

PLTL - PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY (PLTL)

PLTL 1111 History of Philosophy I (3 Credits)

An initiation into philosophical thinking, focusing on ancient and medieval philosophy. Special attention to the influences of Greek philosophy and the Gospel on each other. Includes: pre-Socratics; Socrates; Plato; Aristotle; Stoicism; Epicureanism; Neoplatonism; Augustine; Boethius; Bonaventure; and Aquinas.

PLTL 1112 History of Philosophy II (3 Credits)

An examination of four themes in modern and contemporary philosophy, starting with Ockham and Bacon through Descartes, Locke, the Empiricists, Enlightenment and contemporaries: the body-mind problem; success of the natural sciences; expansion of liberty and equality; the question of God.

PLTL 1113 History of Philosophy III (3 Credits)

Beginning with the end of the 19th century through the end of the 20th century, an analysis of the development of three major schools of contemporary philosophy – phenomenology, existentialism, and analytic philosophy – and more recent philosophical developments, such as postmodernism. Special emphasis is given to Christian philosophers and the revival of Thomism.

Prerequisites: PLTL 1112 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 1242 Philosophical Logic (3 Credits)

A study of the ens rationis, including: the nature of concept, judgment and inductive-deductive argument, basic notions of theory of language, theory of definitions, informal fallacies, syllogistic (Aristotelian) logic, propositional and predicate logic. The major emphasis is on the use of logic in philosophy and theology.

PLTL 2218 Philosophy of Being (3 Credits)

A classical description of being in terms of essence of being; substance and accidents; transcendental characteristics of being; the laws of being, such as the four causes. Alternative metaphysical systems as related to theology. (Formerly PLTL 1218)

Prerequisites: PLTL 2223 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 2223 Philosophy of Nature (3 Credits)

A study of ens mobile, including the analysis of movement and nature, the first division of being into substance and accidents, and the second division of being into matter and form in the Aristotelian-Thomistic tradition. Special analysis is given to Aristotle's physics and Aquinas' commentaries on Aristotle's books on nature. (Formerly PLTL 1223)

PLTL 2241 Philosophical Ethics (3 Credits)

A study of ens qua bonum. The question of the moral nature of human action, what makes actions good and bad, and how this is knowable. Different ethical systems are examined along with the metaphysics they presuppose. Representative authors studied include Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant and Mill. Four areas are covered: the analysis of human action, natural law, moral conscience and theory of virtue. (Formerly PLTL 1241)

Prerequisites: PLTL 2218 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 2243 Theory of Knowledge (3 Credits)

A study of ens qua verum, including a consideration of the ontological nature of human knowledge as knowledge, followed by an historical survey of epistemological theory, with special emphasis on the rise of critical philosophy in the modern period. Special emphasis is given to topics such as the notion of truth, certainty, evidence, the problem of skepticism, idealism and realism. (Formerly PLTL 1243)

Prerequisites: PLTL 2218 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 2251 Philosophical Thought of Aquinas (3 Credits)

A historical introduction to the philosophical principles, in metaphysics, natural theology, psychology, and ethics, that make the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas an attractive alternative for our present age.

PLTL 2255 Financial Ethics in Thought and Practice (3 Credits)

Financial services industry ethics in thought and practice. Review of ethical concepts and terminology required today for employment, licensing, and certification in banking, brokerage, and insurance. Drawing from world philosophies, Catholic teachings on business, and financial industry regulations and rules. Emphasis on the application of traditional ethical theories to financial services business practices.

PLTL 3214 Philosophy of Person (3 Credits)

Basic issues of human reality and philosophical anthropology, including: fact of being; relation of body and soul; cognition; spirituality; relation of self to society; religion; and death. St. Thomas' realist metaphysics, contemporary existentialism and phenomenological methodology are employed to discuss the spirituality of the soul. The role of imagination and subconsciousness, the meaning of male and female and the role of the person in society. (Formerly PLTL 1214)

Prerequisites: PLTL 2243 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 3416 Philosophy of God (3 Credits)

That part of metaphysics dealing with Being that is first absolutely. First principles and natural knowledge; arguments for the existence of God; ways to God, including the Thomistic approach; pantheism; Divine attributes. (Formerly PLTL 1416)

Prerequisites: PLTL 3214 with a minimum grade of D

PLTL 3591 Independent Study (3 Credits)

PLTL 3597 The Philosophy of Sexual Difference (3 Credits)

PLTL 3600 Independent Study (3 Credits)

PLTL 3901 Phenomenology (3 Credits)