

# Philosophy

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## Overview

The Department of Philosophy offers an undergraduate major and minor in Philosophy as well as a PhD in Philosophy.

## Undergraduate Programs

Philosophy (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/philosophy>) : BA

Philosophy (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/philosophy>) : Minor

## Graduate Program

Philosophy (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/graduate/degree-programs/philosophy>) : PhD

## Philosophy

PHILOS R1B Reading and Composition Through Philosophy 4 Units  
Training in writing expository prose in conjunction with reading philosophical texts. Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** R1A offered by any department, or an equivalent course

**Requirements this course satisfies:** Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 2 Individual Morality and Social Justice 4 Units  
Introduction to ethical and political philosophy.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 3 The Nature of Mind 4 Units

Introduction to the philosophy of mind. Topics to be considered may include the relation between mind and body; the structure of action; the nature of desires and beliefs; the role of the unconscious.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

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**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 4 Knowledge and Its Limits 4 Units  
Introduction to the theory of knowledge.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

PHILOS 6 Man, God, and Society in Western Literature 4 Units  
Philosophical issues as expressed in poetry, drama, and the novel. This course will compare and contrast the Greek, Medieval, and modern worlds, as reflected in their greatest literature, with special emphasis on the role of the community in reconciling conflicts between sub-groups in society and the individual's ability to understand and control his own life. We will also follow man's realization that the changing answers to these questions are themselves self-interpretations.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 7 Existentialism in Literature and Film 4 Units**

Christian, agnostic, and atheistic existentialism as expressed in the works of Dostoyevsky, Melville, Kafka, Antonioni, Goddard, etc.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 11 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion 4 Units**

A survey of basic issues in contemporary philosophy of religion, exploring arguments about God's existence, the status of religious experiences and beliefs, how souls might interact with bodies, and the relationship of God to morality.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 12A Introduction to Logic 4 Units**

Syntax, semantics, and proof theory of sentential and predicate logic.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 13 Business Ethics 3 Units**

This course addresses the nature of ethical motivation and agency, with special attention to the individual's role in a business organization. Topics include theories of ethical motivation; individual character and organizational culture; personal integrity; corporate agency; corporate responsibility to society.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Merritt

**PHILOS 16 Introduction to Metaphysics 3 Units**

This course is an introduction to some of the traditional questions in metaphysics--the study of what there is in the world and how what there is is structured. Topics will include free will and determinism, the mind-body problem, and personal identity. If time permits, we will also examine arguments for the existence of God.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 17 Concepts of the Person in Novel, Drama, and Film 3 Units**

In any culture, the way we act implies some view of what it is to be a person, and indeed what it is to be a particular kind of person, e.g., black or white, male or female, citizen or non-citizen. This view determines what roles and privileges are available to specific individuals and how these individuals will think of themselves and evaluate their actions and obligations. We will focus on works of philosophy, literature and film which have had a powerful and lasting impact on our culture.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 18 Confucius for Today 4 Units**

The teachings of Confucius (6th to 5th century B.C.) have had a profound influence on Chinese and East Asian cultures, and have attracted significant interest throughout the world. In what ways are they still of relevance to life in the twenty-first century? The course will consider the contemporary implications of Confucius' teachings for such topics as: family, rituals, life and death, fate, contentment and anxiety, anger and resentment, courage, respectfulness, modesty and humility, trustworthiness, learning, self-cultivation, semblances of virtue. In addition to reading selected passages from the Analects, we will also consider commentaries by later Confucians and read contemporary philosophical articles on the relevant topics.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Shun

**PHILOS 21X Philosophy of Biology 4 Units**

Are living things simply complex machines? Many philosophers and biologists think that they are, for to think otherwise seems to fly in the face of recent scientific advances and threatens to reintroduce into biology unscientific notions like "spirit" and "vital force". This course takes seriously the position that life can not be reduced to chemical and physical processes. We will also study ways this question affects our understanding of the freedom of the will, the relation of the mind to the body, and "evolutionary" explanations of gender differences.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 22X The Self and the World 4 Units**

What sort of thing am I? And what is my relation to others, and to the world in general? We will consider versions of these questions, as they are asked and answered in a variety of classical and contemporary philosophical texts: what can we know about the world? Is the skeptic right to answer: nothing? What is it in the nature of minds (and bodies) which makes knowledge seem so problematic? How are minds and bodies related to those things which have them: persons? And how does this bear on the question of the meaning of life?

