

LAFAYETTE

PHILOSOPHY

Fall 2024 Course Offerings

PHIL 101.01 Intro to Philosophy MWF 8:25-9:15 am Professor Gildenhuys

PHIL 101.02 Intro to Philosophy MWF 10:35-11:25 am Professor Gildenhuys

An introduction to the methods of philosophy including logical analysis and traditional philosophical problems such as the nature and extent of knowledge, the dilemma of freedom and determinism, the justification of the belief in God, personal identity, and the mind-body problem. [H]

PHIL 102.01 Basic Social Questions TR 8:00-9:15 am Professor Masto

PHIL 102.02 Basic Social Questions TR 1:15-2:30 pm Professor Cetty

An examination of conceptual and moral questions associated with selected contemporary social issues. Topics can include: the morality of abortion, the justification of preferential treatment, the permissibility of gun control, and drug legalization. [H, V]

PHIL 170 Philosophy of Love & Sex MWF 9:30-10:20 am Professor Marvin

Philosophical study of love, relationships, marriage, sex, sexuality, sexual identity, and sexual representation. Philosophers have deeply explored knowledge, existence, politics and ethics. Yet love and sex, which for most of us are central features of a good life, have received far less attention. In this course material from philosophers who have thought about love and sex will be explored along with contemporary struggles around sexuality, sexual identity, sexual violence, love, romance, intimate relationships, and marriage. [H,V]

PHIL 175 Ethics of AI, Internet, Algorithms MWF 11:40am-12:30 pm Professor Marvin

Focuses on ideas, practices, and institutions that shape our relationship to AI, the Internet, data, and algorithms. Considers philosophy of technology, technology ethics, and interdisciplinary science and technology studies to discuss the ongoing impact of the Internet on society. Critically assesses data, algorithms, and large language models (LLMs) as they relate to ethical matters such as privacy and fairness. Situates AI in this context, including its impact on ownership and creativity. [H,V]

PHIL 214 Ancient Greek Philosophy: MW 2:45 – 4:00 pm Professor McLeod

Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle

A survey of the philosophical systems of Plato and Aristotle, with occasional excursions into pre-Socratic and post-Aristotelian thought. Readings drawn exclusively from classical texts. [H]

