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## Multiple Course Revisions

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Discipline: Philosophy

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#### Course Revision #1

Give complete UMM catalog entry (deletions in strikethru font, additions underlined)(see instructions)

**Phil 3101f Metaphysics** (Hum; 4 cr; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-2006~~ 2008-2009)

Explores fundamental metaphysical issues such as the nature of reality, the notion of personal identity, the relationship between language, thought, minds, and the world. Philosophical works of both classic and contemporary philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Quine, Putnam, and Kripke are discussed.

Rationale (see instructions):

The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #2

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**PHIL 3121f. Political Philosophy** (SS; 4 cr; Prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-06~~ 2007-08)

Explores fundamental issues in political philosophy (e.g., political authority; distributive justice; nature, origin, and justification of the state; natural and civil rights) by, among other things, an examination of the works of philosophers such as Plato, Hobbes, Mill, and Rawls.

Rationale (see instructions):

The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #3

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**PHIL 3131s. Philosophy of Law** (SS; 4 cr; ~~Prereq any 1xxx or 2xxx course or #~~; not offered ~~2006-07~~ 2008-09)

Critical examination of theoretical and practical normative issues in the philosophy of law, especially questions regarding the justification of punishment. (~~e.g., nature of law, justification of punishment, plea bargaining, legal and moral responsibility, and civil disobedience~~).

Rationale (see instructions):

The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements, as well a slight shift in the area of expertise of the new instructor.

#### Course Revision #4

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**Phil 3141f The Theory of Knowledge** (Hum; 4 cr; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-2006~~ 2007-2008)

Explores historical and contemporary views on the limits, justification, and nature of human knowledge. Topics include experiential versus a priori knowledge, the nature of belief, skepticism, and different theories of justification.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #5

Give complete UMM catalog entry (deletions in strikethru font, additions underlined)(see instructions)

**Phil 3151f History of Ancient Philosophy** (Hist; 4 cr; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-2006~~ 2007-2008)

Explore the views of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, and the Stoics. Possible topics include ancient views on the nature and possibility of knowledge, the relationship of the soul to the body, and what the good life is for a human being.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #6

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~~**PHIL 3161 – History of Medieval Philosophy**~~ (Hist; 4 cr; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course or #; not offered ~~2005-06~~; spring)

~~Explore views of philosophers such as Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Bonaventure, Aquinas, and Ockham. Possible topics include the relationship between faith and reason, the problem of God's foreknowledge and human freedom, and proofs for God's existence.~~

Rationale (see instructions): This course reflects the teaching expertise of previous philosophy faculty. Medieval philosophy will now be presented as components of the Ancient and Modern Philosophy courses.

#### Course Revision #7

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**Phil 3171s History of Modern Philosophy** (Hist; 4 cr; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2006-2007~~ 2008-2009)

Explore views of philosophers such as Descartes, Leibniz, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant. Possible topics include the relationship of the mind to the body, and whether and how it is possible to have knowledge of the external world.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #8

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**Phil 4000f History of Philosophy Seminar** (Hist; 4 cr; repeatable to 8 cr when topic changes; prereq any ~~1xxx or 2xxx~~ course from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2006-07~~)

Intensive investigation of a particular philosophical problem, area, or work of a philosopher. Topics vary.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #9

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**PHIL 4100f. Moral Issues and Theories** (Hum; 4 cr [max 8 cr]; Prereq ~~any 1xxx or 2xxx course~~ 2111 or #; not offered ~~2006-07~~ 2007-2008)

Intensive investigation of a particular problem, area, issue, or theory in moral philosophy. Possible topics include moral responsibility, autonomy, weakness of will, and self-deception. Topics vary.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #10

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**PHIL 4111s. Ethical Theory** (Hum; 4 cr; Prereq ~~any 1xxx or 2xxx course~~ 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-06~~ 2008-09)

This course in metaethics focuses on the nature of moral obligation. Topics include: Can moral obligations change with the passage of time? Are genuine moral dilemmas possible? Does "ought" imply "can"? Is moral obligation overriding? Is there a genuine distinction between "subjective" and "objective" moral obligation?

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #11

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**Phil 4121s Philosophy of Language** (Hum; 4 cr; prereq ~~any 1xxx or 2xxx course~~ 2101 or #; not offered ~~2005-2006~~ 2007-2008)

Traditional and contemporary discussions of philosophical problems such as the nature of language, its relationships to the world, to human thought, and to truth; the nature of logical reasoning; metalogical problems. Readings from philosophers such as Frege, Russell, Quine, Putnam, Goodman, Wittgenstein, and Kripke.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #12

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**Phil 4130s Contemporary Issues in Philosophy** (Hum; 4 cr; repeatable to 8 cr; prereq ~~any 1xxx or 2xxx course~~ from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #; not offered ~~2005-2006~~ 2008-2009)

Exposure to, and critical examination of, philosophical issues of special contemporary interest. Topics may include the nature of analytic philosophy and its relationship to other philosophical traditions such as continental or feminist philosophy, the debate on realism and anti-realism, the notion of objectivity.

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #13

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**Phil 4131 Personal Identity, Proper Names, and Essences** (Hum; 4 cr; prereq ~~any 1xxx or 2xxx course~~ from 1101 or 2101 or 2111 or #)

A seminar primarily devoted to the discussion of readings, i.e., Naming and Necessity by Saul Kripke and Reasons and Persons by Derek Parfit. Questions such as: How do proper names function? Are there essential features of persons or objects? What makes each of us the same particular individual over time?

Rationale (see instructions): The changes in prerequisites reflect the changes in the major requirements.

#### Course Revision #14

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PHIL 4901. Senior Philosophical Defense (~~2~~ **1cr; prereq philosophy major**)

Writing and defending a senior philosophical thesis is the culminating experience for UMM philosophy majors. Majors develop a substantial piece of their philosophical writing during a 4000 level seminar, producing multiple drafts in response to comments from a variety of philosophical viewpoints, and then orally defend their thesis.

Rationale (see instructions): The credits are reduced from 2 to 1 because the defense requires less work now that it is incorporated into a seminar. (Previously, the defense was an independent project.) We have incorporated the senior defense into a seminar so that the students are better able to address the literature concerning their topic.