Philosophy (PHIL) Courses

PHIL3020 Crisis and Controversy: A Critical Thinking Approach
This course encourages students to use critical thinking skills in order to make decisions, solve problems, develop new ideas, evaluate arguments and tolerate ambiguity while exploring complex social questions. Emphasis is on understanding the elements of reasoning, imposing criteria and intellectual standards upon reasoning, and assessing individual thinking processes. Students hone critical thinking skills by actively engaging in the study of social conflicts and controversies that operate at individual, communal and global levels.
Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement.
Offered at Denver, North Miami, Providence, Providence CE
4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

PHIL3045 Honors Seminar: Ethics
This Honors Seminar examines central figures in the history of moral philosophy, such as Aristotle, Hobbes, Hume, Mill and Kant. While the primary focus will be on understanding these influential thinkers in their historical contexts and their distinctive approaches to ethics, we will also seek to show the relevance of their views to timeless questions. What is the best way to live? How do we distinguish good from evil? Should we be moral? We will discuss these thinkers' answers to these questions, and apply those answers to contemporary moral discourse, including public policy, environmental issues and business ethics.
Prerequisite(s): ENG1024 or English placement, honors status.
Offered at Charlotte, Denver, North Miami, Providence
4.5 Quarter Credit Hours

PHIL3240 Ethics: A Global Perspective
This course examines the basic principles of ethics and their philosophical foundations particularly as they apply to contemporary global issues. Students explore such important topics as business, labor conditions, war and refugee crises, gender and gender orientation inequality, environmental damage, and famine, poverty and the unequal distribution of wealth. Through the examination of philosophical texts and case studies, including case studies drawn from business organizations, students learn to identify ethical issues of global significance, analyze the causes of these problems, and propose practical, ethical solutions to these problems.
Prerequisite(s): ENG1020 or ENG1024 or English placement. (OL)
Offered at Charlotte, Denver, North Miami, Online, Providence, Providence CE
4.5 Quarter Credit Hours