Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓
Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓
Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

ANTIREQUISITES

⌄ AFM 311 - Connections to Ethical Context   View Courses ❯

COURSE LISTS

⌄ H-Chemical Engineering - Chemical Engineering (Bachelor of Applied Science - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Sport & Recreation Management - Sport and Recreation Management (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Electrical Engineering - Electrical Engineering (Bachelor of Applied Science - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Computer Engineering - Computer Engineering (Bachelor of Applied Science - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Knowledge Integration - Knowledge Integration (Bachelor of Knowledge Integration - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ JH-Sport & Recreation Management - Sport and Recreation Management (Joint Honours)   View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

⌄ H-Mathematics/Business Administration - Mathematics/Business Administration (Bachelor of Mathematics - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ Arts & Business - Arts and Business   View Programs ❯
⌄ Business Option - Business Option   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Biomedical Sciences - Biomedical Sciences (Bachelor of Science - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ H-Computing & Financial Management - Computing and Financial Management (Bachelor of Computing and Financial Management - Honours) View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (UNITS)

⌄ H-Environment & Business - Environment and Business (Bachelor of Environmental Studies - Honours)   View Programs ❯
⌄ Society, Technology & Values Diploma - Diploma in Society, Technology and Values   View Programs ❯
⌄ Event Management Minor - Event Management Minor   View Programs ❯

PHIL 216
Probability and Decision Making
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2023

Quest Course ID
7267

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Change

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for Change ❓
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❓
Regarding course dependencies: relevant academic units/programs have been notified.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
216

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Probability and Decision Making

Abbreviated Title ❓
Probability & Decision Making

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Proposed
Description ❓
This course covers a set of related topics in decision theory and game theory. Three themes are developed: rational action, the importance of good information, and strategic moves. The student is given a variety of theoretical tools for understanding what makes a decision rational, how to make decisions using incomplete information, and how to avoid being snared by unfavourable outcomes. Class activities will give students the opportunity to apply course concepts and to explore how the theories apply to broader philosophical areas such as epistemology, political philosophy, ethics, and economics.

Existing
Description ❓
This course covers a set of related topics in probability, inductive reasoning, game theory, and decision theory which are of both theoretical and practical interest, having application to the philosophy of science, epistemology, political philosophy, ethics, political science, and economics. The course begins with probability theory, introduces utility theory, and discusses approaches to the theory of decision making with attention to their epistemological, social, and ethical implications.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
LectureReadingSeminar

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE LISTS

⌄ Peace & Conflict Studies Minor - Peace and Conflict Studies Minor   View Programs ❯

⌄ 3G-Peace & Conflict Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Three-Year General)   View Programs ❯

⌄ 4G-Peace & Conflict Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)   View Programs ❯

⌄ H-Peace & Conflict Studies - Peace and Conflict Studies (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯

PHIL 221
Ethics
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval | Approval Delegate(s)

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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❷
Undergraduate

Important! ❷

Proposed	
Effective Term and Year ❷	
Fall 2026	

Existing	
Effective Term and Year ❷	
Fall 2023	

Quest Course ID
7272

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❷
Change

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for Change ❷
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❷
Regarding course dependencies: relevant academic units/programs have been notified.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❷
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❷
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❷
PHIL

Number ❷
221

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Ethics

Abbreviated Title ❓   **Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier**
Ethics   No

Proposed
Description ❓
Moral philosophy is the systematic attempt to answer what might be the most important question of all: how should we live our lives? In this course, students will explore some of the major debates and theories in moral philosophy and consider how those theories are relevant to their own lives. By engaging with philosophical texts from the ancient to the contemporary world, students will build knowledge of competing moral theories that emphasize the importance of overall happiness, autonomy, and virtue, and will evaluate sceptical challenges to each of those theories, including challenges that emphasize the importance of racial or gender analysis to moral thinking. Through reading, writing, and other course activities, students will learn to apply philosophical theories, concepts, and arguments, and will develop the analytical and communication skills required to develop their own perspectives and arguments on complex moral questions.

Existing
Description ❓
An introduction to moral theories, including ones based on virtue, consequences, and rights and duties, with discussion of historical developments leading to those theories.

Units ❓   **Exceptions to fees or academic progress units** ❓
0.50

Components ❓   **Primary Component**
Lecture   Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓   **Consent to Drop** ❓
No consent required   No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ?

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ?

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ?

