PHILOSOPHY GRADUATE COURSES SPRING 2017

APHI 517 - Bioethics (#9970)
TuTh 1:15PM-2:35PM, BA 225
Instructor: Monika Piotrowska
An in-depth study of conceptual and ethical issues arising from the application of modern biotechnology to plants, microorganisms, nonhuman animals and human beings. Shared resource with PHI 417.

APHI 524 - 17th-19th Century Ethical Theory (#9971)
MWF 1:40PM-2:35PM, PH 116
Instructor: Jonathan Mandle
This course will involve close readings of the ethical writings of Hobbes, Kant, and Nietzsche. Grades will be based on class presentations and papers written on each author.

APHI 542 - Phenomenology (#9975)
MWF 12:35PM-1:30PM, BA 225
Instructor: Ronald McClamrock
This course examines the historical and conceptual development of phenomenology in the 20th century, starting with Husserl's "presuppositionless and purely descriptive science of the structures of consciousness", and including works by Sartre, Heidegger, and Merleau-Ponty. We'll emphasize (a) the idea of a presuppositionless account of consciousness; (b) the motivations for and nature of the "existential turn", and (c) connections between phenomenology and both analytic philosophy and scientific psychology.

Grades will be based on 2 of 3 exams, 2 short papers, and a combination of in-class and online participation.

Note: Undergraduates should sign up for PHI 442; graduate students should sign up for PHI 542.

More information can be found on the course web page at http://profron.net/phi542.

APHI 552 - Aristotle (#9927)
Tu 2:45PM-5:35PM, BB 356
Instructor: Nathan Powers
Guided exploration, analysis, and discussion of selected texts by Aristotle, supplemented by readings in the modern secondary literature. Grade based primarily on short weekly papers and a longer, research-based term paper.

Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor
The course is intended to introduce you to major topics in the *Critique of Pure Reason* which are of current philosophical or historical interest. These include Kant on synthetic a priori claims as characteristic of metaphysics; space, time, and transcendental idealism; the categories and their deduction; the principles of the understanding and Kant's attempt to prove the causal principle; and the Ideas of reason, Kant's criticisms of traditional metaphysics, and the role of the Ideas in systematizing our knowledge. There will probably be three short analytic papers on central topics in the text.