COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

I.YEAR

I. SEMESTER

Phil 101 Introduction to Philosophy I (3+0)3 ECTS:5

Philosophy as a thinking activity; basic notions and principles of epistemology, ontology, philosophy of science and morality and related texts analyses are the contents that are going to be dealt in this course.

Phil 103 History of Ancient Philosophy and Philosophical Texts I (3+0)3 ECTS:5

The emergence of philosophy, general characteristics of ancient philosophy, schools of ancient Greek, general traits of pre and post Socratic philosophy, readings and analyses of texts belonging to Greek philosophers and Plato are the main subjects that are going to be handled in the course.

Phil 105 Classical Logic (4+0)4 ECTS:5

Definition and history of logic, principles of valid argumentation (law of non-contradiction, law of excluded middle, principle of sufficient reason), deduction, induction and analogy are the subject matters of the course.

II. SEMESTER

Phil 102 Introduction to Philosophy II (3+0)3 ECTS: 5

The handled subjects are basic notions and principles of political philosophy, philosophy of art, philosophy of religion, philosophy of history and philosophy of education.

Phil 104 History of Ancient Philosophy and Philosophical Texts II (3+0)3 ECTS: 5

Aristotle, Hellenistic philosophy, Epicurism, Stoicism, Skepticism, philosophical standpoints of Neo-Platonic philosophers are going to be analyzed.

Phil 106 Modern Logic (4+0)4 ECTS: 5

Definition, subject matter and aim of modern logic, application area of modern logic, two valued logic, many valued logic, predicate logic, identity of indiscernibles, fuzzy logic are the basic topics to be handled.
II. YEAR

III. SEMESTER

Phil 201 History of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy and Philosophical Texts  (4+0)4 ECTS: 6

Characteristics of Medieval Philosophy, Patristic Philosophy (St. Augustine and Boethius), Scholastic philosophy, and eras of scholastic philosophy (early scholastic era: St. Erigena, St. Anselm, Roscellinus, P. Abaelardus; High Scholastic era: B Sigerus, Saint Bonaventure, Albertus Magnus ve Thomas Aquinas, Late scholastic era: Roger Bacon, J. Duns Scotus ve William of Ockham and analysis of Medieval philosophers’ texts are the contents of this course.

Phil 203 Ontology (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

Basic issues and notions of ontology (metaphysics), the relation between epistemology and ontology, philosophical views on what an existence is, ontology and its important representatives, and contemporary ontological approaches are the subject matters of the course.

Phil 205 Philosophy of Art (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

It surveys the definition of aesthetics and art, fundamental principles of philosophy of art (aesthetic approach, aesthetic taste, aesthetic value, beautiful, serene, tragic, humor etc.), categorization of arts, philosophy and criticism of art, different evaluation of artwork, art and morality, art and truth, subjective and objective approaches to aesthetical art values, art theories (Plato and mimesis(art as imitation, creation and romantics, Schiller and art as play) phenomenological and ontological aesthetic, Marxist aesthetic, problem of aesthetic judgment (foundations of Kant’s and Wittgenstein’s aesthetic judgment) and fundamental issues of contemporary philosophy of art and approaches towards it.

Phil 211 Philosophy of Human (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Main issues of philosophy of anthropology, the background of these issues; philosophers’ ideas about human from ancient times to nowadays; basic approaches to human and human issues in this era are the contents of this course.

Phil 213 Philosophy of Time (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Nature of time, invention of time, quantitative and qualitative understanding of time, the experience of time and experience in time, measurable time notion, immeasurable time notion, the experience of duration, abundance of consciousness states, relation between time and space, relation between time and movement, relation between time and existence, relation between time and free will, theory of time, before and after in time theory, relation of past-present-future, time as narrative, time as the notion separating cultures are going to be dealt in the course.
Phil 215 Bioethics (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

As a branch to applied ethics bioethics examines the outcomes of improvements in biotechnology and biomedicine in social, legal, cultural and ethical framework. In this context this course gives a foundation on what should be permitted and prohibited about cloning, pharmaceutical industry, gene technology, euthanasia, surrogate motherhood, abortion and experiments involving human beings.

Phil 217 Philosophy of Technology (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Development of technology, effects of technological improvements and advancements on human and nature, history of technology, technological determinism, theories of technology, technology and morality, criticisms towards technology are handled in this course.

Phil 219 Philosophy of Communication (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

The nature, quiddity, purpose, notion and content of communication; conditions for a healthy communication and methods during the communication process, nature of language, subjectivity of experience, epistemological and gnoseological foundations of comments, politics of knowledge and acts of communication are the subjects matters of the course.

IV. SEMESTER

Phil 202 Epistemology (3+0)3 ECTS: 5

Definition of knowledge, possibility of knowledge, basic notions and issues of epistemology, fundamental notion about epistemology (realism, nihilism, positivism, materialism, rationalism, empiricism, intuitionism, and skepticism) and evaluation of these issues are in the contents of this course.

