PHILOSOPHY (PH)

PH 170 Logic - 3 Hours
A study of the principles of correct reasoning. This course will consider induction, deduction, informal fallacies, traditional logic, and symbolic logic. Offered every Fall for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 180 Introduction to Philosophy - 3 Hours
An introduction to philosophy that focuses on the principal issues in the theory of knowledge, metaphysics, ethics, and the construction of worldviews. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, REACH/Excel undergraduate.

PH 182 Ethics - 3 Hours
An introduction to problems and concepts in ethical theory, plus a consideration of contemporary moral problems. Offered every Spring for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 190 Introduction to Apologetics - 3 Hours
The course is designed to introduce students to the major cultural and philosophical challenges facing Christianity and begin developing the intellectual resources for its defense. The course covers the proofs for God’s existence and the basic philosophical methods for supporting Christian faith. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 231 Philosophy of Human Nature - 3 Hours
An interdisciplinary inquiry into human nature. The course will treat the person both as an individual and as related to others in social contexts. Prerequisite: PH 180. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 234 Love and Friendship - 3 Hours
This course is an integrated, philosophical study of the nature of love and friendship. Topics treated include various perspectives on love and friendship, different kinds of love and friendship, the role of friendship in the Christian life, married love, tough love, the possibility of love, and love for God. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 250 Special Topics in Philosophy - 3 Hours
Selected topics in philosophy not taught under a specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 251 Asian Religious Thought - 3 Hours
Historical survey of the origins and growth of the major Asian religions. Beliefs, practices, and worldviews of the major traditions will be examined with attention given to understanding the underpinnings of the lifestyles, ideologies and communication patterns of various Asian peoples. Comparisons and contrasts with Western and Christian-based perspectives will be offered. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

PH 252 Topics in Ethics - 3 Hours
Selected topics in ethics not taught under a specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered on demand. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 253 Topics in Philosophy of Religion - 3 Hours
Selected topics in philosophy of religion not taught under a specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Prerequisite: PH 180. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 300 Historical Survey of World Religions I - 3 Hours
An introduction to the major world religions. The course will examine the major religions which have influenced Western culture: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 315 History of Western Thought I - 3 Hours
A survey of Western thought from ancient Greek and Roman times to the modern period. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 360 Advanced Topics in Philosophy - 3 Hours
Selected advanced topics in philosophy not taught under a specific course title. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Prerequisite: PH 180. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 362 Philosophy of Religion - 3 Hours
An examination of the philosophical implications in Christian theism, including the existence of God, the nature of religious language, revelation, faith and reason, and the problem of evil. Prerequisite: PH 180. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 363X Survey of Religious Diversity - 3 Hours
A survey of the world’s major religions, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other religious movements. The specific aim of the course is to learn how to understand and engage a full range of religious worldviews from the perspective of the Christian faith. Special attention is given to comparing and contrasting religious movements with the historic Christian faith. The course probes various dimensions of the problem of religious truth, explores the possibility of constructing a systematic understanding of religions, and seeks to formulate creative and thoughtful responses to the problem of religious diversity. Cross listed with BRS 363X. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

PH 381 History of Western Thought II - 3 Hours
A study of principal philosophers and perspectives from Descartes to the present. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 382 History of Western Thought II - 3 Hours
A study of principal philosophers and perspectives from Descartes to the present. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 383 History of Western Thought III - 3 Hours
A study of principal philosophers and perspectives from Descartes to the present. Prerequisite: PH 180. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 390 Advanced Apologetics - 3 Hours
Apothegics prepares students to make an intellectual defense of the Christian faith. The course surveys the historic challenges to the Christian truth claims and the means and methods Christians have used to address these challenges. Emphasis is given to the current state of affairs in the academy and culture in terms of the major problems and solutions under discussion. Prerequisite: PH 170, PH 180, PH 182, or PH 190. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, REACH/Excel undergraduate.

PH 431 Contemporary Philosophy - 3 Hours
A study of significant philosophers and perspectives in the twentieth century. Prerequisites: PH 180 plus six hours of philosophy beyond the 100 level. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.
PH 432 Problems in Philosophy - 3 Hours
An examination of selected issues in epistemology, ethics, and metaphysics. Prerequisites: PH 180 plus six hours of philosophy beyond the 100 level. Offered every other year for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours
Research and specialized studies designed to meet the needs of the individual student. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 474X Introduction to Bioethics - 3 Hours
An overview of the Hippocratic/Judeo-Christian tradition in medical ethics against the background of biblical-theological discussion of human nature, medicine, and healing, and as a context for the rise of the new bioethics. Prerequisite: PH 180 or consent of instructor. This course is taught at the Trinity Graduate School (BE 5000). Offered fall semester. May substitute undergraduate Bioethics Institute (offered in July; register in May Term). Cross-listed with BE 474X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 475X Topics in Bioethics - 1-3 Hours
Selected courses taught either at the College or at the Trinity Graduate School. May be repeated for credit with a different topic. Offered fall or spring semester, or annually, in mid-July, in conjunction with the Bioethics Conference for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with BE 475X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 499 Fall Senior Seminar - 1 Hour
This course prepares students to meet their vocational objectives by consolidating the philosophy department's curriculum and the student's academic experiences into a personal portfolio and life plan. The portfolio requirements include items such as the completion of a curriculum vitae, a sample paper, the acquisition of references, the creation of a graduate school target list (or equivalent job opportunity list), the completion of the GRE or LSAT, the completion of a senior assessment and an exit interview. This course fulfills the "Professional Experience General Education Requirement" for students in the Philosophy Major. Possible fulfillment experiences include regular philosophy tutoring, public presentation and delivery of a philosophy paper, or regular group discussion or paper grading leadership in conjunction with a philosophy class. Prerequisites: The student must be a philosophy major, have taken at least five philosophy courses, and be of junior or senior standing. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. This course fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone requirement for students in the Philosophy major. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 477X Undergraduate National Conference - 2-3 Hours
This course enables students to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the National Bioethics Conference sponsored by The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity on an annual basis (usually spring and summer). Attendance at conference session and preparatory readings will allow students to reflect critically on the issues of the conference. Selection of a specific topic of interest from those considered in the conference and/or reading materials provide opportunity for extended research. Note: BE/PH 476x and BE/PH 477x are special courses, associated with The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity's Annual Summer Conference. The courses and conference provide a unique opportunity for students to interact with internationally recognized professionals in their field, and complete one or both courses for credit. Because of their unique nature, BE 476 and BE 477 are not included in the tuition remission option of TIU's three-year degree, due to the expenses associated with the conference and courses. Cross-listed with BE 477X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

PH 476X Undergraduate Bioethics Institute - 3 Hours
This institute provides an overview of relevant bioethical issues and principles from a biblical-Christian perspective. It includes reading and assignments to be completed before the first class meeting and other assignments after the last class meeting, as well as a final paper. Participation in the associated National Bioethics Conference offered by The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (usually spring and summer) is also required. The course is a unique opportunity to consider the subject and interact with a variety of academic experts, practitioners, and students at various stages of vocational and ethical preparation. Note: BE/PH 476x and BE/PH 477x are special courses, associated with The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity's Annual Summer Conference. The courses and conference provide a unique opportunity for students to interact with internationally recognized professionals in their field, and complete one or both courses for credit. Because of their unique nature, BE 476 and BE 477 are not included in the tuition remission option of TIU's three-year degree, due to the expenses associated with the conference and courses. Cross-listed with BE 476X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.