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 4 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 23X Philosophy and Medicine 4 Units**

We will consider the following questions: Is medicine a science? What are its aims? How are the central concepts of "health" and "disease" defined? What is meant by the charge that there is an "overmedication of everyday life" in our society and is that charge justified? What is "medical reductionism" and what are its limits? What are the assumptions behind "specialistic" and holistic approaches to medicine and which of these two approaches serves better the aims of medicine? What is the proper place of medicine in the social, legal, and moral contexts?

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit**

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 24X Social Justice 4 Units**

This course will examine the values underlying different visions of a just society. Freedom, equal opportunity, and community are considered important, for example, but there is little agreement on how these values should be realized. The course will consider various perspectives on these values and their practical implications. Special attention will be devoted to the role of the government in economic affairs, equal educational opportunities, and nationalism.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 3.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 25A Ancient Philosophy 4 Units**

The history of ancient philosophy with special emphasis on the Presocratics, Plato, and Aristotle.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week  
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 25B Modern Philosophy 4 Units**

The history of modern philosophy from Descartes through Kant.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week  
6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 39 Freshman Seminar 2 - 4 Units**

Study of various fields of philosophy of special interest to freshman. Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be individually announced. Freshman seminars are restricted to fifteen students each.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 39M Freshman Seminar 3 Units**

Study of various fields of philosophy of special interest to freshman. Topics will vary from semester to semester and will be individually announced. Freshman seminars are restricted to fifteen students each.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 98 Directed Group Study for Lower Division Students 1 - 4 Units**  
Directed study on special topics.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Lower Division standing

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the section on Academic Policies-Course Number Guide in the Berkeley Bulletin.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 98BC Berkeley Connect 1 Unit**

Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 100 Philosophical Methods 4 Units**

The course is designed to acquaint students with the techniques of philosophical reasoning through detailed study of selected philosophical texts and through extensive training in philosophical writing, based on those texts. Should be taken as early as possible after declaring the major.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Two courses from 2, 4, 25A, 25B. Restricted to students in the major

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 104 Ethical Theories 4 Units**

The fundamental concepts and problems of morality examined through the study of classical and contemporary philosophical theories of ethics.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week  
8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** C104

**PHILOS 107 Moral Psychology 4 Units**

An investigation of central issues in moral psychology, such as: free will, weakness of will, self-deception, moral motivation, emotions, virtues, moral education.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 108 Contemporary Ethical Issues 4 Units**

This course will be devoted to in-depth discussion of a variety of problems in moral philosophy raised by real-life questions of individual conduct and social policy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include philosophical problems posed by affirmative action, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, terrorism, war, poverty, and climate change.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 2 or 104, or two courses in philosophy, or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor if the content changes sufficiently. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week  
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 109 Freedom and Responsibility 4 Units**

A systematic examination of freedom and responsibility. The following topics will be addressed (among others): the relations between freedom of will, freedom of action, and autonomy; moral responsibility and its conditions; naturalism, determinism, and their relevance for human freedom; practical deliberation and the structure of the will; weakness and strength of will. Readings may be drawn from both historical and contemporary sources.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 110 Aesthetics 4 Units**

Visual arts/literature and music. Form, expression, representation style; interpretation and evaluation.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Upper division courses in philosophy or consent of instructor. Majors in literature or the arts

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 112 Special Topics in Aesthetics 3 Units**

