



## PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

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The Philosophy and Religious Studies major provides students with a foundation in metaphysics (the nature of ultimate reality and religious/spiritual experiences), epistemology (the study of truth, knowledge, and critical thinking), ethics (moral theory, applied ethical issues, theological frameworks, and political theory), textual studies (analysis of literary genres, composition and redaction histories, and reception histories of sacred texts), ritual studies (exploring varieties of spiritual practices in various contexts), and aesthetics (the study of beauty and art).

Beyond the major, students may additionally choose between two optional concentrations of study: (1) Ethics and Social Justice or (2) Religious Literacy. Courses taken toward the major can also count toward these optional concentrations.

The major serves as a preparation for graduate study in philosophy, religious studies, and related fields, but also complements work in other disciplines such as political science, pre-law, history, English, business, environmental science, and pre-healthcare. Additionally, the major is designed to help students to flourish in a complex and diverse world.

The department chair may approve substitutions as deemed appropriate. Initial substitutions below:

You can find the course descriptions for all courses required for this major by clicking on the following links:

- [Economics Course Descriptions](#)
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**Major: PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES**


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Course #	Title of Course	Hours Required	Semester Completed	Grade
<b>Required Courses – Choose THREE of the Following (9 hrs.)</b>				
PHL 120	History of Philosophy	3		
PHL 212	Introduction to Ethics	3		
PHL 218	Introduction to Logic	3		
PHL/REL 102	World Religions	3		
REL 101	Introduction to the Bible	3		
<b>THREE Upper-Level Courses in PHL/REL (9 hrs.)</b>				
PHL/REL	Upper-Level Course	3		
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<b>THREE additional electives EITHER from PHL/REL OR from courses outside of the department with significant overlap with philosophy/religious studies themes (see sample list below) (9 hrs)</b>				
ECN/ENV 377	Environmental and Resource Economics	3		
POL 314	American Constitutional Law and Politics	3		
POL 326	Environmental Politics and Policy	3		
POL 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
POL 351	Women and Politics	3		
PSY 374	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict	3		
SEC 325	Issues in Homeland Security	3		
SEC 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
WGS 315	Gender and Society	3		
WGS 335	Sex and Gender in the Christian Tradition	3		
WGS 351	Women and Politics	3		
<b>Optional Concentrations: Students may either declare a general major in Philosophy and Religious Studies (detailed on the previous page) or elect to add a concentration in one of two different areas (see below). Concentrations allow students to demonstrate expertise</b>				

in an academic area related to a field they might pursue in graduate or professional school (e.g., pre-law students might pick Ethics and Social Justice, while students bound for seminary might choose Religious Literacy). Concentrations do not increase the total number of hours required for the major (27 hours total). The courses in the concentrations below count toward the three upper-level courses and three electives that are required by the major (which are taken in addition to the required courses indicated on the previous page).

**Ethics and Social Justice Concentration (4 courses from list below, 3 of which must be from REL or PHL)**

LST 330	Diversity & Ethics in Leadership	3		
PHL 244	Business Ethics	3		
PHL 242	Biomedical Ethics	3		
PHL 246	Environmental Ethics	3		
PHL 324	Genetic Manipulation	3		
POL 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
POL/WGS 351	Women and Politics	3		
PSY 374	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict	3		
REL 307	Social Justice in Modern Christian Thought	3		
	<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR</b>	<b>27 hrs.</b>		

**Religious Literacy Concentration (four courses from the following list)**

REL 101	Introduction to the Bible	3		
REL/PHL 102	World Religions	3		
REL/PHL 333	Asian Philosophy and Religion	3		
REL 319	Recent Christian Thought	3		
REL 316	The Teachings of Jesus	3		
REL 305	Perceptions of Death	3		
REL 342	Philosophy, Religion, and Science	3		
	<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR MAJOR</b>	<b>27 hrs.</b>		

If any substitutions or waivers of requirements are allowed, please list below and initial.

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## ECN – Economics

**ECN 110 Introduction to Economics** (3 hrs.) This introductory course will briefly explore the historical foundations of economics systems including the foundation of private property rights, the emergence of capitalism and market-based economy, and its rise in different forms in the US and around the world. The course will then move to the study of microeconomic topics such as scarcity, theory of markets and effects of the market structures on the resource allocation and social welfare. After exploring markets and market structures, the course will move into topics from macroeconomic such as measurements of an economy, basic classical and Keynesian theory and the macroeconomic tools of fiscal and monetary policy. Finally, this course will conclude with a look at the economics of international trade, and exchange rates. This is an excellent course to explore subject matter of economics for those who have not done any economics before and would like to get an introduction to its subject matter or to pursue further study in business and economics.

**ECN 211 Principles of Macroeconomics** (3 hrs.) An introductory course that examines, in an international context, the causes and consequences of economic growth, inflation and unemployment, and how government fiscal and monetary policies affect macroeconomic outcomes. Prerequisite: MAT 114 or MAT 122 or MAT 124.

**ECN 212 Principles of Microeconomics** (3 hrs.) An introductory course to acquaint the student with consumer choice, the market system, resource allocation, and the decisions of firms in markets with varying degrees of competition with applications relating to public policy. Prerequisite: MAT 114 or higher.

**ECN 308 Economics of Industrial Organization** (3 hrs.) In this course students will study business firms' behavior under different market structures. The course studies behavior of firms: their strategy, performance, and interactions under various market conditions and levels of competition. It explains and studies reasons behind business practices such as mergers, acquisition, price discrimination, advertising, product selections, innovations vertical restraints, cartels and exclusionary conducts. It also explains why there are economic regulations, such as antitrust and other industrial regulations. This course will introduce game theory as a tool of economic analysis. Prerequisites: ECN 212 and either MAT 122 or MAT 124 or permission from instructor. Basic understanding of principles of microeconomics, algebra, and calculus is necessary and these will not be reviewed in the class.

**ECN 310 International Trade and Finance** (3 hrs.) Studies international movements of goods and services and monetary flows. Covers international trade theory, trade policy, institutional evolution of the world economy, balance of payments and exchange rates. Prerequisite: ECN 211 and ECN 212.

**ECN 316 Public Finance** (3 hrs.) Examines the role of government in a market system and develops the tools necessary to evaluate government policies. Explores the development and growth of the public sector of the economy, the theory and character of public revenue, expenditure, and debt; studies the use of public finance to achieve economic stability, promote economic growth, and effect other social goals; and examines federal, state, and local taxes, expenditure, and administration. Offered every other spring semester. Prerequisites: ECN 211 and 212.

**ECN 325 Money, Banking, and Financial Markets (3 hrs.)** A study of the roles of the financial sector and of monetary policy on the economy. Explores essential features of financial markets; discusses concerns of bank managers in making investment choices; examines the roles of the Federal Reserve and banks in the money supply process; explores the importance of money in the economy; and examines the importance of exchange rate movements in international investing. Prerequisite: ECN 211.

**ECN 331 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory** (3 hrs.) This course provides a working understanding of the economy as a whole in an international context. It examines the relationship between such measures of aggregate economic activity as income, unemployment, inflation and interest rates. It develops models of economic activity and uses them to analyze the effects of changes in the economic environment, private behavior and government policy. It also evaluates the potential for government fiscal and monetary policies to affect economic activities. Prerequisite: ECN 211, ECN 212 & MAT 114 or MAT 122 or higher.

**ECN 334 Economic Development** (3 hrs.) This course examines the concept and measurement of development, the main factors that prevent development from taking place, alternative approaches to guiding development, and how development can be made sustainable. It investigates how human resources are transformed in the process of economic development and how that transformation contributes to the development process itself. It discusses how capital is mobilized and allocated for development purposes. It also explores the importance of agriculture, primary production, and industrial development, and analyzes the macroeconomic management of a developing economy open to world markets. Offered every other fall semester. Prerequisites: ECN 211.

**ECN 337 Open Economy Macroeconomics** (3 hrs.) This is an applied macroeconomics course, where students will be exposed to the theories of open market international aspects of finance and macroeconomics. The course will investigate modern monetary and exchange rate relationships between countries. We will analyze the balance of payments of countries, understand the issues related to international capital flows, and explain how exchange rates are determined. In addition, the standard aggregate supply and demand and the IS-LM models will be expanded to open market economies. Prerequisites: ECN 211, ECN 212.

