

PHILOSOPHY@WWU.EDU | SUMMER 2023
SIX WEEKS ONLY! | JUNE 20th- JULY 28th

PHIL 102: Introduction to Logic | Online Synch TR 10:00-11:00 | QSR GUR!

We all know that in order to argue well you have to get *the facts* straight. Less well-known is that in order to argue well you have to get *the reasoning* straight. For not all forms of reasoning are equally good; sometimes the very structure of our reasoning leads us from truth into error. Logic is the formal study of valid (or: truth-preserving) reasoning. By slowing down to think carefully, by learning to assess our own patterns of thought as well as the way others reason, we stand to become better thinkers, to develop stronger and more effective arguments, and to cultivate both precision and humility. (Christian Lee)

PHIL 107: Critical Thinking | Online Asynchronous | BCOM GUR!

Sherlock Holmes was famous for his ability to solve crimes that baffled everyone else, but he didn't have any superpowers. So, what was the secret to his success? In this course we'll study the powerful engines that drive good reasoning, no matter what puzzle you're trying to solve. (Neal Tognazzini)

PHIL 114: Knowledge and Reality | F2F MWF 11:30-12:50 | HUM GUR!

What is it to be a human being? Are minds the same thing as brains? Or are they something else – for instance the *software* that is *loaded onto* brains? How should we go about trying to answer these kinds of questions? For that matter, how should we go about coming to know anything? Is it even possible to know things? We will explore these questions and related ones in an environment that focuses on guided small group discussions. (Dennis Whitcomb)

PHIL 320: Ethical Theory I | F2F TR 2:00-3:50 | NO PRE-REQ!

We know that at least some things are overrated. But could *happiness* be overrated? This summer we will look at theories of human wellbeing (understood as what makes life go well for us), theories of happiness (understood as a psychological state, or a mood), alongside putative sources of happiness. (Christian Lee)

Phil 355: Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art | F2F MWF 2:30-3:50 | HUM GUR!

What is art? Does art require certain kind of intentions to produce something beautiful or meaningful? Come to think of it, what are *those* things – beauty and meaningfulness? This course will explore these questions (and others) in a way that focuses on small group discussions. (Dennis Whitcomb)

PHIL 425: Philosophy of Mind | F2F TR 10:00-11:50 |

Can computers think? Does neuroscience disprove free will? Is your smartphone a part of your mind? These are just a few of the intriguing questions we'll be addressing in this class. Non-philosophy majors are encouraged to enroll and can email Ryan.Wasserman@wwu.edu for an override. (Ryan Wasserman)