principle of simplicity, the relation of the artificial to the natural, and problems about motion, place, and time. The pre-Socratics and Aristotle will guide our investigations.

**phil 286**  MWF 1–1:50  Dr Bonin

Medieval Philosophy  A sampling of Christian and Islamic thought from late antiquity through the 13th century, with emphasis on the continuity, development, and fruitful interplay of the Platonic and Aristotelian traditions. We will weigh the difficulty of assimilating this complex pagan heritage within the context of revealed religion and consider how medieval thinkers worked toward a solution in connection with such themes as knowledge, God’s existence, the problem of evil, the relation between divine and natural causes, and the soul.

**faith & reason**

**phil 301W**  MWF 11–11:50  Dr Bonin

Contemporary Philosophy  Philosophy from 1900 to the present, with a particular focus on the movements of phenomenology, existentialism, and analytic philosophy.

**phil 305**  MWF 1–1:50  Dr Swindal

Internship  Our internship program provides you with an avenue to contact potential employers, to learn with on-the-job training, and to bolster your résumé or curriculum vitae for future endeavors, all while doing something worthwhile. Contact the instructor as soon as possible for an overview of the application process.

**phil 317, 391**  by appointment  Dr Swindal

Zen Philosophy  An immersion in the extraordinary collection of Zen koans known as the Blue Cliff Record. Part poetry, part philosophy, part history, and always revolutionary, the Blue Cliff Record aims less at understanding than at personal transformation. We will supplement our reading of the koans with background reading on Zen philosophy by both its practitioners and critics. We will also practice a simple form of meditation as a complement to our meditative reading of the text.

**phil 331/496W-02**  TR 10:50–12:05  Dr Harrington

Special Topics: Kant—Religion within the Bounds of Reason  A critical study of Kant’s most famous work on religion.

**phil 434-02/639**  F 11–1:40  Dr Bates

Marxism & Critical Theory  The development of political economy by Marx in the 19th century, and its subsequent impact on the development of critical theories of psychology, aesthetics, and society by critical theorists in the 20th and 21st centuries.

**phil 493/593**  TR 5–6:15  Dr Swindal

Special Topics: Queer Theory & Trans Studies  Sexuality, gender, and embodiment have been understood in dramatically new ways since the mid-20th century. This course begins with an overview of Foucault’s and Butler’s important reactions against traditional understandings of sexuality, gender, and embodiment, and an examination of their philosophical arguments. Then we turn to the movements of queer theory and transgender studies, looking at how they each developed, the philosophical analyses and discussions within each area, and the dialogues—and criticisms—between these two regions of study.

**phil 496-01/640**  TR 10:50–12:05  Dr Rodemeyer

For many courses, more details will be posted outside of the Department (303 College Hall) and at duq.edu/philosophy.

Undergraduate Philosophy Society

The Duquesne Philosophy Society meets each week for student-led discussions of texts and ideas. Write to duqphilsociety@gmail.com for information about meeting times and events.
Basic Philosophical Questions  This prerequisite to all other philosophy courses gives you an initial understanding of what philosophy is, the range of questions philosophers take up, and how they deal with those questions.

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Philosophical Ethics  What is happiness? What are virtue and vice? Can virtue be taught? How do we make decisions regarding good and bad, right and wrong? This course is an opportunity to delve into the ethical ideas that inform our lives, by looking at a selection of classic works from the Western philosophical tradition, including texts by ancient, modern, and contemporary thinkers.

Logic  Logic is the branch of philosophy that studies the structure of arguments. In this course we will consider what makes a good argument—and learn how arguments go bad. We will also examine formal rules of inference and learn to identify informal fallacies. By the end of this course, you will be able to recognize valid and invalid arguments, as well as strong and weak ones, and be better able to formulate good arguments of your own.

Philosophy of Nature  We begin with Ancient Egyptian Pyramid texts concerning justice and the soul, cosmogony, and the relations between humans and gods. We then jump up to post-colonial African philosophers, dealing with such topics as reason and culture, time and destiny, witchcraft and aesthetics, religion and modernism, ethics and community, politics and the philosophy of history. We then move to Fanon's great work, *The Wretched of the Earth*, which engages with the de-colonization of African nations: politically, existentially, aesthetically, and psychologically. Finally, we discuss very current ideas, from 'Afropessimism' and 'necropolitics' to 'Afrotopia' and 'cosmopolitanism.' *(Enrollment is restricted to members of the Africa Learning Community.)*

Philosophy of Law  A study of major legal traditions with consideration of such topics as justice, ethics and law, legal reasoning, and philosophical issues in evidence and procedure.

Philosophy of Social Justice  Philosophical discussions of social justice inquire into the nature and current state of justice in areas of social concern. This course explores core areas: class, race, immigration, healthcare, the global environment, and gender. At the center of our exploration will be an examination of how the value of human dignity can inform our approach. *(Enrollment is restricted to Nursing students.)*

Animals in Antiquity  Exploration of the roles played by non-human animals in the lives and thought of the Greeks and Romans. Particular attention will be paid to classical views on the intellectual and ethical dimensions of non-human animals as these are revealed in Greek and Roman philosophical and natural historical texts, but literary texts will be examined as well. In addition to analyzing the place of non-human animals in classical philosophical and scientific thought, the course will investigate the part played by animals in the areas of religious ceremony, entertainment, food choices, hunting, warfare, and domestic companionship.

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