**ECN 351 Price theory and Managerial Decisions** (3 hrs.) An intensive study of the tools which economists use to analyze the allocation resources among alternative uses. Topics discussed include consumer demand (consumer's choice); the determinants of price, output, and employment in various market situations (production and markets); the effects of imperfect competition on resource allocation; and it will then use the concepts to examine business decision techniques. Special emphasis will be placed on the statistical derivation and interpretation of demand and cost curves, and decision making under uncertainty. Prerequisites: ECN 212, MAT 114 and MAT 122.

**ECN 355 Research Methods for Business and Social Sciences Applications** (3 hrs.) This course provides the students with an overview of research methods that are commonly used to support economic, business, public policy research and decision-making. The course emphasizes business and social sciences applications. This course will enhance students understanding of quantitative, statistical and qualitative methods used in business, economics and other social sciences. Students will learn survey methods, sampling and probability distribution, statistical inference, multiple regression technique, time-series analysis and forecasting, and analysis of multivariate system using matrices such as input-output model, activity analysis, and simple linear programming. This course is writing intensive. Prerequisite: MAT 114, BUS 210, ECN 211, ECN 212, or Permission from instructor.

**ECN 360 Mathematical Economics** (3 hrs.) This course gives students majoring in economics and business a sound grounding in mathematical economics that has become indispensable for proper understanding of the current economics and business literatures. The course provides an introduction to a wide array of mathematical techniques used in solving economic problems and developing economic theories. Students will learn and apply integral and differential calculus, differential equations, linear algebra to study and explore economic optimization, static equilibrium analysis, linear economic models, and economic dynamics. The course will provide students an excellent grounding to work in applied and theoretical economics, econometrics and economic modeling. Prerequisites: MAT 124, MAT 215, and ECN 331, or permission from the instructor for students with strong mathematics background (such as seniors with Math majors or Economics majors who have combined GPA above 3.5 in MAT 122 and ECN 355).

**ECN 362 Sports Economics** (3 hrs.) This course introduces students to how economic concepts apply to the business and practice of sports. The sports world is filled with empirical evidence that illustrates economics in action and allows for testing economic theories. Basic economic models will be applied to evaluate professional and amateur sports. We will investigate topics such as the league structure, labor-relations, incentive structures, salary caps, stadium financing, etc. In addition to our attention to professional sports, we will also spend a portion of our time on college athletic programs. By the end of the course, students should be able to distinguish the sports industry from most other types of business industries. Prerequisites: MAT 114, MAT 122 or higher, and ECN 212.

**ECN 364 Labor Economics** (3 hrs.) This is an applied microeconomics course, where students will be exposed to the theories of the labor market and the effects of various government policies on the labor market in the U.S. Socioeconomic issues such as legal and illegal immigration, race and gender discrimination will be investigated in the course. Essentially, students will be using microeconomic economic theories to analyze the determinants of labor demand, labor supply, the causes and effects of wage differential, unemployment and labor unions. Complex topic of worker's compensation and wage structure will also be explored. Prerequisites: ECN 212 and MAT 124 or higher.

**ECN 367 Econometrics** (3 hrs.) An intensive study of the use of multivariate linear regression techniques applied to the estimation of economic relationships. This study will include the assumptions of the statistical model, how to recognize when these assumptions have been violated by the economic model or the data, and what corrective procedures are appropriate. Also discussed will be methods for checking forecast accuracy in advance of the forecast period and simultaneous equation estimation procedures. Prerequisites: ECN 355 or MAT 313 and ECN 110 or both ECN 212 & 211 or permission of instructor.

**ECN/ENV 377 Environmental and Resource Economics** (3 hrs.) This course will introduce students to the theories and methods used to understand and evaluate environmental problems and policies. The class will provide students the much-needed exposure to the non-competitive markets, the methods to analyze such markets, and the effects of these markets on economic institutions. The objective of this course is to introduce students to theories and methods used to understand and evaluate the environmental problems and policies. We will start with concepts of externalities, public goods, property rights and why markets could fail in these cases. Policies to correct market failure in domestic and international situations will be examined. Students will explore the common property problem in case of renewable resources and the public policies used to correct the problem. Prerequisites: MAT 122 or MAT 124, and ECN 212.

**ECN 425 Senior Seminar** (3 hrs.) This course provides the capstone experience in economics. Students will learn how to apply knowledge gained in economics courses to further their understanding of contemporary economic issues. The course provides a review of intermediate macroeconomics, price theory and econometrics. Students will complete a senior thesis which provides an opportunity to conduct original research on an economic or interdisciplinary issue. Students will present and discuss their research results in class throughout the semester. Prerequisites: Senior standing, ECN 331, (ECN 367 or ECN 355), and at least two economics electives or consent of instructor.

## LST – Organizational Leadership

**LST 100 Peer Mentoring** (1 hr.) This course will encourage students who are serving as peer mentors for the Westminster First Year Experience to continue to develop their skills as mentors and effectively support new students' transition to college. Students will not only engage in service to the college by supporting their mentees and first-year instructors, but also will be asked to establish personal and professional goals that they will work to develop through the mentoring experience.

**LST 101 The Leader Within** (1 hr.) This course introduces all first-year students to the College's challenge of "developing leaders in a global community" by first becoming engaged, responsible members of the college learning community. Students will explore the meaning of "personal leadership" and ways in which they will make meaningful contributions to our campus and in the world. Additionally, they will develop a plan for academic and co-curricular success, become acquainted with Westminster's history, values, mission, and campus support services, and begin appreciating the value of a liberal arts education. Topics will engage students in discussions regarding life decisions and first-year transitional issues, including the areas of relationship-building, cross-cultural understanding, ethical leadership, wellness, and academic practices.

**LST 131 Theoretically Based Leadership Lab** (1 hr.) This seminar-style course will introduce students to theories of leadership as those theories relate to personal and group leadership, organizational change and other relevant leadership issues and theories. Students will apply the information presented in the course to improve their leadership skills and develop an understanding of their role in the community. Using active learning strategies, the course will emphasize listening, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Permission of the instructor may be required for enrollment. The course may be repeated with change of topic. At the instructor's option, the course may be offered with a second hour of credit with the addition of a service-learning project. The service-learning project will require a minimum of 15 hours of service.

**LST 132 Problem Based Leadership Lab** (1 hr.) This seminar-style course will introduce students to theories of leadership through the examination of campus, community, national and global issues and problems. Students will apply the information presented in the course and problem-solving techniques to improve their leadership skills, and develop strategies for addressing community challenges. Using active learning strategies, decision making models, the social change model, or change theories, the course will emphasize listening, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Permission of the instructor may be required for enrollment. The course may be repeated with change of topic. At the instructor's option, the course may be offered with a second hour of credit with the addition of a service-learning project. The service-learning project will require a minimum of 15 hours of service.

**LST 133 Service-Learning Leadership Lab** (1 or 2 hrs.) This service-learning course will introduce students to theories of leadership and the relationship between service and leadership. Through the use of a service-learning project, students will relate leadership theory to service, community needs and civic engagement. Students will apply the information presented in the course to improve their leadership skills, understand community issues, and develop strategies for addressing community challenges. Using active learning strategies, the course will emphasize listening, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Permission of the instructor may be required for enrollment. The course may be repeated with change of topic. The course will require a minimum of 15 hours of service per credit hour.

**LST 134 Career Management I** (1 hrs.) Introduction to Career Management: is an overview of the basics of deciding on a major, which includes assessments, research, self-reflection and preparing job-searching materials (resume, cover letter, interviewing, etc.)

**LST 180 Tutoring Skills I** (2 hrs.) This course is designed to teach tutors about the issues typically encountered in peer tutoring. Topics range from basic information to more advanced approaches to handling specific problems and/or issues. There is a focus on ethics and communication skills in addition to topics more directly related to successful tutoring. The course utilizes an on-line component and bi-weekly seminar style meetings to enable tutors to discuss their reactions to the topics presented in the course. Also, tutors may meet with faculty lab directors in small groups to discuss tutoring in the labs (i.e. writing lab, math lab, accounting lab, or tier II lab).

