

# ***PHILOSOPHY: Where the nights are long...***

*Here are some of the courses offered by the Department of Philosophy in the Winter Term 2020*



## **PHIL-1600: REASONING SKILLS**

**Dr. Catherine Hundleby**

M 2:30 – 3:50 pm (Labs W 2:30 – 3:50 pm)

Getting your point across depends on some basic skills you can learn in this course. Language can trip people up, so can sources of information (fake news, anyone?), and an understanding of these and other aspects of sharing reasons can help you formulate your reasons in a way that will better persuade others.

## **PHIL-2620 SYMBOLIC LOGIC**

**Dr. H.V. Hansen**

MW 10:00- 11:20 am

Symbolic Logic (also called Formal Logic) stands between mathematics and philosophy. Hence, many precise philosophical concepts lean on logic and are best explained by logic, like *validity*, *necessity*, *contingency* and *proof*. This course offers students instruction in how to express natural language statements in logical language, and it also introduces two proof methods: the tree and the deduction methods. There are two good reasons for taking the course: (a) it will sharpen your thinking (and writing) about arguments, and (b) it is good, clean fun.

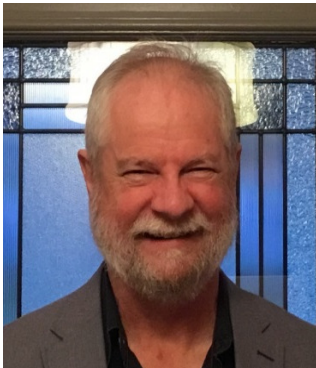


## **PHIL-2760 EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY**

**Dr. Philip Rose**

TTH 1:00 – 2:20 pm

What is the self? Is my knowledge of myself as a mental being different from my knowledge of my bodily existence? Is my identity as a 'person' different from my identity as a 'human'? Do causes stand in a necessary relation to their effects? What is the basis of our knowledge of the external world? Is this the best of all possible worlds? These are but some of the interesting and important questions that will be addressed in this course. We will be examining works from prominent philosophers from the early modern period, including Rene Descartes, John Locke, G.W. Leibniz, and David Hume. If you enjoy thinking about these kinds of questions then you should seriously consider taking this course.

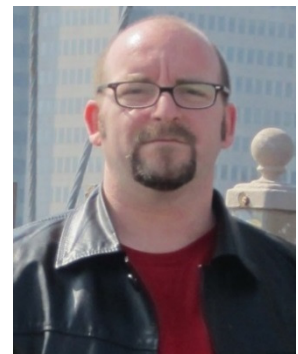


## **PHIL-3230: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GLOBAL JUSTICE**

**Dr. Jeff Noonan**

MW 11:30 – 12:50 pm

The world abounds in human rights abuses: that point is not in dispute. The more difficult question is whether the consistent enforcement of human rights is sufficient to stop the damage done to human beings by the current global system. The course will be a critical examination of the strengths and limitations of standard theories of human rights.



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## **PHIL-2260 LAW, PUNISHMENT AND MORALITY**

**Dr. Brian MacPherson**

TTH 2:30 – 3:50 pm

This course examines a number of important philosophical issues related to law and morality. Are there such things as human rights or all rights relative to a constitution? Are there legitimate cases where civil liberties such as freedom of speech can be overridden? Can new rights be derived from an existing constitution? Do Canadian citizens have a right to privacy, or does the need to combat global terrorism outweigh any such right? To what extent do morality and law intersect? Natural law theorists argue that unjust laws do not count as laws since they violate morality, whereas legal positivists argue that something is a law if it is a command of the sovereign. We will examine these issues and more in the course. This is an excellent course for those who are considering law school. Format is lecture and discussion with a term paper and exams.



## **PHIL-2570 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**Dr. Andrea Sullivan-Clarke**

TTH 11:30 – 12:50 pm

Why do we believe in quarks, evolution, and other notions put forth by scientists? Why are the sciences considered to be one of our best sources of knowledge about the natural world? In this course we will investigate the nature and status of scientific knowledge. We will critically examine different attempts to define the 'scientific method', to draw a line dividing science from pseudo-science, and to justify the high status and reliability generally accorded to scientific knowledge. Substantial attention will be given to the relationship between evidence and theory. We will also see why a study of scientific practice and the history of science is essential to answering questions about the nature of science.

## ***OTHER PHILOSOPHY COURSES AVAILABLE IN WINTER 2020:***

**PHIL-1100 – Introduction to Western Philosophy** (Dr. Sullivan-Clarke, and Dr. Noonan)

**PHIL-1120 – Philosophy and Human Nature** (Dr. Guetter, and Dr. Letteri)

**PHIL-1290 – Contemporary Moral Issues** (Dr. Letteri, and Dr. Guetter)

**PHIL-1600 – Reasoning Skills Distance Education** (Prof Parr)

**PHIL-1620 – Logic and Argumentation** (Dr. MacPherson)

**PHIL-2210 – Introduction to Ethics** (Dr. Guetter)

**PHIL-2280 – Technology, Human Values and the Environment** (Dr. Letteri)

**PHIL 2300 - Indigenous Thought of the Americas** (Dr. Sullivan-Clarke)

**PHIL-2540 – Theory of Knowledge** (TBA)

**PHIL-2610 – Argumentation** (Dr. Tindale)

**PHIL-2660 – Reasoning About Weird Things** (Prof Parr)

**PHIL-3420 – Philosophy of Education** (Dr. Noonan)

**PHIL-3760 – Kant** (Dr. Neculau)

**PHIL-4730 – Pragmatist Philosophy** (Dr. Neculau)

**PHIL-4760 – Advanced Studies: Ancient Philosophy** (Dr. Tindale)

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