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE LISTS

❯ H-Knowledge Integration - Knowledge Integration (Bachelor of Knowledge Integration - Honours) View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

❯ 3G-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Three-Year General) View Programs ❯

❯ 4G-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General) View Programs ❯

❯ H-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Honours) View Programs ❯

❯ H-Biomedical Sciences - Biomedical Sciences (Bachelor of Science - Honours) View Programs ❯

PREREQUISITES

❯ PHIL 320 - Topics in Value Theory View Courses ❯

PHIL 226
Biomedical Ethics
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
Waiting for Approval **|** Approval Delegate(s)

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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❷
Undergraduate

Important! ❷

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❷
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❷
Fall 2023

Quest Course ID
7275

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❷
Change

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for Change ❷
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❷
Regarding course dependencies: relevant academic units/programs have been notified.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❷
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❷
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❷
PHIL

Number ❷
226

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Biomedical Ethics

Abbreviated Title ❓
Biomedical Ethics

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Proposed
Description ❓
Students will grapple with a sample of ethical issues in medicine and health. The primary goals of doing so are: (1) to gain familiarity with key ethical concepts and values, which may include patient autonomy, beneficence, justice, care, anti-ableism, inclusion, and others; and (2) to enhance core critical thinking skills needed for ethics, which will help improve each student's self-understanding (of not only what they think is right and wrong, but, more importantly, why) and their capacity to engage with different perspectives on the "whats" and "whys" of ethics in a spirit of open-mindedness, mutual respect, and constructive cooperation. Assignments will typically include at least one writing-intensive assignment and will be designed to help students develop and showcase the familiarity with concepts and the skills for ethics described above.

Existing
Description ❓
An examination of ethical issues in the health sciences, such as the patient-doctor relationship, reproductive rights and technologies, genetic testing, allocation of medical resources, and end-of-life decisions.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Lecture

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE LISTS

❯ H-Knowledge Integration - Knowledge Integration (Bachelor of Knowledge Integration - Honours)   View Programs ❯

❯ Degree Reqs: BASc - Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Requirements   View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

❯ H-Biomedical Sciences - Biomedical Sciences (Bachelor of Science - Honours)   View Programs ❯

❯ Gerontology Diploma - Diploma in Gerontology   View Programs ❯

❯ Aging Studies Option - Aging Studies Option   View Programs ❯

❯ Gerontology Minor - Gerontology Minor   View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (UNITS)

❯ Science, Technology, & Society Specialization - Science, Technology, and Society Specialization   View Programs ❯

❯ Society, Technology & Values Diploma - Diploma in Society, Technology and Values   View Programs ❯

❯ Medical Physiology Minor - Medical Physiology Minor   View Programs ❯

PHIL 228
Ethics and Artificial Intelligence
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
In Progress
SUC Subcommittee, SUC Curricular Subcommittee   expand ▲
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Quest Course ID
16076

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Offering Number
1

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2023

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Change

Academic Unit Approval
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Rationale for Change ❓
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❓
Regarding course dependencies: relevant academic units/programs have been notified.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
228

Course Level
200

Title ❷
Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

Abbreviated Title ❷   **Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier**
Ethics & AI   No

Proposed
Description ❷
Students will explore ethical issues related to recent developments in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, as increasingly sophisticated computer programs have come to replace human beings in some socially important roles. Students will critically examine and actively debate issues regarding AI, including whether artificial systems can engage in moral reasoning and whether they might be considered persons. We will also explore more limited technologies that already exist, and are in use in domains such as finance, marketing, and surveillance. No previous technical knowledge is required; students will develop a basic knowledge of how AI works so that we can critically explore issues at the intersection of ethics, justice, and emerging technologies, especially as these technologies reinforce or challenge our conceptions of race, gender, class, and ability. Students can expect to develop critical reading, argumentation, writing, and communication skills as they grapple with these topics.

Existing
Description ❷
Philosophical perspectives on the ethical issues raised by developments in artificial intelligence and machine learning. Potential topics include fairness and bias in the use of algorithms, accountability and responsibility for autonomous systems, privacy and surveillance, and what it might mean for a machine to engage in moral reasoning.

Units ❷   **Exceptions to fees or academic progress units** ❷
0.50

Components ❷   **Primary Component**
Lecture   Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❷
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❷
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❷
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❷   **Consent to Drop** ❷
No consent required   No consent required

Prerequisites ❷
No Rules

Corequisites ❷
No Rules

Antirequisites ❷
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❷

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE LISTS

⌄ H-Knowledge Integration - Knowledge Integration (Bachelor of Knowledge Integration - Honours)   View Programs ❯

⌄ Degree Reqs: BASc - Bachelor of Applied Science Degree Requirements   View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (UNITS)

⌄ Future Cities Diploma - Diploma in Future Cities   View Programs ❯

⌄ Society, Technology & Values Diploma - Diploma in Society, Technology and Values   View Programs ❯