**LST 201 Leadership Theories and Practice** (3 hrs.) This course will serve as an introductory seminar for students interested in minoring in Organizational Leadership at Westminster or studying leadership in general. The course will focus on: 1) familiarizing students with the academic literature and general theories of leadership in the social sciences and other disciplines; 2) aiding students in developing academic skills that improve their leadership abilities; 3) providing practical opportunities for students to apply their leadership skills; and 4) creating a stepping-stone for further study of leadership-related topics in other courses. The course will most likely have a mentor or mentors to help in the facilitation of dialogue and information.

**LST 205 Mediation and Conflict Resolution** (3 hrs.) LST 205 is designed for students pursuing a minor in Organizational Leadership but is open to all students. It satisfies the "Communication Skills" requirement of this minor. This course focuses on the analytical, methodological and practical tools of conflict mediation with an emphasis on conflict prevention, management, and resolution. The course provides students with an introduction to the theories of conflict, conflict resolution, and mediation. Students will then be challenged to apply these theories to real cases taken from history, current events, and community or campus conflicts. The course will also provide a laboratory for students to learn and develop their mediation and conflict resolution skills. Students may choose a service-learning alternative that allows them to integrate out of the classroom experiences with theory through campus or community placements (e.g., involvement with the Fulton Housing Authority Mediation Program).

**LST 210 Leadership for Non-Profit Organizations** (3 hrs.) This 3-hour course will take an in-depth examination of special and/or specific topics in leadership. Students will examine the leadership issues, requirements, strategies and techniques that may be unique to the topic. The course will examine the issue from both the individual leadership and group leadership perspectives. (Courses might include: gender and leadership, leadership for non-profit organizations, fund raising for non-profit organizations, and leadership in government.)

**LST 236 Work-Life Design** (2 hrs.) Job or career mobility are the new buzzwords as more employees seek careers that align with their values, skills, and life goals earned through promotions, advancement, or a change in their job roles. To become a competitive job candidate, employees must evaluate and invest in their professional skills and career development to gain control over their personal and professional lives. Work Life Design aims to develop these modern career development skills which include life design concepts for the adult learner who may be in the process of career transition. Besides polishing their resume and expanding their network, students can expect to learn work-life balance, career transition and growth strategies, how to work at peak performance and remain engaged in their careers.

**LST 240 Leading Oneself to Personal Wellness** (3 hrs.) Wellness is an essential component to productivity, disease prevention and management, optimal functioning, and thus, overall personal development. This course will take a "whole-person" approach using the six dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, spiritual, occupational, social, and intellectual. There will be an emphasis on practical and sustainable behavioral change that includes personal self-reflection and environmental awareness. Each topic will include a self-assessment plan. Topics include stress management, nutrition, fitness, worksite wellness programming, health-promotion and assessment of risk, and wellness leadership. Prerequisite LST201.

**LST 250 Leadership Communication** (3 hrs.) Excellent communication is essential for effective leadership and for any organization to thrive. This course offers an overview and application of the development of communication skills, whether it is learning to lead teams, resolving conflict, disseminating information clearly, or becoming a better public speaker. The influence of social media on our society will be covered to examine how individuals, as well as organizations can use these communication tools effectively. Additionally, the course will explore the use of technology as tools to enhance and improve organizational communication, and the many ways in which technology can be used to improve organizations and serve as a source of competitive advantage. Prerequisite LST201.

**LST 280 Tutoring Skills II** (2 hrs.) This course expands upon and augments the material in LST 180. Material from LST 180 is reviewed in order to foster an understanding of the important elements of difference between students as they relate to successful tutoring practice and to all aspects of interactions among people. Different approaches to learning and teaching are discussed as well as ethical practice in these areas. This course also explores the leadership role that tutors play on the Westminster campus. The course utilizes an on-line component and bi-weekly seminar style meetings to enable tutors to discuss their reactions to the topics presented in the course. Also, tutors may meet with faculty lab directors in small groups to discuss tutoring in the labs (i.e. writing lab, math lab, accounting lab, or tier II lab).

**LST 301 Organizational Leadership Mentoring** (1-4 hrs.) This course will allow the upper-level Organizational Leadership minor or student who has completed an introductory course in Organizational Leadership to develop their mentoring and leadership skills while advancing their knowledge of leadership theory. In addition to the instruction provided, the student will develop their mentoring and leadership skills through one of the following instructor-approved experiences: 1) Serve as teaching assistant to LST 201 Leadership Theories/Practices and mentor to students taking this class; 2) Serve as a Westminster Seminar Mentor; 3) Assist with the course development and serve as teaching assistant for a Leadership Lab (LST 131/132/133); or 4) Serve in another leadership/mentoring role as approved by the instructor and the coordinator of the Organizational Leadership program. In addition to the leadership and mentoring experiences, the student will increase their knowledge of leadership theory and develop higher level mentoring skills through research, reflective journaling, or other methods as assigned by the instructor. Prerequisites: LST 201 or LST 205.

**LST 325 Cross-Cultural Leadership** (3 hrs.) Today's world demands culturally-intelligent leaders – leaders who understand themselves and the culture from which they come, and who are able to use their cross-cultural skills to make a positive difference regardless of cultural setting, whether it is across the globe or in their own community. Developing cross-cultural competence is the primary goal for this course, attained through a case study/problem-based learning method that challenges students, individually and in groups, to apply their critical thinking skills to real challenges faced by cultures different than their own. It enhances a student's ability to see challenges from multiple points of view and pushes them to broaden and deepen their ability to use different filters to understand human behavior and organizational dynamics. Ultimately, it is a course for students who feel a "call to action" and want to make the world a better place by collaborating with others who come from different cultures and back-stories. Prerequisites: LST 201, GTS 201, or GTS 210.

**LST 330 Diversity & Ethics in Leadership** (3 hrs.) Appreciating the opportunities and challenges that come from a diverse workforce is essential for leaders. This course reviews research on worker similarities and differences based on age, generation, culture, race, ethnicity, nationality, disability status, gender identification, and sexual orientation. In addition, this course will discuss ethical issues that arise in the workforce and in society which demand enlightened leadership. Students will learn to apply this knowledge as they become more competent leaders in a global society. Prerequisite LST 201.

**LST 340 Great Leaders** (3 hrs.) This course examines great leaders and focuses on the struggles they faced and the leadership habits and techniques they employed to transcend those difficulties. Drawing on their knowledge from previous leadership modules, this course will allow students to see examples of leadership in practice. The subjects chosen will reflect the broad diversity of leaders crossing all political, gender, and ethnic lines. This course will also provide a biographical overview Winston Churchill and of some of the other influential leaders Westminster College has welcomed to its campus to deliver the Green Lecture. From presidents to musicians, entrepreneurs, and activists, Westminster has become a key destination for global leaders to deliver transformative speeches. Prerequisite LST201.

**LST 334 Career Management III** (1 hrs.) Further tracks the progress of one's personal career development path and career goals with an emphasis on the current job market, employment trends, and completing more advanced job searching or graduate school application materials. In-depth case studies and research will be required.

**LST 350 Leading Teams and Group Dynamics** (3 hrs.) Collaboration, teamwork, and group cohesion are crucial elements to organizations and high performing work groups. This course focuses on high performance teams and what makes them work. Selected theories and concepts will describe the stages of team development, the establishment of group norms, barriers to effective teamwork, team productivity, and team-building techniques. The course also analyzes the process of group communication, particularly in the context of task-oriented and decision-making groups, and methods to mediate group conflicts. Prerequisite LST201.

**LST 335 Song and the Community** (3 hrs.) Have you ever lifted your voice in song? Are you drawn to the notion of peace, justice, and equality for all people of the world? Do you believe in the power of grass-roots efforts to transform communities? LST 335 is a crossroads where communal song will be used to build bridges across divides of ethnicity, race, gender, religion, social class, sexual orientation, and age. As we explore ideas of identity and community, we will employ the tradition of shared song as a tool to unite people of diverse backgrounds upon a common ground of song. Through song, we will extend our sense of common ground by sharing cultural codes of songs from folk traditions around the world. In this course, we will learn the art of "lifting a song" in small groups and large gatherings. We will study historical examples of song lifting as practiced among members of the Labor Movement, participants of the Civil Rights Movement, and the Folk Movement of the 1960s and 70s. We will analyze the work of song leaders like Pete Seeger, Odetta, Bernice Johnson Reagon, and Ysaye M. Barnwell and learn the songs that played pivotal roles in their work building communities and addressing issues of social, economic, political, and environmental consequence. Like these song leaders, we will develop the skills to build coalitions through shared singing and to promote unity and solidarity for specific, relevant issues. This course will be experiential: students will read music, compose song lyrics, sing, play instruments, and lead singing. The ability to read music is required. Also there is a strong service-learning component to this course as students will lead in the making of music with various groups and organizations locally.

