

Courses Description

B.A. Programmed

Philosophy Department

2303100 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, Manicism, Mazdism; 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-platonism. Epistemology, physics and Ethics are issues to be discussed.

2303223 Islamic Theology

Prerequisite: None

The emergence of Islamic theology; its origins, sources and purposes; views of Islamic theologians: Mu'tazilates, Ash'ariya, Mutaridis; Iqwan Al Safa; phenomenalism and God's Attributes, ancient atomic theory; cause and effect; fatalism.

2303231 Sufism

Prerequisite: None

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.

Philosophy of Ethics 2303241

Prerequisite: None

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.

2303242 Aesthetics

Prerequisite: None

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.

2303243 Islamic Political Philosophy

Prerequisite: None

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 & Ibn-Khaldoun.

2303254 Islamic and Arab Sciences

Prerequisite: None

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.

2303304 Philosophical Texts in Foreign Language

Prerequisite: None

Relevant texts and selected readings.

2303324 Islamic Philosophy

Prerequisite: None

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.

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, Leibniz; empiricist philosophy: Locke, Berkeley, Hume; German idealism: Kant, Hegel.

2303329 Philosophy of Enlightenment

Prerequisite: 2303328

The French Enlightenment: The scepticism of Bayle, Montesquien and his study of law , Voltaire and deism, Condillacy and human mind, Helvetius On Man. The Encyclopaedia: Diderot and d'Alembert. Materialism: la Mettrie , d'Holbach. Political Philosophy: Rousseau and the Social Contract. The German Enlightenment Christian thomasius , Christian Wolf. Deism: Reimarus, Mendelssohn, Lessing , educational theory. The Rise of the philosophy of History: Vico, Herder.

2303330 German Idealism

Prerequisite: None

Kant and the Critique of theoretical reason ; subjective and objective idealism : Fichte, Schelling , 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 Stoice'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

Dialectic materialism Vs. historical materialism: Lucats. Dialectic materialism and praxis philosophy : Gramsche, Kursh , Bloch. Critical Marxism : Adorno , Horkheimer, Marcuse . Structural Marxism: Althuser.

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.

Current Trends in Philosophy 2303458

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.