

# PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

## FALL 2021 CLASSES

The Philosophy & Religious Studies Department will offer four different class delivery modes in Fall 2021. **IN-PERSON, HYBRID, INTERNET and LIVE ONLINE.** See the orange box below for descriptions of each delivery mode.

\*OER = Open Educational Resources (no textbook costs)/<\$40 = Textbook costs less than \$40.00

### PHILOSOPHY COURSES

#### PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy (HU)

**Dr. Barry Vaughan (OER/<\$40)**

MWF – 10:00-10:50 22909 *In Person*  
MWF – 12:00-12:50 22910 *In Person*  
TuTh – 12:00-1:15 22911 *Live Online*

**Dr. Dave Yount**

MWF – 8:00-8:50 22908 *In Person*  
TuTh – 9:00-10:15 22920 *In Person*  
INTERNET 24495

**Albert Filice**

INTERNET 24122

**Simon Oswitch**

TuTh – 9:00-10:15 22912 *In Person*

**Simon Oswitch**

INTERNET 22923

#### PHI 103: Introduction to Logic (HU, L)

**Dr. Debra Campbell**

INTERNET 22924  
INTERNET 24033

**Dr. Barry Vaughan**

TuTh – 10:30-11:45 22921 *Live Online*

**Albert Filice**

INTERNET 24053

#### PHI 105: Introduction to Ethics (HU)

**Dr. Barry Vaughan (OER/<\$40)**

MWF – 11:00-11:50 22913 *Live Online*

#### PHI 212: Contemporary Moral Issues (HU)

**Dr. Dave Yount**

TuTh – 10:30-11:45 23958 (Honors) *In Person*

#### PHI 213: Medical and Bio-Ethics (HU)

**Dr. Dave Yount**

MWF – 10:00-10:50 22919 *In Person*

#### PHI 218: Philosophy of Sexuality (HU, L)

**Dr. Dave Yount**

MWF – 11:00-11:50 37790 *In Person*

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES COURSES

#### REL 100: World Religions (HU, G)

**Dr. Keith Crudup**

TuTh – 9:00-10:15 22916 (Honors) *In Person*  
Sat. – 9:00-10:15 23597 (ACE Prog) *Hybrid*  
INTERNET 23959  
INTERNET 24227

**Thomas Shoemaker (OER/<\$40)**

Th – 10:30-11:45 22917 *Hybrid*  
W – 10:30-11:45 22922 (Honors) *Hybrid*  
INTERNET 23695  
INTERNET 23766 (Late Start)  
INTERNET 24030 (Late Start)

**Dr. Elizabeth Ursic**

Th – 10:30-11:45 22918 *Hybrid*  
INTERNET 22915

#### REL 203: American Indian Religions (HU, C, L)

**Dr. Elizabeth Ursic**

Tu – 10:30-11:45 22914 - *Hybrid*

#### REL 205: Religion & the Modern World (HU, L)

**Blair Gadsby**

W – 4:00-5:15pm 23765 - *Hybrid*

#### REL 290: Women & World Religions (HU, G)

**Dr. Elizabeth Ursic**

INTERNET 22925 (Honors)

#### REL 291: Religion and Sexuality (HU, G)

**Thomas Shoemaker (OER/<\$40)**

INTERNET 24123 (Late Start)

#### A Brief Message from the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department...

Fall Semester 2021 finally offers us the opportunity to gradually introduce a few in-person classes back into our schedule! This semester, our professors will use one of four modes of delivery, *in-Person, Hybrid, Internet or Live Online*. This schedule indicates the delivery mode used for each class. Please be sure to note the delivery mode when selecting your classes.

**IN-PERSON:** These on-campus classes will meet on specific days and times. The class meeting days and times are provided on this flyer next to the class.

**HYBRID:** A portion of these classes include an in-person format on a specific day and time. The other portion will be held online without a set time to attend. Students will need a working camera on their phone or computer. The in-person portion of the class is indicated next to the class on this flyer.