Phil 204 Morality (3+0)3 ECTS: 5

Moral principles, ethics, morality; objective, subjective, relativist, absolutist, nihilist views in morality; global morality; moral existence of human; examination of major approaches to the notions such as highest good, moral action, freedom of will are in the scope of the course.

Phil 206 History of Science (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Science in ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia and ancient Greek, science in Medieval Europe and Islam world, Renaissance and modern science, Enlightenment and science, Industrial Revolution and science, contemporary science are the basic issues to be handled.

Phil 208 Human Rights Issues (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Human rights from conceptual and historical perspective and dimensions and foundations of human rights, the nature and place of human in the universe as the subject of human rights, philosophy and human rights, state and human rights, democracy and human rights, economy and human rights, culture and human rights, law and human rights, human rights and contract to protect basic freedom of human,
main human rights, basic problems about human rights nowadays and the searches for solution and new philosophical approaches, globalization and human rights, human rights and education and finally selected texts from philosophers on the issue of “rights” are the contents of the course.

**FEL 210 Anthropology (Elective) (2+0) ECTS: 3**

Analysis of human as thinking and a social being; cultural anthropology; analysis of human behavior by comparison; social behaviors and organizations in social groups constitute the contents of the course.

**Phil 212 Philosophy of Language (Elective) (2+0) ECTS: 3**

The main purpose of this course is to make clear the process of language becoming a topic in philosophy. In this course basically second period philosophy of Wittgenstein and J.L Austin, P.F Strawson, J. Searle and G. Ryle approaches are taken into the course as the contents to be analyzed and discussed.

**Phil 218 Neuroscience (2+0) ECTS: 3**

Neuroscience deals with nervous system from molecular, cellular, developmental, structural, functional, medical and mathematical point of views. Brain, neuron, central and peripheral nervous system, synaptic connections, neurotransmitters, neural networks, development of nervous system, sensory systems, motor control, learning, memory, language, and cognition are the subject matters of this course. Developmental neuroscience, behavioral neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience, molecular neuroscience, and philosophy of neuroscience are also in the content of this course.

**III. YEAR**

**V. SEMESTER**

**Phil 301 History of 17th and 18th Century Philosophy and Philosophical Texts (4+0) ECTS: 6**

The effect of Ancient, medieval, and renaissance philosophy on the 17th century philosophy, general characteristics of 17th century philosophy, the ideas of 17th century philosophers such as Francis bacon Thomas Hobbes, Rene Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, Wilhelm Leibniz, John Locke and George Berkeley and texts analyses belonging to this century, 18th century philosophy, the notion of Enlightenment, 18th century philosophers such as John Locke, Thomas Paine, David Hume, Johann Gottfried Herder, Christian Wolf, Immanuel Kant, d’Holbach, Diderot, Claude Adrien Helvétilus, Montesquieu, Jean Jacques Rousseau, F. Marie Voltaire, and encyclopedist and philosophical texts from this century are in the scope of the course.

**Phil 303 Islamic Philosophy (3+0) ECTS : 4**

The sources, birth, and development of Islamic thought in the general framework of Islamic philosophy, and thought movements that are emerged in Islamic world( Maturidi, Ash'ari, Mu'tazila and so on) are in the content of the course.
Phil 305 Philosophy of Science (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Description and qualities of science, science from the philosophical foundations, knowledge in epistemology, scientific knowledge, scientific process, scientific methods, theory-phenomena relation, perception-observation, principles of falsification and verification, notion law and theory in natural sciences, philosophy of natural sciences, characteristics of natural science and culturology, analysis of objectivity and historicity in natural sciences from historicist philosophy of science.

Phil 317 Media Criticism and Media Ethics (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Examination of the relation between the existence and functioning conditions of media, the structure and operation of media in Turkey, the ethical principles that media has to confirm are the basic issues to be handled in the course.

Phil 319 Philosophy of Culture (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

The quiddity, structure, and development of culture, criticisms of culture, the change and transformation of language, religion, science, technic, art, morality, state, politics, and aesthetic as the elements of culture and the connections between them constitute the framework of the course.

Phil 321 Philosophy of Physics (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

Philosophical questions on modern physics, quantum mechanics, determinism, thermodynamic laws, time and space, cosmology, interaction of matter and energy, statistical mechanics are the basic subjects of the course.

VI. SEMESTER

Phil 302 History of 19.Century Philosophy and Philosophical Texts (4+0)4 ECTS: 6

Major philosophers after Kant as Hegel, Schopenhauer, Auguste Comte, Marx, Kierkegaard, Mill, Nietzsche; basic philosophical principles of 19th century (absolute idealism, pessimism, positivism, dialectical materialism, existentialism, phenomenalism etc.); criticism of Kant and Hegel are the content of the course.

