

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

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Add new course to the Philosophy curriculum, PHIL 230

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1. Add: On page 239, new course, **PHIL 230, Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology:**

230 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (4)

An introduction to the main questions, methods, and figures in the fields of metaphysics and epistemology. Important topics include the nature of knowledge, the reliability of human cognitive abilities, the nature of fundamental entities, and causation. Emphasis will be placed on students developing their individual responses to fundamental issues in metaphysics and epistemology. Fall.

Impact: This change will have no known negative impact on the Philosophy major, minor and university requirements. It will also not affect the department's staffing needs and course offerings assuming that the current visiting position continues and preferably turns into a tenure track position. In the event the new position is not approved, the course can be taught by a current full-time faculty member. This change will have a positive impact in terms of student interest and also in bringing our course offerings on par with that of other solid undergraduate philosophy departments.

Rationale: This addition allows us to address long term student interest and reflect current trends and standards in strong undergraduate philosophy programs in American universities.