

Effective Date: Fall 2014

1a. **Delete:** On page 239, the entry for **PHIL 303:**

**303 Philosophy of Religion (RELS 303) (3)**  
Questions concerning the existence of God, the problem of evil, revelation and faith, religious experience, immortality, etc. Spring.

**Add:** On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

**303 Philosophy of Religion (RELS 303) (4)**  
Examines major approaches to the philosophical understanding of religion. Drawing from classical, medieval and contemporary authors from Western and non-Western traditions, questions such as the nature of religion, the nature and existence of God, the problem of evil, the nature of religious experience, the relationship between faith and reason and the nature of immortality will be investigated. Spring.

1b. **Delete:** On page 258, the entry for **RELS 303:**

**303 Philosophy of Religion (PHIL 303) (3)**  
Questions concerning the existence of God, the problem of evil, revelation and faith, religious experience, immortality, etc. Spring.

**Add:** On page 258, in place of deleted entry:

**303 Philosophy of Religion (PHIL 303) (4)**  
Examines major approaches to the philosophical understanding of religion. Drawing from classical, medieval and contemporary authors from Western and non-Western traditions, questions such as the nature of religion, the nature and existence of God, the problem of evil, the nature of religious experience, the relationship between faith and reason and the nature of immortality will be investigated. Spring.

**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.

**Rationale:** This change reflects an added emphasis upon an inclusive approach, thereby providing a more accurate and in depth understanding of major issues in philosophy of religion.

2. **Delete:** On page 239, the entry for **PHIL 304:**

**304 Social and Political Philosophy (3)**  
A critical study of the development of philosophical thought about social, political and legal issues. Fall.

**Add:** On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

**304 Social and Political Philosophy (4)**

A critical study of the development of historical and contemporary philosophical thought about social, political and legal issues. 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.

**Rationale:** The increase in hours allows for the addition of a more explicit historical component to course.

**3. Delete:** On 239, the entry for **PHIL 305:**

**305 Philosophy of Law (3)**

Differing interpretations of the nature of law and justice, rationales for punishment, concepts of responsibility and causation in the law. Readings from both philosophical and legal sources. Spring.

**Add:** On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

**305 Philosophy of Law (4)**

Differing interpretations of the nature of judicial decision making, law and justice, rationales for punishment, concepts of responsibility and causation in the law. Readings from both philosophical and legal sources. Even years Spring. 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.

**Rationale:** The increase in hours allows for the addition of jurisprudence, a major aspect of contemporary philosophy of law, to the course content.

**4. Delete:** On 239, the entry for **PHIL 307:**

**307 Philosophy of Science (3)**

Philosophical examination of concepts, assumptions, methods and human implications of both the physical and social sciences. See department chair.

**Add:** On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

**307 Philosophy of Science (4)**

Philosophical examination of concepts, assumptions, methods and human implications of both the natural and social sciences. Topics include scientific realism, law, explanation, confirmation, causation, and science and value. Even years 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.

**Rationale:** The increase in hours allows for added emphasis and engagement with a few dominant issues in the philosophy of science, and exploration of their implications.

**5. Delete:** On 239, the entry for **PHIL 310:**

**310 Aesthetics (3)**

A study of the nature and significance of beauty and various approaches to judging beauty, not only in art, but also in ethics, religion, mathematics and science. Spring.

**Add:** On page 239, in place of deleted entry:

**310 Aesthetics (4)**

A study of the nature and significance of art and beauty. Particular emphasis is given to understanding the nature of creativity and the place of artistic production and understanding in contemporary society. Spring.

**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.

**Rationale:** The course is changing from being centered on issues of beauty to those of artistic understanding and practice. The additional credit hour allows for the addition of an empirical component that brings it in line with ARTS 310 requirements and aims and aligns the course more effectively with school branding, e.g., "Seriously Creative."