**INTERNET:** These "on the student's own time" classes are conducted exclusively on the internet. Students will need a working camera on their phone or computer. These classes will not meet on specific days or times.

**LIVE ONLINE:** These classes will meet online via Webex or Zoom on specific days and times. Again, a working camera is needed on your phone or computer. The days and times are provided next to the class. Attendance will be at the discretion of the instructor. Additional work will be required on the students own time.

Please contact the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department at 480-461-7860 if you have questions.

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## Course Descriptions

### Philosophy Classes:

**PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy (HU)** – An introductory survey of the major topics in Philosophy: the nature of reality, the existence of God, the nature, possibility, and extent of knowledge, why we value moral behavior, justice and beauty. The pursuit of wisdom begins here!

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**PHI 103: Introduction to Logic (HU, L)** – An introductory survey of the basic systems of Logic: induction and deduction. This is the methodology of philosophy. This course explores the basic systems of all critical thinking. If you want to think critically, you must take this class!

**Prerequisites: ENG101, or ENG107, or instructor permission. 3 credits**

**PHI 105: Introduction to Ethics (HU)** - A survey of major moral theories and the philosophers who proposed them in their historical context. We will examine Teleological, Deontological, and Virtue theories along with major Metaethical issues including the nature of personhood, the nature of moral language, and the objectivity/subjectivity of morality.

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**PHI 212: Contemporary Moral Issues (HU)** – Who says philosophy doesn't deal with real life? We will rationally argue about the following issues: abortion, drug legalization, euthanasia, genetic engineering, cloning, the death penalty, terrorism, free speech, pornography, health care, vegetarianism, the environment, overpopulation and world hunger. Take a class that will teach you something that will stay with you for years after it's over!

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**PHI 213: Medical and Bio-Ethics (HU)** – We will examine different ethical theories, moral reasoning in bioethics, moral theories, and apply them to many issues including: paternalism and autonomy; truth-telling and confidentiality; informed consent; human research; abortion; reproductive technology; genetic choices; euthanasia & physician-assisted suicide; and dividing up health care resources. This is the perfect HU class for all allied health and biotechnology majors!

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**PHI 218: Philosophy of Sexuality (HU, L)** – Philosophical examination of the role of sexuality in human life. For example, we question what is sex? What is good sex? How important is sex to a good life? Are your sexual acts moral? We learn to apply critical thinking to various theories about sexual desires and how those desires fit into a moral life.

**Prerequisites: ENG101, or ENG107, or instructor permission. Student must be 18 years or older. 3 credits**

### Religious Studies Classes:

**REL 100: World Religions (HU, G)** – Religion is more than a private affair. Our politics, our economies, our relationships, and the way we behave are deeply influenced by religion. This course considers five of the most influential religions in the world, and equips you to join in a global conversation about ... well, everything.

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**REL 203: American Indian Religions (HU, C, L)** – We will learn about the history and modern day traditions of American Indian beliefs and practices among various tribes across the United States. We will read firsthand accounts, watch documentaries, and go on one site visit to augment our learning.

**Prerequisites: ENG101, or ENG107, or instructor permission. 3 credits**

**REL 205: Religion and the Modern World (HU, L)** – Introduction to the nature and role of religious beliefs and practices in shaping the lives of individuals and societies, with particular attention to the modern world.

**Prerequisites: ENG101, or ENG107, or instructor permission. 3 credits**

**REL 290: Women and World Religions (HU, G)** – We will learn about great women in the world religions and their contributions to reforming religion and society. Study how different religions around the world help and hinder women and men through their teachings on gender.

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

**REL 291: Religion and Sexuality (HU, G)** – It's an entire semester focusing on the two things people aren't supposed to bring up in polite conversation. We'll look at every aspect of sex and gender through the eyes of ancient and modern religions – with the promise of more than a few real surprises. And it is all in the safety of an online course!

**Prerequisites: None. 3 credits**

### Philosophy & Religious Studies Department Faculty



Debra Campbell  
Professor Emeritus



Keith Crudup  
Religious Studies Faculty



Tom Shoemaker  
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Elizabeth Ursic  
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