

## **PHILOSOPHY (PHIL)**

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### **199 Thanatos - A Humanities Approach to Death and Dying (Psychology 199) 3 credit hours**

Offered fall and spring semesters. Three hours lecture and discussion a week.

This course is intended to provide a historical and contemporary examination of the biological, psychological, cultural, philosophical, and sociological perspectives of death, the process of dying, grief, and coping after loss. Topics include death in the lives of children and adults, cultural values and ethical issues, as well as an examination of death systems through works of literature, art, music, and media in contemporary societies.

### **201 Introduction to Philosophy 3 credit hours**

Offered fall and spring semesters. Three hours lecture and discussion a week.

The meaning and scope of philosophy, its typical problems and theories, its relations to sciences, morality, and religion. Essentials of representative types of philosophy, including naturalism, pragmatism, dualism, idealism, and mysticism.

### **202 Ethics 3 credit hours**

Offered spring semester. Three hours lecture and discussion a week.

An introduction to the meaning and method of ethics, with special emphasis on the problems of personal and social ethics. A special section of the course will deal with types of proposed solutions to ethical problems from the past. Emphasis will be placed on the ethics of both religion and humanism.

### **204 Comparative Religions 3 credit hours**

Three hours lecture and discussion a week.

This course is an introduction to the study of religions. The course will begin with a study of ancient religions, including those of Greece and Rome. The course will examine Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. An effort will be made to stress the ethical systems, which form an essential part of a religion.