

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY SUMMER II 2020 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**PHIL 2300-201**                      **Beginning Philosophy**                      **ONLINE**    **ONLINE**                      **ONLINE**  
**Douglas Westfall**

This class will take seriously the questions that have bothered you since childhood. Questions like: What can we know? Do I have a soul? Free will? Is there a God? How should I live my life? What is justice? etc. This class will focus on classic texts in order to shed light on these problems while providing an introduction to the philosophic cannon.

**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.

**PHIL 2320-D01**                      **Introduction to Ethics**                      **ONLINE**    **TBA**                      **TBA**  
**Dr. Justin Tosi**

Discussion of moral problems and theories of morality. Includes the application of philosophical techniques to issues of contemporary moral concern. Fulfills core Language, Philosophy, and Culture requirement.

**PHIL 3322-101**                      **Biomedical Ethics**                      **ONLINE**    **ONLINE**                      **ONLINE**  
**Dr. Francesca DiPoppa**

Is abortion always immoral? Is euthanasia? Are these morally permissible under certain circumstances, or maybe always? Everyone has an opinion about this. But there is a big difference between feeling a certain way about abortion, or euthanasia, or stem cell research, and having a philosophically informed opinion. This class will offer you the tools to be a philosophically informed participant in some of the most important debates in bioethics today.

