University at Buffalo  Department of Philosophy

Summer Session 2017 Online Courses

NOTE: UB Summer Philosophy courses are conducted entirely online.

PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy
Justin Murray
Online; 5/30/2017-7/7/2017 (Session J)
Class #: 11331
Examines general topics in various areas of philosophy showing different sides of issues; develops critical thought and philosophical method.

PHI 105 Contemporary Moral Problems
Jake Monaghan
Online; 7/10/2017-8/10/2017 (Session M)
Class #: 12543
This course will philosophically examine contentious moral issues of the day. Among the topics that may be discussed are abortion, capital punishment, affirmative action, obligations of wealthy nations to poor nations, duties to non-human animals, vegetarianism, sex workers, pornography, legalized gambling and lotteries, gun control, drone warfare, human enhancements through drugs and prostheses, homosexual marriage, racial profiling, and legalization of currently illegal drugs.

PHI 107 Introduction to Ethics
Robert Kelly
Online; 05/3/2017 - 07/7/2017 (Session J)
Class #: 12015
Introduces value theory, good and bad, justification of obligations to others, relationship of free choice and determinism, and contemporary moral problems analyzed by ethical principles.

PHI 115 Critical Thinking
Botan Dolun
Online; 7/10/2017 - 8/18/2017 (Session M)
Class #: 12016
Examines techniques of problem solving, decision making, and evaluating pros and cons of an issue; organizing data; forming strategies and giving reasons; perceptual, cultural, emotional, intellectual, and expressive blocks to thinking; and simple inductive reasoning and statistical fallacies.
PHI 237 J05 Bioethics; Social and Ethical Values In Medicine
Ariane Nomikos
Online; 5/30/2017 - 7/7/2017 (Session J)
Class #: 10644
Examines current ethical positions and their application to ethical and social questions in medicine.

PHI 237 M06 Bioethics; Social and Ethical Values In Medicine
Brian Donohue
Online; 7/10/2017 - 8/18/2017 (Session M)
Class #: 11332
Examines current ethical positions and their application to ethical and social questions in medicine.