

## **Philosophy Master's Degree - Course Contents**

### **PHIL501 Scientific Research Techniques and Academic Ethics (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The advancement of academics in their careers depends on their ability to publish this knowledge rather than their level of knowledge. Doing and writing scientific work is a skill that an academic must learn and get used to in his/her career. This course focuses on defining and discussing a problem in philosophy, on analysis and justification skills, and on researching and comparing various methods in philosophical research.

### **PHIL503 Main Thinkers in the History of Philosophy I (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, we will focus on one of the thinkers of the Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance periods of the history of philosophy such as Plato, Aristotle, Stoics, Farabi, Ibn Sina, Augustine, Aquinas, etc.

### **PHIL 505 Main Movements in Philosophy I (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, basic philosophical movements such as Stoicism, Neo-Platonism, Sufi Philosophy, Enlightenment Philosophy, German Idealism, German Romanticism etc. will be discussed.

### **PHIL 507 Comparative Topics in the History of Philosophy (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, selected ideas from different periods, movements or traditions in the history of philosophy will be analyzed with a common theme or questions are addressed and discussed comparatively.

### **PHIL 509 Ancient Indo-Chinese Philosophies (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, the Veda Thoughts and Buddha Philosophy that emerged in the Ancient Indian Period and the ideas such as Taoism and Confucianism that emerged in the Ancient-Chinese Period are examined and discussed from a philosophical perspective.

### **PHIL 511 Selected Topics in Moral Philosophy (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, students who have acquired the basic topics of moral philosophy such as ethics of the good life, deontological ethics, utilitarianism, ethics of freedom, ethics of values, existentialist ethics, feminist ethics, etc. will focus on advanced studies on one of the selected topics from moral philosophy.

**PHIL 513 Philosophy and World Issues****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, topics and issues such as justice, equality, freedom, human rights, democracy, authority, alienation, othering, migration, globalization, urbanization, ecological problems, discrimination and tolerance are discussed in detail, problems are identified and solutions are offered in line with the approaches of philosophers who have focused on these issues throughout the history of philosophy.

**PHIL 515 Human Rights and Philosophy****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

Conceptual and historical aspects of human rights and the real foundations and dimensions of human rights theory, the position and nature of "human" in the universe as the subject of human rights, philosophy and human rights, conventions to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, major human rights, human rights in our age. The basic problems of rights and the search for solutions and new philosophical approaches, immigration and the problem of identity, selected texts from philosophers on the phenomenon of globalization constitute the content of this course.

**PHIL 517 Technology and Philosophy****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course examines and discusses the relationship between technique and thinking from the ancient times to the present. In particular, it deals with the theoretical and practical philosophical theories of technological developments and advances on human and natural relations and conceptions.

**PHIL 519 Neuroscience****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, along with some basic topics about the nervous system, topics such as thinking, self, mind, consciousness, consciousness and will be examined in the light of neuroscience.

**PHIL 521 Philosophy of Mind****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course focuses on the phenomenon of consciousness. It deals with the fundamental issues and problems of the philosophy of mind, such as the nature, properties and functions of the mind, the mind-body relation, the working principles of the mind, the perception-consciousness relation, and investigates the answers proposed to these problems throughout the history of philosophy.

**PHIL 523 The Ethics of Happiness****(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course will critically examine the different theories of happiness that have emerged in moral philosophy, how the main claims that the main purpose of human life is happiness define

happiness, what kind of connections they establish between human actions and happiness, and the relationship between happiness and other ethical concepts.

**PHIL 525 Philosophy of Emotions**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, the ideas about emotions developed throughout the history of philosophy are explored and discussed. Today, the relationship between our emotions and our thinking and knowing activities is examined more comprehensively.

**PHIL 527 Media and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The aim of this course is to examine and discuss the relations of knowing and perception opened by existence and communication in the media and social media in the modern world from a philosophical perspective.

**PHIL 529 Philosophy and Literature**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The activities of thinking, feeling and questioning that appear in literary works and the ways of relating to truth are analyzed and discussed together with philosophical perspectives and theories.

**PHIL 531 Aesthetics**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

Basic problems and approaches such as the definition of aesthetics and art, philosophy of art, basic concepts of philosophy of art, classification of arts, philosophy of art and art criticism, different values of the work of art, art and morality, art and truth, phenomenological-ontological aesthetics, aesthetic judgments are examined.

**PHIL 571 Master's Thesis Study**

**(0+0) Credit: 0 AKTS: 30**

This course includes a literature review and research study in order to prepare the student for the master's thesis topic. The student receives support from his/her academic advisor for literature study on the research topic.

**PHIL 591 Master's Graduation Project**

**(0+0) Credit: 0 AKTS: 30**

The project course aims to enable non-thesis master's students to present a new work in the field of Philosophy.

**PHIL 502 Seminar**

**(1+0) Credit: 1 AKTS: 1**

The seminar course aims to enable students to regularly evaluate and present their research in Philosophy.

**PHIL504 Main Thinkers in the History of Philosophy II (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course will focus on one of the thinkers of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries of the history of philosophy such as Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Husserl, Wittgenstein, Heidegger, Levinas, Derrida, Foucault, Deleuze, etc.

**PHIL 506 Main Movements in Philosophy II (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, basic philosophical movements such as Positivism, Phenomenology, Hermeneutics, Frankfurt School, Existentialism, Structuralism, Psychoanalysis, Post-Structuralism, Post-Modernism etc. will be discussed.