PHIL 240
Introduction to Formal Logic
Under Review | Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
In Progress
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2023

Quest Course ID
7285

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Change

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for Change ❓
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❓
Regarding course dependencies: relevant academic units/programs have been notified.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
240

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Introduction to Formal Logic

Abbreviated Title ❓
Intro Formal Logic

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Proposed
Description ❓
Logic is the study of good inferences. This course examines a particular class of inferences, namely those where the truth of the conclusion is guaranteed by the logical form of the inference. These are called deductively valid arguments. Students will explore formal systems such as classical sentential logic and quantificational logic, and develop the skills required to evaluate arguments using concepts such as soundness, consistency, and logical equivalence. Students will develop good inferential practices for constructing deductively sound arguments.

Existing
Description ❓
An examination of classical propositional logic, covering proof methods, expressive completeness, soundness, and completeness. Also an introduction to quantificational logic.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Lecture

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
- Not open to students in a Faculty of Mathematics program

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE LISTS

❯ H-Knowledge Integration - Knowledge Integration (Bachelor of Knowledge Integration - Honours)   View Programs ❯

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

❯ 3G-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Three-Year General)   View Programs ❯
❯ 4G-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)   View Programs ❯
❯ H-Philosophy - Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯

PREREQUISITES

❯ PHIL 441 - Studies in Logic   View Courses ❯

PHIL 251
Metaphysics and Epistemology
Under Review　|　Fall 2026

Proposal Information

Status
Active

Workflow Status
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Changes
- Effective Term and Year
- Description

Effective Date & Career

Career ❓
Undergraduate

Important! ❓

Proposed
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2026

Existing
Effective Term and Year ❓
Fall 2023

Quest Course ID
15087

Offering Number
1

Proposal Details

Proposal Type ❓
Change

Academic Unit Approval
01/24/2025

Rationale for Change ❓
The course description has been rewritten with plan-level learning outcomes embedded, as required by the Faculty of Arts.

Consultations ❓
No consultation necessary. The effects of the change are internal to the Department of Philosophy.

Supporting Documentation

Course Information

Faculty ❓
Faculty of Arts

Academic Unit ❓
Department of Philosophy

Subject Code ❓
PHIL

Number ❓
251

Course Level
200

Title ❓
Metaphysics and Epistemology

Abbreviated Title ❓
Metaphysics & Epistemology

Undergraduate Communication Requirement Identifier
No

Proposed
Description ❓
This course examines issues in metaphysics (the theory of reality) and epistemology (the theory of knowledge). Students will engage with classic and contemporary texts that are important for understanding ongoing debates about the nature of our world and how we come to know about it. By entering into these debates, students will come to appreciate the value of careful and precise thinking about topics that are often engaged without much reflection, such as the nature of the material world, how the self is situated within that world, whether knowledge of world and self is possible, and what it would mean to attain such knowledge. Students will read and write about some of the most long-standing themes in philosophy—some dating back centuries—in order to appreciate the relevance of these modes of thought to our contemporary world.

Existing
Description ❓
This course introduces philosophical theories about the nature of reality (metaphysics), how we gain knowledge of it (epistemology), and of why such questions matter. Topics may include skepticism, the nature of rationality, knowledge of other minds, realism and anti-realism, and free will and determinism.

Units ❓
0.50

Exceptions to fees or academic progress units ❓

Components ❓
Lecture

Primary Component
Lecture

Grading Information

Standard Course Grading ❓
Yes

Cross-Listing Information

Is this course cross-listed? ❓
No

Repeatable Courses

Can this course be repeated for credit? ❓
No

Enrolment Rules

Consent to Add ❓
No consent required

Consent to Drop ❓
No consent required

Prerequisites ❓
No Rules

Corequisites ❓
No Rules

Antirequisites ❓
No Rules

Course Notes

Fee Statement ❓

Notes ❓

Workflow Information

Workflow Path ❓

Committee approvals

Faculty/AFIW Path(s) for Workflow ❓

Faculty of Arts

Dependencies

Dependent Courses and Programs/Plans

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (NO UNITS)

❯ 3G-Philosophy ‐ Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Three-Year General)   View Programs ❯
❯ 4G-Philosophy ‐ Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Four-Year General)   View Programs ❯
❯ H-Philosophy ‐ Philosophy (Bachelor of Arts - Honours)   View Programs ❯

PREREQUISITES

❯ PHIL 350 ‐ Topics in Epistemology   View Courses ❯
❯ PHIL 355 ‐ Topics in Metaphysics   View Courses ❯