Students majoring in philosophy must complete 30 hours in philosophy, including PHIL 2310, 2320, 3301, 3303, and one course from PHIL 3330, 3340, 4330, 4331, or 4340. Twenty-four hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. Majors may substitute PHIL 4310 for the 2310 requirement. Minors are required to complete 18 hours in philosophy, at least 6 of which must be at the 3000 or 4000 level. For transfer students, at least 9 hours of the major or 6 hours of the minor must be completed in residency at Texas Tech. Philosophy students must receive at least a C in any philosophy course for it to satisfy major or minor requirements. Many students combine a philosophy major with a second major.

**Ethics Concentration.** Philosophy majors may pursue a concentration in ethics by completing six Philosophy courses that focus on ethics. PHIL 2320, which is required for the major, is one of the six. The remaining Philosophy courses may be drawn from 3320, Introduction to Political Philosophy; 3321, Philosophy of Law; 3322, Biomedical Ethics; 3323, Business Ethics; 3325, Environmental Ethics; 4320, Ethics (Advanced); 4321, Political Philosophy (Advanced); and any other Philosophy courses with topics that cover an aspect of ethics. The latter group of courses may be identified with the section number 061 or otherwise approved by the department chairperson.

### Course Descriptions

*(To interpret course descriptions, see page 23.)*

**Philosophy (PHIL)**

#### Undergraduate Courses

1310. **Critical Reasoning (3).** Study of good reasoning for use in both scholarly and everyday life. Topics will include principles of deductive and inductive reasoning and fallacies in reasoning.

2300. **[PHIL 1301] Beginning Philosophy (3).** An introduction to philosophical thinkers, ideas, and methods. Fullfills core Language, Philosophy, and Culture requirement.

2310. **[PHIL 2303] Logic (3).** Development of formal methods for evaluating deductive reasoning. Additional topics may include uses of language, definition, nondeductive inference. Partially fulfills core Mathematics requirement (in conjunction with a mathematics course).

2320. **[PHIL 2306] Introduction to Ethics (3).** Discussion of moral problems and theories of morality. Includes the application of philosophical techniques to issues of contemporary moral concern. Fullfills core Language, Philosophy, and Culture requirement.

2350. **[PHIL 1304] World Religions and Philosophy (3).** Philosophical study of the doctrines and practices of the major world religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Fullfills multicultural and core Language, Philosophy, and Culture requirement.

3301. **Classical Greek Philosophy (3).** Study of the major philosophical ideas as originally developed in the Western world by thinkers such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and others. (Writing Intensive)

3302. **Asian Philosophy (3).** Study of the major philosophical ideas originating in India and China, and developed generally in Asia.

3303. **Modern European Philosophy (1600-1800) (3).** Study of the major philosophical ideas as they developed in Great Britain and on the European continent since the Renaissance, covering such figures as Descartes, Hume, and Kant. (Writing Intensive)

3304. **Existentialism and Phenomenology (3).** Consideration of the meaning of human existence through study of thinkers such as Nietzsche, Heidegger, Husserl, Merleau-Ponty, Sartre, and others.

3320. **Introduction to Political Philosophy (3).** Basic issues and concepts in political philosophy, including discussion of such topics as justice, freedom, equality, authority, community, and the nature of politics and the state.

3321. **Philosophy of Law (3).** Discussion, based on study of philosophical writings, of various conceptions of law and their relation to morality. Includes philosophical problems about liberty, privacy, justice, and criminal punishment. (Writing Intensive)

3322. **Biomedical Ethics (3).** Discussion of conceptual and moral problems surrounding such issues as abortion, euthanasia, genetic research, behavior control, allocation of medical resources, health, and disease.

3324. **Philosophy of Religion (3).** An examination of general philosophical problems that arise in connection with religion. Topics may include the nature of religion, the existence of God, the problem of evil, the relation between faith and reason, and the relation between religion and morality.

3325. **Environmental Ethics (3).** Discussion of conceptual and moral questions surrounding human population and consumption of resources, loss of biodiversity and wilderness areas, and human use of nonhuman animals.