**PHIL 508 Selected Topics in Turkish Islamic Thought (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course deals with the historical formations and the first representatives of the schools of Turkish-Islamic thought, theology, philosophy and Sufism. The course examines the place of Turkish thought in the history of thought. The course examines the pre-Islamic and post-Islamic Turkish thought and the relations between philosophy, theology and Sufism. For example, Farabi, Ibn Sina, Fahrettin Razi, Sadreddin Konevi, Dawud al-Qayseri, Ismail Ankaravi, Molla Fenari, Ismail Hakki Bursevi, Yunus Emre, Mevlana etc. The views of thinkers are philosophically analyzed and discussed.

**PHIL 510 Contemporary Problems in Philosophy (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, current philosophical problems discussed in the fields such as Applied Ethics, Environmental Philosophy, Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy of Technology, Gender, Cinema and Philosophy, Literature and Philosophy, Neurophilosophy, Philosophy of Emotion, Philosophy of the Body, Philosophy of Medicine, Philosophy of Happiness, etc. will be discussed in the relation between Philosophy and World Problems.

**PHIL512 Basic Problems of Political Philosophy (3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The aim of this course is to determine the position of philosophy on politics and to discuss the way it deals with problems; to analyze the nature, methods and differences and similarities of political philosophy between political science and other sciences, to clarify the way political philosophy deals with problems; to increase students' reasoning skills on the basic issues of political philosophy; to discuss the issues of state, sovereignty, legitimacy, political regimes, justice, freedom, equality, democracy and political ideologies regimes. In this course, the basic problems of political philosophy and the methods of studying the problems are examined. The

main problems of political philosophy such as state, sovereignty, legitimacy, power, political regimes, justice, political ideologies, democracy, freedom, equality, the problem of rights and human rights, alienation, marginalization and discrimination are discussed thematically; The theories of major political philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Seneca, Augustine, al-Farabi, Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Bodin, Spinoza, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Tocqueville, Hegel, Marx, Hayek and Rawls are discussed.

#### **PHIL514 Gender and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course deals with the category of gender philosophically; it tries to understand and discuss our existence with gender in ontological, epistemological and phenomenological dimensions. It also provides a gender-conscious reconsideration and critical examination of basic assumptions and concepts in the history of philosophy and aims to open up new possibilities of philosophical thinking.

#### **PHIL516 Environment and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The definition and subject of environmental philosophy; basic concepts and principles of environmental philosophy, basic problems of environmental philosophy; the relationship between morality and environment, responsibilities towards the natural world and future generations; theories of environmental ethics; wild natural areas, ecology and ethics; earth ethics; environmental justice and social ecology; ecofeminism; pluralism, deep ecology, pragmatism and sustainability, climate change and human beings are discussed with a holistic and systematic understanding.

#### **PHIL518 Science and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course focuses on the definition and characteristics of science, functioning of science, scientific method, theory-fact relationship, principles of verification and falsification, hypothesis-theory-law relationship, philosophy of natural sciences, characteristics of natural science and cultural science, historicity, historicist philosophy of science, science-religion relationship.

#### **PHIL520 Neurophilosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The aim of this course is to investigate and discuss the relationship between the brain, consciousness and its states, decision-making, perception, interpretation of the external world, evaluation of thought processes, mind, brain and behavior, which appear under sub-headings such as neuro-ethics, neuro-aesthetics, neuro-law, neuro-theology under neurophilosophy.

#### **PHIL522 Health and Bioethics**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

Bioethics, a branch of applied ethics, examines the relationship between health, biological life and philosophy. It addresses the consequences of biotechnology and biomedical advances in a social, legal, cultural and ethical framework. In this context, the course examines and discusses the philosophical and ethical problems that arise in epidemics, cloning, pharmaceutical industry, gene technology, euthanasia, surrogacy, eugenics, abortion, human experimentation.

**PHIL524 Introduction to Philosophical Counseling**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

This course focuses on the meaning of counseling in general and philosophical counseling in particular, the difference of philosophical counseling from psychological counseling, the most common type of counseling, and other types of counseling.

**PHIL526 Philosophy of Communication**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

Vision and visual communication, which are important topics in the philosophy of communication, are examined and discussed. Philosophical thoughts and approaches in the background of today's culture of seeing and visuality are emphasized. The historical development of vision and visuality, its basic dynamics, the ideological and political structuring and meaning of visuality are discussed and examined through examples.

**PHIL528 Cinema and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

In this course, the development of cinema as the seventh art is discussed and the place of cinema in the history of art is positioned; how to discuss a film philosophically and how to make a film critique is explained and students are enabled to write a film critique; through selected films, phenomena such as human and nature, utopia and reality, time and space, faith, state, family, male-female relations, war phenomenon, identity problems, alienation, modern society and socio-cultural change are discussed and discussed. The aim of the course is to discuss the phenomenon of cinema in the context of aesthetics and philosophy of art; to analyze the connections of cinema with philosophy, photography, music, literature, psychology, sociology, history and other fields; to discuss philosophical themes through selected films.

**PHIL530 Art and Philosophy**

**(3+0) Credit: 3 AKTS: 6**

The activities of thinking, feeling and questioning that appear in the works of art and the ways of relating to truth are examined and discussed together with philosophical perspectives and theories, and the development of new philosophical practices constitutes the content of this course.

**PHIL572 Master Thesis**

**(0+0) Credit: 0 AKTS: 30**

Within the scope of this course, students carry out a thesis study under the supervision of an academic advisor in the field of Philosophy.