This course is intended to allow a more focused exploration of particular topics in aesthetics than is possible in Philosophy 110. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Topics may include philosophical questions arising for particular art forms such as painting, music, or dance; questions about form, expression, representation, and emotion in aesthetic experience; or the ideas of particular aesthetic movements or schools of thought.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS C112 Music and Meaning 3 Units**

This course will explore the question of whether music has meaning, and if so, what kind. Can music represent, say, birdsong, or the sea, or merely imitate? If music expresses emotions, then whose--those of the listener? The composer? The performer? We will consider parallels and contrasts between linguistic and musical meaning, theories of how music can be expressive, and the question of whether music can convey political meaning.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for Music C128P/Philosophy C112 after taking Philosophy 112. <BR/>

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Instructors:** Smart, Ginsborg

**Also listed as:** MUSIC C128P

**PHILOS 114 History of Political Philosophy 4 Units**

A survey of the major political philosophers, including some or all of Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant, Bentham, Mill, and Marx.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** One course in philosophy

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 115 Political Philosophy 4 Units**

Analysis of political obligation and related problems.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.



**PHILOS 116 Special Topics in Political Philosophy 4 Units**

This course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in political philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include problems in liberal theory; justice, desert, and responsibility; communitarianism, nationalism, and cosmopolitanism.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 115 or equivalent

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 119 Feminism and Philosophy 4 Units**

This course will introduce students to a range of historical and contemporary feminist issues.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**Instructor:** Madva

**PHILOS 122 Theory of Knowledge 4 Units****Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 125 Metaphysics 4 Units**

An advanced introduction to contemporary metaphysics, focusing on the ideas of objectivity, existence, naturalness, identity, time, causation, and possibility.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 127 Rationality and Irrationality in Science 3 Units**

Science is often regarded as preeminently rational. Yet recent work in philosophy, history and sociology of science suggests that scientific knowledge is no more rationally established than other sorts of knowledge, and that scientists' convictions are driven more by party loyalty and ego than by a pureminded pursuit of truth. This course will consider the case for and against the rationality of science. It will also consider the recent controversy concerning "scientific" creationism.

**Hours & Format**

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 128 Philosophy of Science 4 Units**

A survey of main topics in the logic of science and of other issues coming under the general heading of philosophy of science.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 132 Philosophy of Mind 4 Units**

Mind and matter; other minds; the concept "person."

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS C132 Philosophy of Mind 4 Units**

Mind and matter; other minds; the concept of "person."

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Also listed as:** L & S C160T

**PHILOS 133 Philosophy of Language 4 Units****Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.**PHILOS 134 Form and Meaning 4 Units**

How is the meaning of a whole sentence determined by the meanings of its parts, and by its structure? This question is addressed in empirical semantic theories for natural language. The character and content of such theories has been a central concern both of the philosophy of language and of recent linguistics, and it is the central focus of this course.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** Eight units of philosophy courses and 12A (or equivalent)**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.**Instructor:** Yalcin**PHILOS 135 Theory of Meaning 4 Units**

Language as social behavior. Language compared to other sign systems. The foundations of semantics, truth, meaning, reference. Issues of logical form in belief sentences, indirect discourse, sentences about causality, events, actions. Relations between thought and language.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** One course in logic or consent of instructor**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.**PHILOS 136 Philosophy of Perception 4 Units**

The philosophy of perception is a microcosm of the metaphysics of mind. Its central problems - What is perception? What is the nature of perceptual consciousness? How can one fit an account of perceptual experience into a broader account of the nature of the mind and the world? - are problems at the heart of metaphysics. It is often justifiably said that the theory of perception (and especially vision) is the area of psychology and neuroscience that has made the greatest progress in recent years. Despite this progress, or perhaps because of it, philosophical problems about perception retain a great urgency, both for philosophy and for science.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** One previous course in philosophy is recommended**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.**PHILOS 138 Philosophy of Society 4 Units**

This course deals with the ontology of society and thus provides a foundation for the social sciences. The main questions discussed are: 1) What is the mode of existence of social reality? 2) How does it relate to psychological and physical reality? 3) What implications does social ontology have for social explanations?

