take to be a just person and to create a just society? Includes investigations of (1) theories of justice and (2) problems of justice relating to injustice and oppression due to race, class, species, and gender.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy), Justice

PHI 241 Ethics: Traditions in Moral Reasoning 3 Credits
A survey of principal traditions in moral reasoning with attention to moral principles inclusive of utility, deontology and virtue, and their applications to contemporary social realities.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 242 Ethical Issues in Business 3 Credits
A study of important concerns in business and market realities with special concern to applying moral principles in decision making.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

Offered: regularly.

PHI 243 Bio-Medical Ethics 3 Credits
A study of important moral issues in relation to current concerns in medicine, medical technology, and the life sciences.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 244 Environmental Ethics 3 Credits
A study of classical and contemporary moral theories concerning the relationship of human beings to the manifold of their natural surroundings.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 245 Animal Ethics 3 Credits
What do we mean by classifying together all non-human animals as ‘animals’? This course critically examines the traditional notion that animals are commodities or resources for human use. It questions whether all sentient beings have intrinsic value and should be respected and what form that ‘respect’ should take.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

Offered: every fall & spring.

PHI 246 Ethics of Technology 3 Credits
A study of how prominent technologies such as television, cellular phones, and medical breakthroughs affect individual persons and our society, and in what ways technological innovations make us better or worse.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 247 Food and Agricultural Ethics 3 Credits
A study of the moral implications of the current food system in connection with the production, distribution, and consumption of food and aims to examine what might constitute a reasonable position regarding the ethics of what we eat and what each of us can do to help bring about a more just food system.
Prerequisite: PHI 101

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 252 Happiness, Virtue and the Good Life 3 Credits
A study of the role of virtue and vice in the moral life, how they emerge from developments of personal character and relate to meaningful human happiness, fulfillment, and the good life.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Ethics, Field 2 (Philosophy)

PHI 258 Minor Service 0 Credits
Required course for specific minors. This course requires 20 hours of direct service. Students pursuing the ethics minor will register for 258E and students pursuing the justice minor will register for 258J.
Offered: every fall & spring.

PHI 261 Philosophy of Law 3 Credits
A study of the nature, sources and sanctions of law and legal theory, treating concerns of legal positivism, natural law theory, rights and justice, and the relationship between law and morality.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy), Justice

PHI 264 Justice & the Environment: The Problem of Climate Change 3 Credits
An examination of differing views of justice and their impact on environmental action with special focus on the issue of climate change.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy), Justice

PHI 267 Faith, Reason, and Justice Catholic Social Thought 3 Credits
A study of the philosophical foundations of Catholic social teaching, articulated from the time of Pope Leo XIII through present day, and those features that make it unique, both as compared to other contemporary accounts of justice and in identifying and rectifying current injustices.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.

Fulfills College Core: Field 2 (Philosophy), Justice

Offered: occasionally.
covering the concept in the history of aesthetics with special emphasis on contemporary
A study of various approaches to thinking philosophically about art and
PHI 291 Philosophy of Art
Offered: 
Fulfills College Core: 
Restriction: seniors only. Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone.
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Offered: Occasionally.
PHI 399 Ethics, Justice, & the Problem of Poverty 3 Credits
This is a Core Capstone course; students from all majors are welcome. The first half of the course focuses on ethics, justice, and diversity. The second half of the course is focused on economics and global awareness vis-à-vis the problem of poverty.
Prerequisite: PHI 101.
Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone

PHI 401 Topics in Philosophy 3 Credits
A seminar style course offered by faculty in the Department of Philosophy on a rotating basis and focusing on a different topic each time it is offered. Check with the department to find out what will be offered in any given academic year.
Prerequisite: PHI 101

PHI 451 Senior Thesis 3 Credits
Philosophy majors who plan to attend graduate school in philosophy should complete a senior thesis. This is a culminating experience in which a student expresses mature habits of self-directed study and critical analysis, with an ability to integrate knowledge beyond the expectations of a seminar paper. A senior thesis addresses a select philosophic topic and is especially concerned with philosophic argumentation. A philosophy major who writes a senior thesis demonstrates ability to exercise appropriate research methods, to provide critical assessment of issues, to assess theoretical presuppositions underlying a discourse and to advance well-constructed argumentation. A senior thesis ought to exhibit the values of the department mission.
Prerequisite: PHI 101 & at least two 300-level philosophy courses.
Offered: every fall.

PHI 499 Independent Study 1-3 Credits
A tutorial style course on a topic approved by the department and agreed upon between the student and a professor. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: PHI 101 & at least two 300-level philosophy courses.