Phil 304 Islamic Philosophy II (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

Translations and its results; standpoints of al-Kindi, Avicenna, Al-Farabi, Ibn Miskawayh, Avempace, Ibn Tufail, Ibn Rushd, Suhreverdi and Al-Ghazali are going to be handled in the course.

Phil 306 Applied Ethics (Must Elective) (2+2) 3 ECTS: 4

Relation between ethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics, how ethics is going to be applied to different professions; business ethics, media ethics, medical ethics, bioethics, environmental ethics, criminal ethics, and applied ethics in political area are the subject matter of the course.
Phil 312 World Issues and Philosophy (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

The course aims to analyze the place and value of the philosophical perspective, approach and manner to the issues faced in the world.

Phil 320 Philosophy of Environment (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS:3

Philosophical ideas on what nature is and environmental ethics are examined in the course.

Phil 314 Axiology (Elective) (2+0)2 ECTS: 3

It surveys the basic principles and issues of axiology, morality and aesthetic, and the new developments in nowadays’ philosophy on the issue.

IV. YEAR

VII. SEMESTER

Phil 401 Contemporary Philosophical Movements I (4+0)4 ECTS: 5

Contemporary philosophical movements, that became clear at the end of 19th century and at the first half of 20th century, are going to be introduced through pragmatism and the ideas of Pierce, James, Dewey and philosophy of life, Nietzsche, Dilthey, Bergson’s philosophies and finally Husserl’s phenomenology will be discussed in the course.

Phil 405 Political Philosophy (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

What is political philosophy? Fundamental notions, issues and the emergence of political philosophy, utopias from the perspective of political philosophy, political philosophy in antiquity, Rome and middle ages, major philosophical movements in 17th and 18th centuries, liberalism, socialism, Marxism, fascism, social state and democracy and also basic issues and approaches of contemporary political philosophy will be handled in the course.

Phil 407 Philosophy of History (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

On the basis of antiquity’s doxa-episteme distinction the understanding of theoria-historia distinction and circular time, Augustine and the transition between different understandings of time, and history in Christian theology, and philosophy of history in Renaissance and Enlightenment are the subject matters of the course.

Phil 403 Philosophy of Mind (Must Elective) (3+0)3 ECTS: 4

Basic notions, issues and theories of philosophy of mind will be examined in the course.
Phil 411 Philosophical Counseling (Elective) (2+0) ECTS: 4
The course surveys death, freedom, responsibility, solitude, realization of oneself, creation of future, investigative approach and being an active agent.

Phil 413 Postmodernism (Elective) (2+0) ECTS: 4
Modernism and postmodernism, the beginning of postmodernism and its philosophical foundations, relation between modernism and postmodernism, different fields that postmodernism have effects on and different views of thinkers on the subject are in the scope of course.

Phil 409 Philosophy of Education (2+0) ECTS: 4
Relation between philosophy and education, definition of philosophy of education, philosophical movements that affect education (idealism, realism, pragmatism, and existentialism), movements in the philosophy of education (perennialism, fundamentalism, progressivism, existentialism, constructivism, reconstructionism), the effects of philosophy of education on the education system of Turkey, and contemporary education systems are in the scope of the course.

VIII. SEMESTER

Phil 402 Contemporary Philosophical Movements II (4+0) ECTS: 5
Neo-Kantianism, historicism, Neo-Hegelianism, Frankfurt School, existentialism, constructivism, post constructivism, postmodernism, and philosophical texts related to these movements are going to be handled in the course.

Phil 406 Contemporary Turkish Thought (2+0) ECTS: 3
Examination of philosophical movements in the history of Turkish thought from Tanzimat to nowadays and the outcomes of these thought are in the scope of the course.

Phil 408 Hermeneutic (2+0) ECTS: 3
Reading, understanding, and interpretation of the texts that started the tradition of hermeneutic philosophy and the examination of thinkers and their ideas will be handled in the course.

Phil 412 Graduation Project (0+12) ECTS: 8
It is expected from the students to write a thesis on a subject chosen by the students themselves. The course includes preparation of a sketch on the topic and completion of the thesis.
Phil 404 Neurophilosophy (Must Elective) (3+0) ECTS: 4

Consciousness and its states, decision making, perception, interpretation of external world, evaluation of thought processes, investigation of the relation between mind, brain and behavior are the subjects that are going to be discussed in the course.

Phil 414 Philosophy of Mathematics (2+0) ECTS: 3

Foundations of mathematics, characteristics of a valid statement, absoluteness of mathematics, relation of mathematics and logic, nature and foundation of mathematical truth, the role of hermeneutic in mathematics, the object of mathematical investigation, the properties of human behind mathematics, intuitive mathematics, logical mathematics are handled in the course.

Phil 418 Mythology (Elective) (2+0) ECTS: 3

What is mythology? Relation between mythology- religion-philosophy, mythology in Ancient Greek mythology, East and Far East mythologies, Turkish mythology and readings and analyses of related texts are in the scope of the course.