

# PHILOSOPHY COURSES

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## **PHIL 112 FYS: Thinking Out Loud: Public Philosophy as a Path to Social Change (3)**

In this course, we will see how philosophers are working to make the world a more just and beautiful place, extending this work to people, places, and topics traditionally excluded from the discipline. Philosophy arose as an intellectual practice with a distinct public purpose. But over the centuries, it has transformed into a specialized academic pursuit, often detached from our everyday concerns. Public philosophy aims to recapture philosophy's public purpose, bringing it to bear on the most pressing questions of our time: how do we address crises of sustainability? How do we sustain our faltering democracy? How do we live meaningful, exciting lives in the face of the mind-numbing demands of the modern world? Consistent with the aims of public philosophy, students will not only study these interventions, but employ them, creating work that engages with the public in some meaningful way. **This course is a First Year Seminar.**

## **PHIL 110W Introductory Philosophy (4)**

Readings and discussions are designed to introduce the student to the major areas and problems of philosophy through a study of the writings of classical and contemporary thinkers. **This course allows a student to earn their Basic Writing requirement.**

## **PHIL 233 Philosophy of Gender (3)**

An investigation of how gender construction has influenced how philosophy has been done and received historically, exploring how past and present thinkers view reality, knowledge, and the good through the lens of gender identity (and the intersections of gender and other identities, including race, class, and sexuality). There are no prerequisites for this course.

## **PHIL 235 Philosophy of Human Existence (3)**

A study of important European philosophers from the 19th and 20th centuries who are associated with the existentialist movement. There are no prerequisites to this course.

## **PHIL 253 Philosophy of Politics (3)**

A study of theories of society and the state, which may include classical, contemporary, feminist, and other visions of real and ideal community. There are no pre-requisites to this course.