**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.**PHILOS 140A Intermediate Logic 4 Units**

Major concepts, results, and techniques of modern logic. Basic set theoretic tools. Model theoretic treatment of propositional and first-order logic (completeness, compactness, Lowenheim-Skolem). Philosophical implications of these results.

**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.



**PHILOS 140B Intermediate Logic 4 Units**

Major concepts, results, and techniques of modern logic. Turing machines, computability theory, undecidability of first-order logic, proof theory, Gödel's first and second incompleteness theorems. Philosophical implications of these results.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Philosophy 12A or equivalent

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 141 Philosophy and Game Theory 4 Units**

An exploration of how game theory and rational choice theory shed light on traditional philosophical problems; and of new paradoxes and problems introduced by these theories.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** One course in philosophy

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 142 Philosophical Logic 4 Units**

The course aims at introducing students to the basic topics in philosophy of logic. Among the topics to be treated are the notions of validity, truth and truth functionality, quantification, and necessity.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 143 Modal Logic 4 Units**

An introduction to the logical study of modality in its many forms: reasoning about necessity, knowledge, obligation, time, counterfactuals, provability, and other modal notions. Covers core concepts and basic metatheory of propositional modal logic, including relations to first-order logic; basics of quantified modal logic; selected philosophical applications ranging from epistemology to ethics, metaphysics to mathematics.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Philosophy 12A or equivalent: or consent of instructor

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 146 Philosophy of Mathematics 4 Units**

Foundations of mathematics: logicism, intuitionism, formalism. Set theoretical paradoxes, definition of numbers, problems of continuum.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 149 Special Topics in Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics 4 Units**

This course is conceived in analogy with Philosophy 129 (Special Topics in Philosophy of Science). It is supposed to allow the class to focus on more specific problems in philosophy of logic or mathematics than can be treated in a broad introductory course such as Philosophy of Mathematics (Philosophy 146) or Philosophical Logic (Philosophy 142).

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 155 Medieval Philosophy 4 Units**

A study of some of the major philosophical texts from the medieval period with a focus on issues in metaphysics and epistemology. Topics may include universals, individuation, the nature and existence of God, faith and reason, skepticism, freedom, language, human nature and human cognition.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 156A Foundations of Analytic Philosophy: Frege 4 Units**  
The work of Gottlob Frege with special emphasis on his contributions to logic, the philosophy of mathematics, and the philosophy of language.  
**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Sluga

**PHILOS 160 Plato 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 161 Aristotle 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week  
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 163 Special Topics in Greek Philosophy 4 Units**  
The course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in Greek philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics are: the close study of one or more of Plato's dialogues, the reading of one of Aristotle's texts, stoicism, scepticism, and neo-platonism.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Philosophy 25A or equivalent

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 170 Descartes 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 172 Spinoza 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 173 Leibniz 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 176 Hume 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 178 Kant 4 Units**

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 181 Hegel 4 Units****Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 5.5 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 183 Schopenhauer and Nietzsche 4 Units**

An examination of the philosophy of Schopenhauer and Nietzsche.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 184 Nietzsche 4 Units****Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 185 Heidegger 4 Units**

A study of Heidegger's .

