

## Department of Philosophy Summer 2023

### *Summer Session I*

#### **PHI 1000-015 Knowledge, Reality, Self**

Instructor: **Dr. Gabriel Rockhill**

M T W R 11:00 am-1:20 pm **(Distance Learning)**

Philosophical responses to the questions of how we can know, what is real, and what is the nature of human existence that explore the dialogue between Catholic, Christian, secular and skeptical perspectives on these questions.

#### **PHI 2115-015 Ethics for Health Care Prof**

Instructor: **Dr. Peter Koch**

M W 6:00-8:00 pm **(Distance Learning)**

This course explores contemporary ethical issues in medicine and health care through case analysis, philosophical argument, and class discussion. Students will develop the tools and sensitivities needed to assess and resolve complex ethical situations, with a particular focus on those situations that are commonly encountered by patients, families, and medical professionals in the clinical setting. All interested students are welcome to participate, as the course is designed for medically and non-medically oriented students alike.

#### **PHI 4150-015 Philosophy & Film**

Instructor: **Dr. Delia Popa**

M T W R 6:00-8:00 pm **(Distance Learning)**

In this course we will explore the emancipatory and educational potential of film-making as it relates to issues of class exploitation, colonialism, racism, hierarchies of gender and sexuality, and the ecological crisis. Throughout the course, we will weave together the discussion of particular films with philosophical issues ranging from the nature and function of images to the power of ideology. We will focus on the specific modes of production that make cinema possible, questioning its materiality and its social grounding. In order to understand the hidden mechanisms of cinematographic art, we will reflect together on the difference between realist and fictional cinematography, and on the various modalities of their social consumption. We will also question the way in which moving images and recorded sounds construct worldviews and manipulate unconscious drives.

### *Summer Session II*

#### **PHI 1000-025 Knowledge, Reality, Self**

Instructor: **Dr. Shahram Ahmadi Nasab Emran**

M T W R 11:00 am-1:20 pm **(Distance Learning)**

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#### **PHI 2115-025 Ethics for Healthcare Prof**

Instructor: **Dr. Terry Maksymowich**

M W 6:00-8:00 pm **(Distance Learning)**

Ethics for Health Care Professionals (Clinical Ethics) considers the goods, duties and character of healthcare professionals and patients/clients and attempts to organize these logically into theories and principles. It also deals with the many ethical dilemmas raised by contemporary biomedical technology

and practice, and attempts to resolve, or at least to address them in a philosophically acceptable way by reflecting upon, and critically examining many philosophical approaches to issues and concepts of clinical ethics. You will learn the material required in this course through reading, case studies, journal prompts, and discussion.

**PHI 2180-025 Computer Ethics**

Instructor: **Dr. Emma Stamm**

**M T W R 1:30-3:50 (Distance Learning)**

Advances in digital computing have led to paradigmatic shifts in knowledge production, industry, and global politics. Today, computing infrastructures connect all aspects of society. Their effects demand ethical scrutiny, but the fast pace of innovation tends to confound this pursuit. The aim of PHI2180 is to orient students to the study of computer ethics, a well-established and continually evolving academic field. We draw richly from the discipline of philosophy, indicating where theoretical inquiry clarifies the moral complexities of today's leading applications. Our materials are not strictly limited to philosophy, however: we also read texts and engage with new media from such fields as critical data studies, information theory, and computer science.

"Ethical Issues in Computer Science" emphasizes the durability and reliability of philosophical reasoning as a guide for technological decision making. Our premise is that a substantial foundation in ethical theory outlasts cycles of tech development. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to evaluate the ethics of new innovations for years to come.