Courses Description

B.A. Programmed

Philosophy Department

2303101 Logic and Critical Thinking
Thinking; Thinking Critically; Problems Solving; Perceiving; Language; Reporting, Inferring, Judging; Constructing Arguments; Deductive Arguments, Inductive; Arguments; Fallacies.

2303103 Philosophy of Social and Human Sciences
The nature of the human and natural sciences; naturalist and anti-naturalist approaches; the problem of methodology; deductive and intentional models of explanation; rationality; objectivity vs. Subjectivity.

2303111 Philosophical Problems
Prerequisite: None
Free will and determinism; the existence of God; moral knowledge; a priori and posterior knowledge; scientific explanation

2303112 Main Issues in Logic
Prerequisite: None
Terms and propositions; direct inference; Aristotelian syllogism: its rules and models; translation of arguments from ordinary language; to logical language formal and informal fallacies; conjunction, disjunction, equivalence and negation; propositional calculus; rules of inference.

2303113 Epistemology
Prerequisite: None
Nature of Knowledge; the possibility of knowledge; agnosticism and responses to it; problem of sense perception: naïve realism, critical realism; sense data theory; phenomenology; the problem of truth and truthfulness; scientific knowledge.

2303121 Eastern Philosophy
Prerequisite: None
The development of religious thought in ancient Egypt, ancient Iraq and Syria, and its impact on Neo-Platonism ancient Persian thought: Zoroastrianism, Manoism, Mazdaism; Indian thought; Chinese thought.

2303122 Greek Philosophy
Prerequisite: None
Pre-Socratic Greek philosophy; Ionian philosophy, Eleatic philosophy, Pythagorean philosophy; Socrates, Plato, Aristotle.

Post-Aristotelian Philosophy 2303123
This course deals with the philosophical schools after the death of Aristotle, after the independent Greek City-state disappeared and through the Hellenistic World. These schools are Epicurianism, Stoicism, the Sceptics, the Middle and new Academies,
Plotinian Neo-plotonism. Epistemology, physics and Ethics are issues to be discussed.

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<td>2303223</td>
<td>Islamic Theology</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The emergence of Islamic theology; its origins, sources and purposes; views of Islamic theologians: Mu'tazilates, Asharya, Mutaridis; Ikwan Al Safa; phenomenalism and God’s Attributes, ancient atomic theory; cause and effect; fatalism.</td>
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<td>2303231</td>
<td>Sufism</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The mystical experience and its relation to philosophy; emergence of Sufism in Islam and to what extent it was influenced by alien factors; Shariah and the deep truth in it; trait of Sufism in the 3rd century of Hijrah; divine love, spiritual states and stations; the Sufi philosophy of Al - Ghazali.</td>
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<td>2303241</td>
<td>Philosophy of Ethics</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Ethical conduct; ethical consciousness; ethical evaluation; rules and norms; value judgement; justification of ethical judgement; ethical concepts: virtue, duty, good; freedom and responsibility; the relation of ethics to religion and metaphysics.</td>
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<td>2303242</td>
<td>Aesthetics</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The subject matter of Aesthetics and its status in philosophy; Aesthetic attitude and its characteristics; cultural significance of art; the beautiful and sublime in nature and art; the imagination in realizing familiarity and appreciation; structure of art work: medium, form, content and expression.</td>
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<td>2303243</td>
<td>Islamic Political Philosophy</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The emergence of political philosophy in Islamic and Arabic thought; the appearance of the political critique movement; the influence of translation in the development of political philosophy; the concept of “authority “ in Islam: its nature and limits; political concepts: freedom, responsibility, justice, equality; the concept of “state“ in Islamic political thought; revolution and its justifications; tyranny and democracy; examples of political literature: Al-Mawardi &amp; Ibn-Khaldoun.</td>
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<td>2303245</td>
<td>Islamic and Arab Sciences</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The passage of Greek, Persian and Indian sciences to the muslims; major examples of the advancement of sciences in the Muslim world; empirical method; the influence of the Arab and muslim scientists on the progress of science in the West.</td>
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<td>2303304</td>
<td>Philosophical Texts in Foreign Language</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Relevant texts and selected readings.</td>
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<td>2303324</td>
<td>Islamic Philosophy</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>The development of intellectuality in Islamic thought; translation of Greek thought into Arabic ( its move and effect ); Muslim philosophers in the East and their main theories: al-Kindi, Al-Farabi, Al - Razi, Ibn Sina ; Muslim philosophers in the west: Ibn-Baja, Ibn-Tofiel, Ibn-Rushd.</td>
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2303327 Mediaeval Philosophy
Prerequisite: None
St. Augustine, St. Anselm, St. Aquinas, Albert the Great; discussion of their issues which may include knowledge and the existence of world, knowledge of God and proofs for its existence, the problem of universals.