**LST 380 College Tutoring III** (2 hrs.) This course is designed to teach tutors about the issues typically encountered in peer tutoring. Students in this course design and carry out an independent project that addresses a student success support need identified by each student with assistance from the course instructor. Students in this course provide tutoring for a lower-level course and review information learned in the previous tutoring courses. Prerequisite: Open to students who have successfully completed LST 280.

**LST 399 Leadership Internship** (3 hrs.) This course will allow the upper-level Organizational Leadership minor to complete an internship in Organizational Leadership. The student will utilize the Organizational Leadership coordinator/director and LST 301 instructor (who may at times be different people) as resource persons in completing the course. The final grade for the course will be assigned by the LST minor coordinator or a designate mutually arranged by the LST minor coordinator and the student. The student will work through assignment in the internship with the minor coordinator, or the faculty member who oversees the special project, and the internship coordinator. The internship may include private and public sector opportunities, which include for-profit and non-profit organizations. The minor coordinator, the internship coordinator and the student will decide jointly how the internship will broadly configure to the LST minor program. Hence, the minor coordinator or his/her/their designate will be responsible for assigning the final grade for the internship.

**LST 410 Advanced Topics in Leadership** (3 hrs.) Students will examine issues in selected topic areas of leadership at an advanced level. Selected topic areas may include change leadership, leadership agility, and political leadership. Prerequisite LST201.

## **PHL – Philosophy**

**PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy Through Film** (3 hrs.) This course utilizes films and media to help explore the major areas of philosophy relating to who and what we are and how we should live our lives. More specifically, it explores questions relating to the belief in God; knowledge of the world; the relationship between minds, bodies, and persons; freedom and responsibility; and ethics and morality. Offered each semester

**PHL/REL 102 World Religions** (3 hrs.) One of the most pressing problems of the 21st century is religious pluralism: We live in a world, in a nation, and in an academic community that is religiously diverse. How will we relate to persons who are different from one another and from us in terms of religious orientation? Will we choose to relate in ways that are healthy or ways that are harmful? For unless we know what persons of faith believe and value and do, we cannot relate in positive ways to them. This course will strive to understand a number of the varied religious traditions of the world in a way that is fair, open-minded, objective, and kind. "Agreeing" with the various religions we will be studying is not required; however, "understanding" them is. Typically offered every semester.

**PHL 120 History of Philosophy** (3 hrs.) This course explores the history of western philosophy with an emphasis on the ancient, medieval and modern philosophical eras. Pursued chronologically, most attention is given to central figures such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Descartes, Locke, Hume and Kant though a broader range will be investigated with an emphasis on their views relating to ethics, political theory, and metaphysics/epistemology (relating to the nature of reality and how we come to know such). The course also focuses on applying historical philosophical thought to our contemporary world.

**PHL 212 Introduction to Ethics** (3 hrs.) An introductory survey that begins with a brief introduction of ethical theory before moving on to explore specific applied ethical issues such as the following: abortion, euthanasia, sexual morality, human cloning, animal rights, war and terrorism, and distributive justice. The focus of the course is developing critical ethical reasoning that enables deeper normative insights in to how we should live our lives. Offered each spring.

**PHL 218 Introduction to Logic** (3 hrs.) Drawing from a broad spectrum of controversial issues, this course is a systematic introduction to techniques for constructing, analyzing, and evaluating arguments using ordinary language instead of formal systems of inference. Offered every other spring.

**PHL 242 Biomedical Ethics** (3 hrs.) The course begins with a brief introduction to ethical theories and to major moral principles used in analyzing problems in biomedical ethics. Theories and principles are then applied to a sampling of biomedical cases such as the following: severely impaired newborns and their parents' right to refuse treatment for them; the justification for genetic manipulation and screening; physician-assisted suicide; doctor-patient confidentiality and informed consent; the use of fetal-cell tissues; living wills and their relationship to personal identity. The readings include analyses by physicians, jurists, and philosophers of the ethical and philosophical questions raised by the cases and issues considered.

**PHL 244 Business Ethics** (3 hrs.) A study of moral problems arising in business and industry: consumer rights, property rights and employee rights; the obligations of employees, owners and managers, governmental regulation and economic justice.

**PHL 246 Environmental Ethics** (3 hrs.) An examination of ethical issues arising from our use of natural resources, animate and inanimate, and different ethical perspectives regarding our relationship to the rest of the natural world (both now and in context of future generations). Most of the course is devoted to examining contemporary environmental issues (pollution, global warming, preservation of species, etc.) using traditional ethical theories, biocentric and ecocentric ethics, deep ecology, and concepts from economics and policy analysis. Offered every other spring semester.

**PHL 302 The Meaning of Life** (3 hrs.) What is the meaning of life? Most of us have asked this question of ourselves and perhaps of other people we respected. For, in addition to understanding the world in which we live, we want to make sense of how to make our own lives as meaningful as possible to know not only why we're living, but that we're living our lives with intention, purpose, and commitment. Through interesting and pertinent books, writing selections, films, and a community service/experiential learning project, this course will address this profound, abstract, and personal question. Prerequisite: One PHL or REL course, or permission of the instructors.

**PHL 320 Philosophy & Literature** (3 hrs.) This course examines philosophy, and particularly existentialist philosophy, through literature. We will focus on existentialist themes involving life's meaning, authenticity, freedom/responsibility, and identity as exemplified by the works of Dostoevsky, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Ortega, Heidegger, Sartre, de Beauvoir, and Camus. We will pursue these topics both through primary and secondary philosophical essays, and also through the literary works of such writers as Camus, Kundera, Barth, Crumey, and Hesse. Prerequisites: Any one of the following PHL 101, 212, 221, 222, 242, 244, 246; ENG 204, 205, 206, 238, 239, 248, 249; CLA 215; FRE 280; GER 204; LAT 204.

**PHL 324 Genetic Manipulation** (3 hrs.) This seminar provides an interdisciplinary examination of practices and policies relating to actual or imagined genetic manipulation of human beings and other life forms. We will discuss the history and practice of eugenics, the attempt to create "better" offspring, and its relationship to potential genetic technology. In part drawing from a Rawlsian framework we will discuss issues such as human cloning, genetic screening, and genetic manipulations of humans in light of principles such as justice, fairness, discrimination and other values such as the sanctity of life. We will also consider broader genetic manipulation of plants and animals and resulting ethical controversies from broadly scientific, ecological, philosophical and religious perspectives. Prerequisite: Any ONE of the following: Bio 114/115, BIO 328 BIO 124/125, BIO 100 General Biology I, PHL 101, 212, 221, 222, 242, 244, 246, or REL 101, 102.

**PHL 333 Asian Philosophy and Religion** (3 hrs.) The purpose of this course is to provide a detailed overview of the key thinkers and issues of the four major traditions of Eastern Philosophy: Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and Islamic. A variety of primary and secondary source readings are used to elucidate issues in metaphysics (including philosophy of religion), epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics. Prerequisite: Any ASN, PHL or REL course.

**PHL/REL 342 Philosophy, Religion, and Science (3 hrs.)** The common perception today is that, for centuries, science and religion have stood in conflict with each other—e.g. as demonstrated by conflicting perspectives between Charles Darwin and the Bible concerning the theory of evolution. Philosophy itself was foundational to scientific inquiry, though its approach differs from both science and religion and can also be seen by some as adversarial to each. This course explores three themes—cosmology and creation, evolution and providence, and genetics and human nature—from the vantage points of philosophy, religion, and science with the goal of presenting a fresh conversation between these fields which does not reduce to adversarial positions. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy or religious studies or one course in the natural sciences, or permission of the instructor.

**PHL 398 Independent Study** (1-4 hrs.) This course permits advanced study of topics not covered in regularly offered courses on a research-tutorial basis. The topic is defined by the student in conference with the instructor. Prerequisite: two previous courses in philosophy, a major or minor in philosophy, and permission of instructor.

**PHL 410 Major Areas of Philosophy** (3 hrs.) An intensive study of a major area of philosophy such as philosophy of religion, Eastern philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, or philosophy of mind. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Prerequisite varies depending on course.

