

# COURSES IN GLOBAL PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy curriculum additionally provides courses in global philosophy that seek to cultivate global literacy for all students in the liberal arts across diverse majors. Courses in global philosophy explore fundamental issues in philosophy in global context across and between diverse worldviews and philosophical traditions. These courses augment philosophical literacy, rationality, and critical thinking between diverse worlds, seeking to appreciate diversity while at the same time cultivating integral intelligence and capacities to make significant connections between diverse worldviews and disciplinary orientations. Such skills in global literacy and interdisciplinary dialogue are vital for all liberal arts students and for the literacy of global citizenship. These courses are not included in and do not count toward the major or minor.

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## 103 GLOBAL ETHICS

*A. Gangadean*

An exploration of selected texts on ethics in a global context. This course seeks to develop a global perspective on human values through a critical exploration of vital texts on ethics across diverse philosophical traditions. A central focus is on the challenge of articulating global ethics and global values across cultures, worldviews and traditions. Are there global norms valid for diverse worldviews? Is there a global foundation for ethics? Are there universal human rights? How do we think critically across and between diverse worldviews and perspectives. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit.

## 104 GLOBAL WISDOM

*A. Gangadean*

A critical exploration of classic texts from diverse philosophical traditions in a global context. This course seeks to cultivate a global perspective in philosophy and brings classical texts from diverse philosophical worlds into global dialogue. One aim is to help students to appreciate global patterns in rationality across traditions and to gain a critical understanding of common ground and significant differences in diverse wisdom traditions. Readings include Bhagavad-Gita, Dhamapada, Plato's Phaedo, and Descartes's Meditations. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit.

## 241 HINDU PHILOSOPHY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

*A. Gangadean*

A critical exploration of classical Hindu thought (Vedanta) in a global and comparative context. Special focus on selected Principal Upanisads, a close meditative reading of the Bhagavad-Gita and an in depth exploration of Shankara's Brahmasutra Commentary. Prerequisite: One Phil course at the 100 level or consent. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit. Typically offered in alternate years.

## 242 BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

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An introduction to classical Indian Buddhist thought in a global and comparative context. The course begins with a meditative reading of the classical text The Dhamapada and proceeds to an in depth critical exploration of the teachings of Nagarjuna, the great dialectician who founded the Madhyamika School. Prerequisite: One 100-level Philosophy course or its equivalent, or consent. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit. Typically offered in alternate years.

## 252 PHILOSOPHY OF GLOBAL LOGIC AND LANGUAGE

*A. Gangadean*

A comparative exploration of alternative paradigms of logic, language and meaning from a logical and philosophical point of view. Special attention is given to the classical Aristotelian grammar of thought and the modern grammars developed by Frege, Wittgenstein, Quine, Heidegger, Sommers, Derrida, and others. Focus is on the quest for the fundamental logic of natural language. Prerequisite: One Phil course at the 100 level or consent. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit. Typically offered in alternate years.

## 254 METAPHYSICS: GLOBAL ONTOLOGY

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A critical examination of philosophical accounts of reality and being. Special attention is given to how world views are formed and transformed: an ontological exploration of diverse alternative categorical frameworks for experience. Metaphysical narratives of diverse thinkers in the evolution of the European tradition are explored in global context. Prerequisite: One 100-level philosophy course or its equivalent, or consent. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit. Typically offered in alternate years.

## 342 ZEN THOUGHT IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

*A. Gangadean*

Prerequisite: An Intro Phil course (100 series) and either 241 (Hindu Thought) or 242 (Buddhist Thought) or a course in Religious or East Asian thought or consent. A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit.

## 352 TOPICS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE: METAPHOR AND MEANING IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

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A course in Global Philosophy, not for major or minor credit.



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