2303328 Modern Philosophy
Prerequisite: None
Rationalist philosophy: Descartes, Spinoza, Leipniz; empirisist philosophy: Locke, Berkeley, Hume; German idealism: Kant, Hegel.

2303329 Philosophy of Enlightenment
Prerequisite: 2303328

2303330 German Idealism
Prerequisite: None
Kant and the Critique of theoretical reason; subjective and objective idealism: Fischte, Scheling, Hegel and Schleiermacher; Texts chosen.

2303332 Muslim Thinkers On Methods of Research
Prerequisite: None
The transition of some research methods of the Greek to Muslims; empirical method as established and applied by Muslims; historical method of Ibn - Khaldoun; historical truth and its criterion; the possibility of prediction.

2303333 Modern & Contemporary Arab Thought
Prerequisite: None
Trends of Arab thought in Renaissance age: principles of reform with respect to the social, political and religious realms; some contemporary trends of Arab thought like: Muslim Fundamentalism, liberalism, nationalism, marxism; selected texts representing these trends.

2303344 Political & Social Philosophy
Prerequisite: None
Obligation and commitment; authority: its nature, limits and validity; authority & individual; political ideals: justice, freedom, equality; political and social change: nation, state, revolution, evaluation of the civil society; basic concepts in political thought: dictatorship, totalitarianism, democracy, liberalism.

2303351 Philosophy of the Natural Sciences
Prerequisite: None
Nature of scientific knowledge; scientific explanation; C. Hempel's model of explanation; causality; determinism and indeterminism; Laws & scientific theories; Progress in scientific knowledge: Karl Popper, Thomas Kuhn, etc.

Issues in Contemporary Thought 2303352
The issues that this course deals with are mainly of social, ethical and political nature such as: social, justice, democracy and human rights, the concept of war and
international peace, justice and man’s freedom, violence and social-change, alienation and liberation, modernity and rationality …etc.

**2303353 Business Ethics**
This course discusses a number of moral topics arising in the areas of business, administration, and in the professional performance in general. It is to introduce philosophical Examination concerning practical problems of ethics such as fraud, corruption, and honesty in advertising, social responsibility, the common human interest …etc.

**2303414 Symbolic Logic**
Prerequisite: None
Tuth-functional connectives; rules of equivalence and inference; modes of the formal proof; “all“ and “some“; logical truths involving quantifiers; rules of generalization and specification and their use in demonstration; properties of relations; symbolizing details; proving invalidity.

**2303429 Contemporary Philosophy**
Prerequisite: 2303328
A study of the main trends of contemporary philosophy: phenomenology, existentialism, marxism, pragmatism, positivism, analytical & critical philosophy

**2303445 Philosophical Anthropology**
Prerequisite: None
The subject matter of philosophical anthropology; its emergence and development; the positions of existentialism & marxism on this field; critical inquiry in main topics: man and nature, man and deity, man & machine, man & culture; freedom and alienation.

**2303452 Main Issues in the Philosophy of the Human Sciences**
Prerequisite: None
Explanation and understanding; collectivism and individualism; meaning and interpretation; objectivism & relativism; rationality, reason, tradition and emancipation.

**2303453 Philosophy of Language**
Prerequisite: None
Meaning and the nature of language: L.Wittgenstein, J.L.Austin; Kripke and others; truth and meaning: Harrison, Davidson, Tarski and others; meta-language theories.

**2303454 Logic and Research Method**
Logic and language; the role of logic in science; Logicians and induction; possibility of verification; analogy; scientific method: purposive and causal explanation; historical method; logic and other disciplines: medicine, philosophy and Islamic theology.

**2303455 The Logical Linguistic Method in the Science of Fiqh**
Prerequisite: None
The role of linguistic studies in forming the logical linguistic method ; the theory of meaning and meaning of meaning ; critique of the Aristotle’s logic and its impact on forming the logical linguistic analysis in the science of Fiqh ; the impact of the Stoic’s logic in forming the method of logical linguistic analysis ; the analysis of duty and value judgements in the science of Fiqh.
2303456  **Contemporary Marxism**
Prerequisite: None

2303457  **Metaphysics**
The Course deals with the essential metaphysical problems and questions posed by ancient, modern and contemporary philosophies; discussion of issues such as Aristotle’s Being qua Being, Leibniz’ principle of sufficient reason, Heidegger’s analysis of Being, the role of metaphysics in philosophical thought and the Islamic views about some metaphysical problems.

2303458  **Current Trends in Philosophy**
This course examines the ideas of influential philosophers in the current philosophical movements such as Neo-Marxist critical theory, philosophical hermeneutics, psychoanalytic structuralism, deconstruction, modernism and postmodernism, transcendental pragmatism… its.

2303459  **Philosophical Figures**
This course is an in-depth study of one great philosophical figure chosen from the history of philosophy. It is an opportunity to explore the philosophy of the thinker as a whole concentrating on his/her place in the history of ideas and in history itself.