

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY SUMMER II 2018 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PHIL 2300-001 **Beginning Philosophy** **10:00-11:50** **MTWRF** **ENG/PHIL 163**
Dr. Joseph Gottlieb

This course is an introduction to philosophy via three themes: God, morality, and the nature of persons and our identity over time. We will read classic and contemporary sources on each topic. In addition to thinking hard about these challenging topics, an overarching course goal is to use these topics as a way to learn to how to read difficult texts, and develop the skills necessary for evaluating not just complex philosophical arguments, but more causal arguments that one might encounter in daily life (i.e. news, pop culture, politics, etc.).

PHIL 2310-D01 **Logic** **ONLINE** **TBA** **TBA**
Dr. Christopher Hom

A central aspect of reasoning is the ability to give deductive arguments for one's conclusions. Logic is the formal representation of arguments, so mastering logic is essential for good reasoning. In this course, we will investigate the underlying, logical form of sentences and the deductive relations that hold between them, thus giving us deeper insight into the notion of inference from premises to conclusion. The course will present three logical systems, each in increasing expressive power: sentential logic, monadic quantificational logic, and polyadic quantificational logic. For each system, we will closely examine the syntax of the system, its relation to English, its particular semantic features, and the general properties of satisfiability, validity, implication and equivalence