**PHL 420 Major Philosophers** (3 hrs.) An intensive study of the thought of a single major philosopher such as Plato, Aristotle, Hume, or Kant. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Prerequisite varies depending on course.

**PHL 430 Philosophical Problems** (3 hrs.) An intensive study of a relatively specific philosophical problem such as evolution vs. Intelligent Designer Theory, genetic manipulation (relating to human cloning/ eugenics), the mind-body problem, animal rights, philosophy of death and dying. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. Prerequisite varies depending on course.



## POL – Political Science

**POL 112 Introduction to Political Science** (3 hrs.) An introductory study of political action, institutions and argument. Some current controversies in American politics will be considered, together with the experience of other countries where comparison is helpful.

**POL 211 American Government and Politics** (3 hrs.) An introduction to American government and politics through an examination of interactions between citizens and political institutions in the formation and the execution of public policies.

**POL 212 Introduction to International Relations** (3 hrs.) This course explores key issues in the international system including war, terrorism, human rights, and international law, international institutions like the United Nations, and theories of international relations.

**POL 301 The American Presidency** (3 hrs.) A study of the modern American presidency in terms of its concepts and controversies. Prerequisites: POL 211.

**POL 304 American Political Theory** (3 hrs.) Focuses on the political philosophies expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Considers the viability of these philosophies in the context of contemporary American society and politics. Prerequisites: POL 112 or 205, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 305 International Law and Organizations** (3 hrs.) An analysis of the nature, sources, function and development of international law and organizations with special reference to the role and function of the United Nations' system for resolving international disputes. Prerequisites: POL 212 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 306 West European Government and Politics** (3 hrs.) A study of the foundations, structures and functions of the governments of selected major European countries. Offered every other spring semester. Prerequisites: GTS 201 or HIS 106 or POL 112 or POL 212 or SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 308 Post-Soviet Politics** (3 hrs.) An examination of the history of the Soviet political system since 1917; the influence of ideology; the role played by the Communist Party, the bureaucracy, interest groups and other actors; political culture, socialization and participation; current economic and social policy issues; and the future evolution of the system. Prerequisites: GTS 201 or HIST 106 or POL 112 or POL 212 or SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 311 Political Parties, Voting and Campaign Strategies** (3 hrs.) Reviews the evolution and role of political parties and elections in the American political system. Examines the decline-of-parties thesis and recent developments in campaign strategy. This course is offered in the Fall semester of even-numbered years and students are required to participate in political campaigns of their choice. Prerequisites: POL 112 or 211.

**POL 314 American Constitutional Law and Politics** (3 hrs.) This course, (1) explores how the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have influenced the country's understanding of the Constitution, (2) considers the political forces that shaped the decisions, as well as the political effects of those decisions and (3) details the contours of the significant rights articulated in the decisions. Prerequisites: POL 211.

**POL 316 American Jurisprudence** (3 hrs.) This course, (1) introduces and critiques the major philosophies of law, (2) applies these philosophies to various issues and cases and (3) orients the student to legal reasoning and other legal methods of analysis and inquiry. This course should help prepare students for the study of law, or law-related topics. Prerequisites: POL 211.

**POL 324 Central Europe** (3 hrs.) This course will examine the unique problems of this region from an interdisciplinary perspective. Since the demise of the Cold War in 1989, and with it the collapse of the wall between eastern and western Europe, this region has become a crucible for a changing world order and a changing Europe. Analysis of a series of current themes from a political science and a historical perspective will form the backbone of the course. We will also look at the issues from both a regional and a national point of view. These topics will include: the reunification of Germany; the ethnic/nationality question; the legacy of communism; the rise of neo-fascism; diplomatic integration into NATO or the European Union; tensions over Ukraine. Prerequisites: HIS 110, GTS 201, or POL 212.

**POL 325 Middle East and North African Politics** (3 hrs.) An examination of political issues within and between the countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In this course, students will examine the role of religion in politics, the causes and consequences of military conflicts in the region, efforts to promote (and diminish) the rights of marginalized groups, and the wide diversity of political institutions that exist in the area. Prerequisites: GTS 201, SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 326 Environmental Politics and Policy** (3 hrs.) This course seeks to explore and understand four broad, interrelated topics: (1) the major political processes, actors, conditions and controversies involved in the formulation and implementation of environmental policies at the local, national and international levels; (2) some of the major pieces of legislation that constitute environmental policy in the United States and the world community; (3) some of the techniques and approaches that policy analysts employ to assess the effectiveness and costs of environmental policies and (4) issues that will shape environmental politics and policies in the immediate future, such as population growth, global warming, habitat destruction and resource depletion. Offered every other fall semester. Prerequisites: POL 112 or POL 211 or ENV 105.

**POL 328 National Security Agencies** (3 hrs.) To understand the politics and processes of national security, we must have an understanding of the national security labyrinth at the national level. The purpose of this course is to ensure the students' knowledge about the institutional design, oversight mechanisms and shortcomings, missions, and relationship of the varied institutions of the national security bureaucracy. Prerequisites: POL 211, SEC 201, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 332 National Security Law I** (3 hrs.) The purpose of this class is to provide an understanding of the sources, impact and limitations of laws that impact the national security of the United States. We will look at the three branches of government and the roles that each plays in the legal environment related to national security. Additionally, there will be discussion of international laws and their effect on the security of the United States. Prerequisites: Any of the following: POL 211; POL 301; POL 305; POL 314; POL 362; any Security Studies course (SEC designation); OR permission of the instructor.

**POL 333 National Security Law II** (3 hrs.) This class delves deeply into legal issues facing national security, including traditional legal frameworks, and legal questions in emerging areas of national security law. Prerequisite: POL 211, POL 301, POL 305, POL 314, POL 362, or any Security Studies Course.

**POL 335 Politics and Security of Developing Nations** (3 hrs.) In this course, students will undertake a comparative investigation of the political dynamics of the developing world. Looking across Latin America, Asia, and Africa, students will identify and contrast patterns of political behavior across regions and analyze models of economic development, governance, and security challenges that occur in the developing world. By taking a policy-making perspective, students will assess problems and analyze solutions to current issues in developing nations. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 337 Human Rights and Security** (3 hrs.) This course examines the evolution of the international system of human rights. It will consider fundamental legal, moral, and political debates related to human rights and look for avenues to make progress in human rights protection. It will also examine the relationship between human rights and human security and the challenges associated with the provision of human security in the 21st century, with special attention paid to human trafficking and economic development. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201, GTS 201, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 342 U.S. Supreme Court** (3 hrs.) This course is intended to provide insight into the United States Supreme Court. It will cover subjects that include, but are not limited to: understanding Supreme Court opinions; how justices are chosen to sit upon the Court; the reasons why the Supreme Court makes the decisions it does; and the impact of the Supreme Court on the political and legal landscape in the United States. Prerequisite: POL 211 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 343 Congress** (3 hrs.) This course will broadly examine the legislative branch of the United States government. Topics include: elections, committees, inter-branch relations, and spatial models of voting. The roles of Congress in our political system are two-fold: 1) to represent issues and concerns of the citizenry; and 2) to make policy for the nation – “to govern.” How does the structure of Congress impact the behavior of its members? What makes for “quality” representation? These questions, and more, will be discussed in this course. Prerequisites: POL 112, POL 211 or permission of the instructor.

**POL 345 Politics and Film** (3 hrs.) Film and visual images can help us understand contemporary politics. Films often shape and illustrate the public's perception of politics. This course will examine the portrayal of politics in movies. The course will have different themes each semester it is taught, including, but not limited to, the American presidency, race and gender, legislative politics, war, terrorism, and elections. Prerequisites: Any of the following: FAR 215, HIS 104, POL 112, or POL 211.

**POL 351 Women and Politics** (3 hrs.) This course explores the connection between gender and politics in America and in international contexts. Topics under investigation include political participation and the exercise of political leadership by women, the evolution of social movements in support of women's rights, critical social and political issues of concern to women such as health, employment, security, and education, and debates over relevant public policies. Prerequisites: POL 112, 211, 212, WGS 210, or permission of the instructor.

**POL 362 American Foreign Policy** (3 hrs.) A study of the diplomatic process designed to provide a realistic insight into the stresses and demands upon modern policy-making, including the roles of the president and Department of State. The course includes an analysis of postwar American programs, policies and difficulties in foreign affairs. Prerequisites: POL 211 or 212.

