

## **Proposed Philosophy Major**

### **Rationale:**

In its required course section, the Philosophy Major at Lincoln seeks to achieve three major objectives:

1. It seeks to give students a thorough grounding in logic, which is a core skill in the discipline of philosophy.
2. It gives students an acquaintance with the fundamental questions, concepts, and theories of Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Ethics, the three most prominent areas of philosophical inquiry.
3. It gives students an acquaintance with the history of philosophy, which spans over two thousand years.

The philosophy major has been very effective in meeting the first two objectives since it has required courses that directly satisfy these objectives. In the past, the “history of philosophy” objective (3) was met through including many historical works in the Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Ethics courses. However, based on an inspection of the syllabi and student exit exams, we decided that the treatment of history of philosophy was not sufficient. As a result, we contemplated adding a requirement for courses in the history of philosophy. Also, in 2005-2006 the University adopted a new minimum requirement for majors, which became 33 credits. As a result, the Philosophy Major was mandated to increase from 27 to 33 credits. In the Fall, 2007, the Department determined that the best overall improvement in the major would be to require two history of philosophy courses, which would satisfy the third objective directly, and which would increase the credits for the Philosophy Major from 27 to 33 credits. Hence, the change from the old Philosophy Major to the Proposed Major is the addition of two history of philosophy courses.

### **PROPOSED PHILOSOPHY MAJOR**

University Core Courses (41 credits):

Freshman Year Experience (FYE 101) – 3credits

African American Experience – 3 credits

Social Science (2 courses: SOC.101, HIS.101, POL.101, ECO.201, ECO.202, EDU.201, EDU.202) – 6 credits

Health & Wellness (HPR.101& HPR.103) –3 credits

English (ENG102 & ENG103) – 6 credits

Literature (World Literature) – 3credits

Humanities Electives (2 courses: Art201 OR Music200, Philosophy101 OR Religion101) – 6 credits

Natural Science (Chemistry, Biology & Physical Science plus labs) – 7-8 credits

Math (MAT-105 or higher) – 3 credits

THE PHILOSOPHY MAJOR (33 CREDITS – includes Academic Enrichment)

Required:

PHL-215 ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-217 CRITICAL THINKING – 3 credits

PHL-218 FORMAL LOGIC –3 credits

PHL-301 INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS – 3 credits

PHL-401 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE – 3 credits

PHL-302 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION – 3 credits (in 3rd section)

Two of the following:

PHL-219 WORLD PHILOSOPHY I – 3 credits

PHL-220 WORLD PHILOSOPHY II – 3 credits

PHL-221 WORLD ETHICS – 3 credits (new)

PHL-201 GREEK AND MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-202 MODERN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-312 TWENTIETH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY – 3credits

Three of the following:

PHL-206 ART AND PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-207 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-208 BUSINESS ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-209 MEDIA ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-211 AFRICAN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-212 AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-214 TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-216 CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS – 3 credits

PHL-225 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS – 3 credits (new)

PHL-302 GOD AND PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

REL-302 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION – 3 credits

PHL-303 LEGAL PHILOSOPHY – 3credits

PHL-304 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-305 EXISTENTIALISM – 3 credits

PHL-402 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE – 3 credits

PHL/COM-404 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS – 3 credits

FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR COMPUTER EMPHASIS (8 credits)

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT (3 credits):

PHL-411 PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR – 3 credits OR

PHL-412 PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR – 3 credits

MINOR EMPHASIS (21 CREDITS)

The minor emphasis will vary, depending on the interest of the student.

FREE ELECTIVES (21 CREDITS)

TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS (124 Credits)

**CURRENT PHILOSOPHY MINOR** (18 credits)

Two of the following:

PHL-215 ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-217 CRITICAL THINKING – 3 credits

PHL-218 FORMAL LOGIC –3 credits

PHL-301 INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS – 3 credits

PHL-401 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE – 3 credits

PHL-411 PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR – 3 credits OR

PHL-412 PHILOSOPHY SEMINAR – 3 credits

Four of the following:

PHL-206 ART AND PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-207 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-208 BUSINESS ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-211 AFRICAN AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-212 AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-214 TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-216 CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS – 3 credits

PHL-225 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS – 3 credits (new)

PHL-302 GOD AND PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

REL-302 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION – 3 credits

PHL-303 LEGAL PHILOSOPHY – 3credits

PHL-304 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-305 EXISTENTIALISM – 3 credits

PHL-402 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE – 3 credits

PHL/COM-404 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS – 3 credits

**PROPOSED ETHICS MINOR** (18 credits)

Required:

PHL-215 ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-217 CRITICAL THINKING – 3 credits

PHL-221 WORLD ETHICS – 3 credits (new)

Three of the following:

PHL-207 BIOMEDICAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-208 BUSINESS ETHICS – 3 credits

REL-202 RELIGIOUS ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-214 TOPICS IN PHILOSOPHY – 3 credits

PHL-216 CONTEMPORARY MORAL PROBLEMS – 3 credits

PHL-225 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS – 3 credits (new)

PHL-303 LEGAL PHILOSOPHY – 3credits

PHL-304 ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS – 3 credits

PHL-305 EXISTENTIALISM – 3 credits

PHL/COM-404 MEDIA LAW AND ETHICS – 3 credits

**Table B**

**New Courses and Changes in Titles of Courses**

<b><u>New Titles of Existing Courses:</u></b>	<b><u>New Courses:</u></b>
PHL 217 Critical Thinking- ( <i>same course as Critical Reasoning</i> )	PHL 221 World Ethics – <i>Examines the history of ethics in European, Asian, African, African American, Latin American, Caribbean, and Native American traditions.</i>
PHL 401 Theory of Knowledge- ( <i>same course as Epistemology</i> )	PHL 225 Professional Ethics- <i>Examines ethics and the role of the professional, including duties to clients, third parties, employers, and their profession. Professional areas include education, human services, law, criminal justice, health care, journalism, engineering, and business.</i>
PHL 206 Art and Philosophy- ( <i>same as Aesthetics</i> )	PHL/COM-404 Media Law & Ethics - <i>This course introduces students to legal and ethical questions associated with the mass media through focusing on ethical dilemmas that journalists face and how those dilemmas become entangled with the law and legal cases. Case studies from the news media and U.S. Supreme Court opinions are examined</i>
PHL 301 Introduction to Metaphysics ( <i>same as Metaphysics</i> )	
PHL 302 God and Philosophy ( <i>same as Philosophy of Religion</i> )	
PHL 304 Environmental Ethics – ( <i>same as Environmental Philosophy</i> )	

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