PHIL - 1073 Problems of Philosophy, 3.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Gen Ed - Humanities, Liberal Arts and Science
Problems in Philosophy examines some of the fundamental questions, controversial issues, and major problems faced by people in relationship to the world. It also focuses on some of the methods for inquiry and problem-solving that people have devised to make their world more comprehensible. The course is designed, through readings and class discussions, to promote critical thinking and to develop effective techniques of systematic inquiry.

PHIL - 2013 Critical Thinking, 3.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Gen Ed - Humanities, Liberal Arts and Science
This course has a three part structure: 1. Logic. At root, critical thinking is the ability to reason; to think logically. Students will learn core concepts such as validity, soundness, logical form, and informal fallacies. 2. Applied Argument Construction. Students will learn to construct and critique ordinary and scientific arguments, both in written and oral form, using the logical principles learned in the Logic component of the course. 3. Alternative Reasoning Methods. Students will be encouraged to identify and examine arguments based on cultural background, gender, religious convictions, requirements of classical logic. Students will be encouraged to identify and examine such arguments. The purpose of this examination is not to validate or endorse alternative reasoning methods, but to encourage students to talk with each other about the difference and similarities in the ways they make judgments and other factors. Writing is continued in assignments related to readings, class discussions, and lectures.

PHIL - 2173 Ethics, 3.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Gen Ed - Humanities, Liberal Arts and Science
Ethics is a course designed to inquire into the nature of values and how we acquire them. It studies some major ethical systems derived from such values that have been used to evaluate man’s conduct. It encourages students to discuss theories as applied to existing moral dilemmas. Writing is continued in assignments related to readings, class discussions, and lectures.