**POL 370 Drugs, Politics and Public Policy** (3 hrs.) Examines the response of the American political system to the use of psychoactive drugs. Class will consider questions pertaining to the explanation of human behavior, the structure and dynamics of American society and politics, the formation of public policy and fundamental issues of moral and political philosophy to encourage critical and sophisticated thought regarding the actual and desired relationship of American citizens with psychoactive drugs and possible political strategies for responding to perceived issues. Prerequisites: POL 112, or 212.

## PSY – Psychology

**PSY 112 Psychology as a Natural Science** (3 hrs.) An introductory analysis of mental processes and behavior from the perspective of natural science. Includes such topics as the nervous system, sensation and perception, animal and human learning, cognition, memory, and intelligence. Includes a computer-based laboratory designed to explore methodology and key concepts. Offered every semester.

**PSY 113 Psychology as a Social Science** (3 hrs.) An introduction to human behavior and mental processes from the social science perspective. Includes such topics as social inference, interpersonal relations, cognitive and social development, personality structure and function, motivation and emotion, stress and adjustment, abnormal behavior, and psychotherapy. Includes a computer-based laboratory designed to explore further course topics. Offered every semester.

**PSY/EDU 221 Educational Psychology** (3 hrs.) The application of psychological principles of learning, cognition, and child and adolescent development to the educational process in elementary and secondary schools. Topics include the impact of psychological knowledge on student learning, teaching, motivation, management of the classroom, and assessment of student learning. Offered every spring.

**PSY 231 Sports Psychology** (3 hrs.) An examination of the psychological factors influencing participants and, to a lesser extent, spectators in sport. Topics include the use of behavioristic principles to develop skills, and the effects of causal attribution, attention, anxiety, coaching strategy, and imagery on athletic performance. Additional special topics include audience effects, children in sports, and the psychological benefits of exercise. Offered every fall.

**PSY 270 Research Tools** (3 hrs.) A hands-on exploration of how the psychologist uses the computer to search for literature, analyze data, and report results. Through a series of exercises using primarily PC computers in the psychology laboratory, students learn how to use the Internet to search for previously published research, how to locate and use electronic literature, how to use statistical packages such as Jamovi, and how to generate graphs and other APA style documents. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and MAT 114. Offered every fall.

**PSY 274 Methods in Experimental Psychology** (3 hrs.) An examination of experimental methods and designs utilized in laboratory research. Topics include the assumptions of science, hypothesis formation, statistical analysis of data, and assessment of theory. Also technical skills associated with reading literature and presenting findings using APA-style elements are emphasized. MAT 114 Elementary Statistics is recommended but not required. Offered one semester a year. Prerequisites: PSY 112 and 113. Offered every spring.

**PSY 290 Biological Psychology** (3 hrs.) An exploration of the relationship between human behavior and biology. Basic material on genetics, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology is included, although the focus of the course is behavioral and mental phenomena that can be understood better via an analysis of brain function. Topics covered are: vision, learning, memory, motivation, emotion and abnormal behavior. Offered once every two years. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or BIO 114. Offered every odd spring.

**PSY 301 Human Sexual Behavior** (3 hrs.) The focus of this course is on the scientific study of human sexual behavior. Current research findings are presented and discussed in class. Topics include: Human anatomy and sexual functioning, pregnancy/childbirth, sex education, sexual and gender expressions, intimate relationships, as well as sexual problems, infections, and sex therapy. Students will discuss and process their own beliefs, attitudes, and assumptions about sexuality through in-class discussion and assignments. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

**PSY 305 Industrial-Organizational Psychology** (3 hrs.) This course applies the principles of psychology to work and other organizational settings. It presents both traditional industrial applications (personnel selection, job design, training, and performance evaluation), more recent perspectives on organizational performance (group dynamics, romance in the workplace, leadership, problem solving, organizational design, organizational development, and organizational culture and socialization), and recent work in ergonomics and engineering psychology. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

**PSY 310 Social Psychology** (3 hrs.) A survey of the field of social psychology emphasizing social cognition and inference, patterns of interpersonal relationship, the development and change of attitudes, and group structure and function. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

**PSY 311 Social Psychology Laboratory** (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 310. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 312 Developmental Psychology** (3 hrs.) A survey of cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development across the lifespan, including the identification of general trends and individual differences in developmental patterns. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

**PSY 313 Developmental Psychology Laboratory** (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 312. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 315 Psychology of Personality** (3 hrs.) A survey of the field of personality, emphasizing historical theories of personality, including those of Freud, Jung, Adler, Rogers, Maslow, and others, modern theoretical approaches including trait theory, the self, person-situation interactions, emotion and motivation, and basic methods of investigation. Offered every odd spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

**PSY 316 Personality Laboratory** (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 315. Offered every odd spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 320 Memory and Cognition** (3 hrs.) An investigation of theories and research dealing with cognitive structure and processes. Such topics as long- and short-term memory, forgetting, iconic and echoic storage, concepts, heuristics, and problem solving are included. Offered every even spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

**PSY 321 Memory and Cognition Laboratory** (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 320. Offered every even spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 330 Addictive Disorders** (3 hrs.) This course will integrate biological, psychological, social and cultural aspects of the use and abuse of a wide variety of psychoactive substances ranging from caffeine to alcohol to heroin. The course will focus on the nature of and criteria for diagnosing substance use disorders (SUDs), and predictors of SUDs. Existing and new/emerging approaches to treatment (medications, counseling, support groups) will also be discussed and explored in class, with a strong focus on reading, understanding, and critiquing original peer-reviewed research on SUDs and their treatment. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 274 or PSY 290 or BIO 107 or BIO 114.

**PSY 340 Forensic Psychology** (3 hrs.) This course will explore the basic principles surrounding the interaction of psychology and the legal system. Forensic Psychology's foundation is within the rubrics of psychological, political science and sociological principles. It is inherently an interdisciplinary course due to its interaction between several fields of learning. Students will learn about several areas within forensic psychology including, but not limited to, what forensic psychology entails, the roles of forensic psychologists, use of psychology in the selection of law enforcement, techniques in criminal investigation, risk assessment, child custody cases, interrogation and confessions, insanity and competency to stand trial, and death penalty trials and appeals. Discussions regarding the cooperative and conflicting nature of the relationship between the legal system and psychology will be prevalent. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: POL 112, POL 211, PSY 113, or SOC 111.

**PSY 374 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict** (3 hrs.) This course uses experimental social psychology as the foundation to explore the affective, behavioral, and cognitive processes associated with group interaction and conflict. Utilizing an interdisciplinary perspective, it will integrate psychological, sociological, political, historical, and security-related approaches to understanding stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination on a local and global scale. Offered occasionally. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

**PSY 390 Abnormal Psychology** (3 hrs.) This course explores the psychological, cultural, and social factors involved in defining patterns of thought and behavior as abnormal with a focus on mental/psychiatric disorders as defined by the Diagnostic and statistical manual. A strong emphasis is placed on understanding scientific research on predictors of and biological psychological treatments for a wide range of mental disorders (mood, anxiety, personality, substance use, eating/body image, dissociative, psychotic and sexual disorders). Offered every spring. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

**PSY 391 Abnormal Psychology Lab** (1 hr.) Optional laboratory to accompany PSY 390. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 398 Independent Study** (1-4 hrs.) This course gives the psychology major an opportunity to increase his/her/their understanding of psychology as a discipline through a program of individual research supervised by a faculty member. The course may be repeated with change of topic. Enrollment by permission of the instructor. Offered occasionally.

**PSY 405 International and Cross-Cultural Psychology** (3 hrs.) Utilizes an interdisciplinary perspective to focus on a contemporary challenge facing our world: the need to understand persons from different cultures as the globalization of our communications and commerce forces close contact with persons who have a different cultural background from our own. The course includes a cross-cultural examination of many of the basic topics in the field of psychology such as sensation-perception, gender, personality and abnormal. Also focuses on cross-cultural behavioral expectations and fosters development of the skills needed to evaluate a situation and determine the behavioral rules existing in that situation. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 113 and one of the following: HIS 334, 356, HUM 277, 278, 294, GTS 201, PHL 102, POL 212, REL 102, SOC 111, WGS 210.

