

Philosophy Minor Course Descriptions

CUHK(SZ)

Entry (Technical Definition in CUSIS)	Content to be inserted for each course	
	in English	in Chinese
Course Code Offering	PHI1101	
Title (Long Course Title)	Introduction to Philosophy	哲学导论
Overview (Long Description)	<p>This course provides an overview of the nature of philosophical reflection in core areas of systematic philosophy. Topics to be covered include questions in metaphysics (what is being?), epistemology (what is knowledge?), ethics (what is the good?) and aesthetics (what is beauty?).</p>	<p>本课程概述系统哲学核心领域中的哲学反思的性质。涵盖的主题包括形而上学（什么是存在？）、认识论（什么是知识？）、伦理学（什么是善？）和美学（什么是美？）。</p>

Course Code Offering	PHI1102	
Title (Long Course Title)	History of Western Philosophy	西方哲学史
Overview (Long Description)	<p>This course provides an overview of the figures and movement of the canonical periods in the history of Western Philosophy that have had a fundamental influence on Western Civilization. Periods to be covered include Ancient, Hellenistic and Medieval, and Modern philosophy.</p>	<p>本课程概述西方哲学史上各主要时期对西方文明产生过根本影响的人物和运动。内容涵盖古希腊、中世纪以及近现代哲学。</p>

Course Code Offering	PHI1103	
Title (Long Course Title)	History of Chinese Philosophy	中国哲学史
Overview (Long Description)	This course aims at cultivating the students' traditional cultural literacy. It focuses on the three main streams of Chinese culture, Confucianism, Daoism and Buddhism. The Confucianism part mainly covers periods of pre-Qin, Han and Song-Ming, while on the Daoism and Buddhism parts, Wei-Jin Dynasty is added.	本课程旨在培养学生的传统文化素养。它侧重于中国文化的三大主流，儒教、道教和佛教。儒教部分主要涵盖先秦、两汉和宋明时期；在道教和佛教两个部分，则增加了魏晋时期。

Course Code Offering	GED2101/PHI2101	
Title (Long Course Title)	Logic and Argumentation	逻辑与论理
Overview (Long Description)	This course is designed to develop students' critical ability to analyze and evaluate arguments from a logical point of view. It will provide students with a basic understanding of such concepts as reasons, implication, validity, and fallacies. Students will learn the logical principles of deductive and inductive inferences and techniques of applying them for determining the validity or soundness of arguments. Elements of good reasoning from an informal perspective will also be covered.	本课旨在介绍和教授逻辑学的基本概念及技巧，并培养同学的逻辑思辨和批判思维能力。其内容包括：基本的语理分析，辨论证的技巧，演绎逻辑的基本原则和方法，归纳逻辑与科学方法，及谬误剖析。本课特别关注演绎逻辑和归纳逻辑的基本方法及技巧，会以大量例子和习题训练同学建立对确和归纳地正确论证的能力。期望同学能借本课提升分析能力和学习到逻辑技巧，并

		能应用有关能力和技巧于具体难题之中。
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Course Code Offering	GED2102/PHI2102	
Title (Long Course Title)	Existentialism	存在主义
Overview (Long Description)	How should you confront your own death? Is it possible to lead a meaningful life in the face of absurdity? How can an individual live in an authentic way? This course will address these questions, among others, through the reading of philosophical and literary texts that belong to the “existentialist” movement. Focusing on themes of the individual, freedom, authenticity, and self-other relations, this course will cover major philosophers in 19th and 20th century western Philosophy including Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, Buber, and de Beauvoir.	你应该怎样面对自己的死亡？在面对荒谬的言行的时候，你还可能拥有一个有意义的人生吗？单独的个体如何以一个真实的方式生活？本课程将通过阅读有关存在主义运动的相关哲学和文学作品来解答这些问题以及相关论题。专注于个体主题，自由，本真性，人际关联性的研究，本课程将涵盖 19 和 20 世纪西方哲学主要的哲学家，包括 Kierkegaard、Nietzsche、Heidegger、Sartre、Camus、Buber 和 de Beauvoir。