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** 187

**PHILOS 186B Later Wittgenstein 4 Units**

A close reading and extended discussion of central parts of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 187 Special Topics in the History of Philosophy 4 Units**

The course's specific content will vary from occasion to occasion but either the course will focus narrowly upon problems drawn from the work of a philosopher in the 160 to 178 series, or it will study several influential philosophers, active mainly before the twentieth century, who shared a common outlook or who were linked by other types of philosophically significant reaction to one another's work.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 188 Phenomenology 4 Units**

Backgrounds of phenomenology and existentialism. Husserl and Merleau-Ponty.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Formerly known as:** 186

**PHILOS N188 Phenomenology 4 Units**

Backgrounds of phenomenology and existentialism. Husserl and Merleau-Ponty.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**Formerly known as:** 186

**PHILOS 189 Special Topics in Recent European Philosophy 4 Units**

The course is designed to deal with a variety of topics in recent European philosophy. Its contents will vary from occasion to occasion. Possible topics include: further work in phenomenology and existentialism, the study of a particular text by an important figure in contemporary European philosophy, current French and German philosophy.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**PHILOS 190 Proseminar 3 Units**

A seminar-style exploration of some topic in philosophy. The students and instructor will investigate the topic in a collaborative way, through discussion rather than lecture. Topics vary from semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 undergraduate philosophy majors.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Philosophy majors who have taken at least two upper-division philosophy courses

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS H195 Philosophy Tutorial 4 Units**

The department will designate a tutor, under whose guidance the student will seek to satisfy the thesis requirement of the Honors Program.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Students in Honors Program

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of tutorial per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 0 hours of tutorial per week

8 weeks - 0 hours of tutorial per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 198 Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Directed study on special topics.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Credit Restrictions:** Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

**PHILOS 198BC Berkeley Connect 1 Unit**

Berkeley Connect is a mentoring program, offered through various academic departments, that helps students build intellectual community. Over the course of a semester, enrolled students participate in regular small-group discussions facilitated by a graduate student mentor (following a faculty-directed curriculum), meet with their graduate student mentor for one-on-one academic advising, attend lectures and panel discussions featuring department faculty and alumni, and go on field trips to campus resources. Students are not required to be declared majors in order to participate.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units  
Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section in this catalog.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

PHILOS 200 First-Year Graduate Seminar 3 Units

A combination seminar and tutorial, required of and limited to first year graduate students in philosophy.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

PHILOS 250 Special Studies 1 - 9 Units

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Admission to candidacy for the doctoral degree

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-9 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-9 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

PHILOS 251 Directed Studies 1 - 9 Units

Open to qualified students wishing to pursue special study or research under the direction of a member of the staff.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

PHILOS 290 Seminar 3 Units

Advanced study in various fields of philosophy. Topics will vary from semester to semester.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

PHILOS 295 Dissertation Seminar 2 Units

Presentations by graduate students of dissertation research in progress.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Restricted to graduate students who are writing dissertations in philosophy

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

**Formerly known as:** 109

**PHILOS 299 Independent Study 2 - 12 Units****Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-12 hours of independent study per week**Summer:** 8 weeks - 30-99 hours of independent study per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.**PHILOS 301 Professional Preparation: The Teaching of Philosophy 2 - 6 Units**

Students will work as teachers under the guidance of a faculty member. They will attend lectures, guide classroom discussion, and participate in a workshop in teaching methods.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** Appointment as a graduate student instructor**Credit Restrictions:** Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.**PHILOS 375 Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Seminar 3 Units**

A hands-on training seminar for new philosophy GSIs that addresses both practical and theoretical issues.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** Admission to Ph.D. program**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.**Formerly known as:** Philosophy 302**PHILOS 602 Individual Study for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units**

Individual study in consultation with the major field adviser, intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare themselves for the various examinations required of candidates of the Ph.D.

**Rules & Requirements****Credit Restrictions:** Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for a maximum of 16 units. Course may be repeated for a maximum of 16 units.**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-8 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate examination preparation**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.**PHILOS 603 Independent Philosophical Studies 1 - 4 Units**

Reading or other advanced study by arrangement with a staff member, for preparation in advance of an examination for a higher degree.

**Rules & Requirements****Prerequisites:** Graduate standing**Credit Restrictions:** Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.**Hours & Format****Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week**Summer:**

6 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

**Additional Details****Subject/Course Level:** Philosophy/Graduate examination preparation**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.