**PSY 412 Counseling Theories and Methods** (3 hrs.) An introduction to the major theories of counseling and psychotherapy, current issues in the field, and applications for specific groups and settings. The course includes both theoretical and experiential components. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 113.

**PSY 418/SOC 318 Adult Develop & Aging** (3 hrs.) An investigation of theories and research in adult development, from young adulthood to old age. Emphasizes gains and losses in cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development as well as death and grieving. Offered occasionally. Prerequisites: PSY 112, 113, or SOC 111.

**PSY 422 Psychology Seminar** (3 hrs.) Discussions, readings, and individual papers based on special problems in psychology. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and either PSY 270 or 274.

**PSY 430 Pre-Thesis** (3 hrs.) The first course in a two-semester sequence for students wishing to complete a senior thesis. Students will be asked to complete an extensive literature review of a topic approved by their thesis advisor. Offered every spring. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, and either PSY 270 or PSY 274.

**PSY 431 Senior Thesis** (3 hrs.) The senior thesis is a report of extended library research and an experimental study focusing on a topic chosen by the student and approved by a sponsoring member of the department. Library research is performed during enrollment in pre-thesis and the experimental project is executed while taking this course. Offered every fall. Prerequisites: PSY 112, PSY 113, PSY 270 and 274, completion of PSY 430 with a C or higher, and senior standing.

## REL – Religion

**REL 101 Introduction to the Bible** (3 hrs.) Examines the historical context in which the Bible (including both the Hebrew Bible, Old Testament, and the New Testament) was written, the various types of literature found in the Bible and the important impact of the Bible on the Western cultural tradition. Some attention will be given to the questions of the Bible's relevance in addressing contemporary ethical issues. Typically offered every semester."

**REL/PHL 102 World Religions** (3 hrs.) One of the most pressing problems of the 21st century is religious pluralism: We live in a world, in a nation, and in an academic community that is religiously diverse. How will we relate to persons who are different from one another and from us in terms of religious orientation? Will we choose to relate in ways that are healthy or ways that are harmful? For unless we know what persons of faith believe and value and do, we cannot relate in positive ways to them. This course will strive to understand a number of the varied religious traditions of the world in a way that is fair, open-minded, objective, and kind. "Agreeing" with the various religions we will be studying is not required; however, "understanding" them is. Typically offered every semester.

**REL 302 The Meaning of Life** (3 hrs.) What is the meaning of life? Most of us have asked this question of ourselves and perhaps of other people we respected. For, in addition to understanding the world in which we live, we want to make sense of how to make our own lives as meaningful as possible—to know not only why we're living, but that we're living our lives with intention, purpose, and commitment. Through interesting and pertinent books, writing selections, films, and a community service/experiential learning project, this course will address this profound, abstract, and personal question. Prerequisite: One PHL or REL course, or permission of the instructors.

**REL 305 Perceptions of Death** (3 hrs.) No matter our gender, race, nationality, socio-economic status, and religious commitment, all of us shall one day die. And by whatever term it is referred—passing away, dying, croaking, giving up the ghost, passing, becoming fertilizer, succumbing to physical finitude, falling asleep (the euphemism in the time of Jesus)—not one of us shall be able to avoid death. Of course, death especially in Western, American culture, is not often discussed: Death is counter-cultural in that our society—with its obsession with youth, the new, and vitality—either dismisses death as an event that happens to someone else or denies death as an inevitable reality by emphasizing a false sense of personal earthly immortality. This interdisciplinary course will study the phenomenon of death in its biological, psychological, social, cultural, ethical, and religious dimensions. Topics will include the problem of defining death; the fear and denial of death; the institutionalization and secularization of death in the modern world; the dying person and the process of death; grief; funerals; suicide; beliefs concerning life after death; literary treatments of death; and ethical issues surrounding death (such as the artificial prolongation of life, euthanasia, capital punishment, cloning, and genocide). Typically offered every other year. Prerequisites: 3 hours of Religious Studies credit or permission of instructor.

**REL 307 Social Justice in Modern Christian Thought** (3 hrs.) With a focus on social ethics, this course will explore the moral implications of the Christian commitment, the formulation and development of the principles of Christian ethics for persons and within communities, and their applications to areas of contemporary life. The course will address issues such as economic justice, poverty and wealth, criminal justice and capital punishment, war and pacifism, as well as environmentalism and food consumption. We will give attention to Catholic Social Teaching, Liberation Theology, and Anabaptist thought, among others. Typically offered once every year. Prerequisites: REL 101 or REL 102.

**REL 316 The Teachings of Jesus** (3 hrs.) The emphasis of this course is upon developing a historical understanding of Jesus. The teachings of Jesus are examined, using the Biblical Gospels, parallel Jewish and Greek and Roman documents and early extra biblical Christian texts as source materials. Attention will be given to the interpretation of Jesus in the Gospels, Paul and other early Christian sources. Interpretations of Jesus throughout history and in the contemporary world which shape the reception history of the "teachings of Jesus" will be studied. Typically offered every other year. Prerequisites: REL 101.

**REL 319 Recent Christian Thought** (3 hrs.) An introduction to major themes, writers and movements in contemporary Christian theology, against the background of an historical overview of the development of Christian thought. Typically offered once every three-four years. Prerequisites: 3 hours of Religious Studies credit.

**REL 333 Asian Philosophy and Religion** (3 hrs.) The purpose of this course is to provide a detailed overview of the key thinkers and issues of the four major traditions of Eastern Philosophy: Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and Islamic. A variety of primary and secondary source readings are used to elucidate issues in metaphysics (including philosophy of religion), epistemology, ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics. Prerequisite: Any ASN, PHL or REL course.

**REL 335 Sex and Gender in the Christian Tradition** (3 hrs.) This course is a critical study of sexuality and gender within the Christian tradition. Using biblical perspectives, theological positions, ethical reasoning, church traditions, faith commitments and empirical data as our guides, we will explore several realms of contemporary Christian conversation. Lenses for interpretation used within the course include Womanist ethics, Queer theory and theology, and Feminist biblical exegesis. It examines key ethical variables such as human nature, God, the church, love, justice and empowerment in such major issues of sexuality and gender as human eroticism, marriage, partnering, divorce, contraception, reproduction, sexual identity and sexual violence. Typically offered every other year. Prerequisites: 3 hours of credit in REL or WGS.

**REL/PHL 342 Philosophy, Religion, and Science** (3 hrs.) The common perception today is that, for centuries, science and religion have stood in conflict with each other – e.g. as demonstrated by conflicting perspectives between Charles Darwin and the Bible concerning the theory of evolution. Philosophy itself was foundational to scientific inquiry, though its approach differs from both science and religion and can also be seen by some as adversarial to each. This course explores three themes--cosmology and creation, evolution and providence, and genetics and human nature—from the vantage points of philosophy, religion, and science with the goal of presenting a fresh conversation between these fields which does not reduce to adversarial positions. Prerequisite: One course in philosophy or religious studies or one course in the natural sciences, or permission of the instructor.

**REL 345 The Writings of C.S. Lewis** (3 hrs.) C.S. Lewis has been long recognized as one of the premier theologians and writers of the twentieth century. This course will examine Lewis' theology through the lens of his works of fiction, emphasizing religious themes such as the nature of belief, the problem of evil, temptation, conversion, and death. (Previously offered as PHL 410/REL 300).

**REL 346 / GTS 300 Religion and Violence** (3 hrs.) The Holocaust and Other Genocides: This course will investigate a number of large-scale outbreaks of violence among humans in the 20th and 21st centuries. The Holocaust will be studied first, and will then be used as a springboard to examine other genocides or atrocities.

**REL 398 Independent Studies in Religion** (1-4 hrs.) This course permits advanced study of areas in religion not covered by regular listings on a research-tutorial basis. The precise topic is defined by the student in conference with the instructor. Offered as needed. Prerequisites: six hours of religion and permission of the instructor.

## **SEC – Security Studies**

**SEC 201 Introduction to Security Studies** (3 hrs.) This course will provide the foundations for the Security Studies minor and major, and will serve to introduce many issues in the modern search for security. By the end of the course, you should have a basic understanding of the major theories of security; current issues, conceptions threats to security; institutions related to security; and identify future threats that may loom on our horizon. Additionally, there will be several guest speakers in class who will discuss particular issues in more detail.

