

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY SUMMER I 2020 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

<b>PHIL 2310-101</b>	<b>Logic</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Dr. Joseph Gottlieb</b>				
<p>This is an introduction to symbolic logic via the study of sentential and predicate logic. Topics to be discussed include analyzing arguments, translating ordinary prose into a formal language, as well the methods of truth-tables, truth trees, and</p>				

<b>PHIL 2320-101</b>	<b>Introduction to Ethics</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Douglas Westfall</b>				
<p>This class will examine questions like: Can personal choices be right or wrong? Are there things or acts that should appropriately be referred to as good or evil? Is there a right way to live, and why should I live that way? If there is one, how do you go about living it out in practice? Do I have obligations towards other people and if so, what are they? How should I think about conflicts between my self-interest and my responsibility to others? We will consider skeptical positions before turning to examine competing answers regarding these questions. This class will rely on original source materials (e.g. Plato's <i>Republic</i> and Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>) for us to understand the primary schools of ethics in hopes of becoming better people.</p>				

<b>PHIL 3334-101</b>	<b>Philosophy of Biology</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>
<b>Dr. Joel Velasco</b>				
<p>This course will examine a range of philosophical questions that arise within the study of evolutionary biology and its application to the human sciences. We'll first discuss questions concerning selection, fitness, adaptationism, and evolutionary explanations. We'll then look at Sociobiology and Evolutionary Psychology with an eye toward thinking about humans and human nature. We will then ask how we can (and should) study human behavior and finally, we will ask if human races exist.</p>				