**SEC 205 Intro to Homeland Security** (3 hrs.) The principal objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive introduction to US homeland security, with a focus on the post-September 11, 2001 era. We will examine agency missions, laws, and regulations that govern America's efforts to protect the homeland. Through an examination of complex threats and threat environments, students will gain insight into contemporary issues relevant to the homeland security enterprise

**SEC 312 Terrorism** (3 hrs.) The major objective of this course is to increase your knowledge about terrorism: what it is, why it occurs, why targets are selected, and how to prevent it. Prerequisites: SEC 201.

**SEC 325 Issues in Homeland Security** (3 hrs.) The purpose of this class is to provide an understanding of the issues and policy spaces that comprise homeland security. The policy space is wide and oft-changing; as such, this course is designed to introduce the students to the critical policy spaces, and allow the student to explore these with some depth. Prerequisites: POL 211; POL 301; any Security Studies course (SEC designation); OR permission of the instructor.

**SEC 328 National Security Agencies** (3 hrs.) To understand the politics and processes of national security we must have an understanding of the national security labyrinth at the national level. The purpose of this course is to ensure the students' knowledge about the institutional design, oversight mechanisms and shortcomings, missions, and relationship of the varied institutions of the national security bureaucracy. Prerequisites: POL 211, SEC 201, or permission of the instructor.

**SEC 334 Intelligence at Home and Abroad** (3 hrs.) Nations survive and prosper on the basis of their ability to effectively gather, evaluate, and utilize information about threats. In this course, students will examine the history, context, purpose, methods, processes, and challenges of intelligence gathering at home and abroad. Prerequisites: SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

**SEC 335 Politics and Security of Developing Nations** (3 hrs.) In this course, students will undertake a comparative investigation of the political dynamics of the developing world. Looking across Latin America, Asia, and Africa, students will identify and contrast patterns of political behavior across regions and analyze models of economic development, governance, and security challenges that occur in the developing world. By taking a policy-making perspective, students will assess problems and analyze solutions to current issues in developing nations. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201 or permission of the instructor.

**SEC 337 Human Rights and Security** (3 hrs.) This course examines the evolution of the international system of human rights. It will consider fundamental legal, moral, and political debates related to human rights and look for avenues to make progress in human rights protection. It will also examine the relationship between human rights and human security and the challenges associated with the provision of human security in the 21st century, with special attention paid to human trafficking and economic development. Prerequisites: POL 112, 212, SEC 201, GTS 201, or permission of the instructor.

**SEC 346 Chinese Politics and Influence** (3 hrs.) An examination of how China's emergence as an economic, diplomatic, and military heavyweight is shifting the global balance of power, shaping the responses of governments and intergovernmental organizations, and posing fundamental questions about the nature of world order itself. Prerequisites: GTS 201, SEC 201, POL 212, or permission of the instructor.

**SEC 364 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict** (3 hrs.) This course uses experimental social psychology as the foundation to explore the affective, behavioral, and cognitive processes associated with group interaction and conflict. Utilizing an interdisciplinary perspective, it will integrate psychological, sociological, political, historical, and security-related approaches to understanding stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination on a local and global scale. Offered occasionally. Prerequisite: PSY 113.

**SEC 420 Security Studies Thesis** (3 hrs.) Students will learn research methods and utilize them to write a thesis paper. The expectation is that these papers will be written at a level acceptable for off-campus conference. Prerequisites: junior or senior status; declared Security Studies major; 18 or more hours toward major completion. Students will learn research methods and utilize them to write a thesis paper. The expectation is that these papers will be written at a level acceptable for off-campus conference. Prerequisites: junior or senior status; declared Security Studies major; 18 or more hours toward major completion.

## **WGS – Women’s and Gender Studies**

**WGS 205 Mediation and Conflict Resolution** (3 hrs.) The course is designed for students pursuing a minor in Organizational Leadership but is open to all students. It satisfies the “Communication Skills” requirement of this minor. This course focuses on the analytical, methodological and practical tools of conflict mediation with an emphasis on conflict prevention, management, and resolution. The course provides students with an introduction to the theories of conflict, conflict resolution, and mediation. Students will then be challenged to apply these theories to real cases taken from history, current events, and community or campus conflicts. The course will also provide a laboratory for students to learn and develop their mediation and conflict resolution skills. Students may choose a service-learning alternative that allows them to integrate out of the classroom experiences with theory through campus or community placements (e.g., involvement with the Fulton Housing Authority Mediation Program).

**WGS 210 Introduction to Women’s Studies** (3 hrs.) Using gender as a category of analysis, this course will examine the roles, images and contributions of women of diverse races, classes and cultures from a variety of disciplinary perspectives and across representative time periods.

**WGS 301 Human Sexual Behavior** (3 hrs.) The focus of this course is on the scientific study of human sexual behavior. Current research findings are presented and discussed in class. Topics include: Human anatomy & physiology; the sexual response cycle; developmental factors in sexuality; sexual difficulties & therapy; sexually transmitted diseases; and atypical sexual behavior. Additionally, opportunities are provided for students to explore their feelings and attitudes about human sexual behavior in general and their own sexuality in particular. Prerequisites: PSY 112 or 113.

**WGS 315 Gender and Society** (3 hrs.) This course examines multiple aspects of gender, including how it is constructed through our social interactions, how it is challenged by people who do not conform to traditional conceptions of gender and sexuality, and how ideas about gender vary by culture. It will also explore the role of social institutions, such as the media, work, and family, in shaping our ideas about gender and sexuality. Prerequisites include any one of the following: SOC 111, ANT 115, or WGS 210.

**WGS 335 Sex and Gender in the Christian Tradition** (3 hrs.) This course is a critical study of sexuality and gender within the Christian tradition. Using biblical perspectives, theological positions, ethical reasoning, church traditions, faith commitments and empirical data as our guides, we will explore several realms of contemporary Christian conversation. Lenses for interpretation used within the course include Womanist ethics, Queer theory and theology, and Feminist biblical exegesis. It examines key ethical variables such as human nature, God, the church, love, justice and empowerment in such major issues of sexuality and gender as human eroticism, marriage, partnering, divorce, contraception, reproduction, sexual identity and sexual violence. Prerequisites: One REL or WGS course.

**WGS/ENG 340 Gender and Literary Expression** (3 hrs.) A study of gender as a personal, social, and literary construction, this course examines literature in the context of contemporary social and cultural attitudes towards gender. Though poetry, fiction, or drama are usually included, this course often involves essays, journals, and letters as well. Course offerings may include Southern Women Writers, Women and Madness, or Theories of Gender in Literature. Offered at least every two years. Prerequisites: a 200-level course in literature or permission of the instructor.

**WGS 351 Women and Politics** (3 hrs.) This course explores the connection between gender and politics in America and in international contexts. Topics under investigation include political participation and the exercise of political leadership by women, the evolution of social movements in support of women's rights, critical social and political issues of concern to women such as health, employment, security, and education, and debates over relevant public policies. Prerequisites: POL 112, 211, 212, WGS 210, or permission of the instructor.

**WGS/HIS 354 Scandalous Women** (3 hrs.) This course takes a chronological approach in examining women from the colonial era to the present day that challenged traditional gender roles and earned the label of “scandalous.” Throughout the course, students will explore the changing connotation of words such as scandalous and deviant in order to assess how social, political, and cultural realities often shape what Americans deem rebellious female behavior. Prerequisites: HIS 103 or HIS 104 or WGS 210.

**WGS 355 Women’s Health Issues** (3 hrs.) This course will explore the topic from three perspectives: holistic health perspective, a developmental perspective, and sociocultural or global perspective. Readings, discussion, lecture, writings, research, and presentations will consider these perspectives in better understanding women’s health issues. Prerequisite: One course from the following: PSY 112, PSY 113, BIO 105, NSC 108, BIO 114/115, SOC 111, ANT 115, WGS 210, REL 102.

**WGS 410 Theory and Practice** (3 hrs.) This course explores the diverse history of Feminist Theory and the vast variety of debate and conversation within the field. Completion of a research project, which incorporates theoretical perspectives from the field of women’s and/or gender studies and an experiential learning opportunity may be substituted with consent of the Minor Coordinator. Prerequisites: WGS 210 and permission of the minor program coordinator. (This course is a requirement for the Women and Gender Studies Minor, but may be satisfied by successfully completing an internship that has been approved by the Minor Coordinator or an approved off-campus study program that includes an internship.)