Course Code Offering	GED2103/PHI2103	
Title (Long Course Title)	Philosophy and the Meaning of Life	哲学与人生意义
Overview (Long Description)	What makes a human life meaningful? Does it make sense to talk about ‘the meaning of life’? This course will investigate various philosophical approaches to answering these questions. We will discuss topics including the following: the difference	是什么让人们的生活更加有意义？去探讨“生活的意义”有道理吗？本课程通过探究多种哲学途径来回答这个问题。我们将要讨论的主题包含：快乐和有意义之间的区别，有关“意

	between happiness and meaning, subjective and objective theories of meaning, the relationship between meaning and morality, the shape of a life, human mortality, and love.	义”主观以及客观理论，有意义和有道德之间的关系，生活、人类死亡和爱的轮廓。
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Course Code Offering	GED2201/PHI2201	
Title (Long Course Title)	Gods and Men——Greek Myth and Ethics	神与人——希腊神话与伦理
Overview (Long Description)	<p>This course will introduce students to the culture of Ancient Greece, in the way of learning and reflecting the myths about the Olympian gods and heroes, which is always considered as the origins of western thoughts. To understand a culture better, we need to go back to its beginning period, the myths period. By doing so, we'll learn not only interesting and mythical tales, but also the way of understanding the world and society among early humans. The topics shown in the tales are eternal, such as human nature and fate, conflicts between justice and law, which still deserve further discussion nowadays. Due to the characteristics of myths in all cultures (lack of systematic writing in early days), this course will involve many literary works, like ancient Greek dramas.</p>	<p>神话是早期人类认识及描述世界的方式，要了解一种文化，就要了解这种文化的源头——神话。因而，若想更好地了解西方文化，需要了解古希腊神话。以此为初衷，本课程将会介绍有关古希腊奥林匹亚山系的诸神及各类半神（英雄）的神话传说，并通过对这些神话传说的解读，进而把握早期人类的思维方式与生活图景。在神话中涉及的永恒话题，诸如人性与命运，在今天仍是我们把握自我存在的重要话题，因而在课程讨论中将会引导学生进行这方面的思考。鉴于所有神话皆有的共性（即早期没有系统性的文本记述），本课程在授课过程中将会涉及到许多文学性文本，比如古希腊的悲剧和喜剧。</p>

Course Code Offering	GEC2201/PHI2203	
Title (Long Course Title)	World Religions	世界宗教
Overview (Long Description)	This course provides an introduction to some major religious traditions in the world from a phenomenological and historical point of view. Topics include Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and local religions, etc. Through the study of religion in different cultures, this course seeks to broaden students' horizons and widen their academic experience.	本课程从现象学和历史的角度介绍世界上主要的宗教传统。主题包括基督教、犹太教、伊斯兰教、印度教、佛教、儒教、道教和地方宗教等等。通过对不同文化的宗教的研究，本课程旨在拓宽学生的视野，丰富他们的学术经验。

Course Code Offering	GED2202/PHI2202	
Title (Long Course Title)	Philosophy of Religion	宗教哲学
Overview (Long Description)	This course introduces students to philosophical problems, ideas, and arguments rising within various religious traditions and at the intersections of religious and secular social contexts. Topics studied in the course include the nature of ultimate reality, religious reason-giving, and religious ethics.	本课程向学生介绍不同宗教传统、宗教和世俗社会之间产生的哲学问题、思想和论点。研究的主题包括终极实在的本质、宗教式的解释和宗教伦理。

Course Code Offering	GED3001/PHI3001	
Title (Long Course Title)	Good and Evil: Understanding Ethics	善与恶：伦理学初探

Overview (Long Description)	This course introduces theories dealing with moral concepts, such as good and evil, and their relationship with a good life. All the relevant theories will be divided into different schools, such as virtue ethics, normative ethics, emotional ethics, and meta-ethics. Topics and texts will vary by instructor.	本课程介绍处理道德概念的理论，例如善和恶，以及它们与幸福生活的关系。相关理论将分为不同的流派，如道德哲学、规范伦理学、情感伦理学、元伦理学。主题和文本会因导师而异。
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Course Code Offering	GED2104/PHI2104	
Title (Long Course Title)	Aesthetics and Art	美学与艺术
Overview (Long Description)	The course surveys major ideas on the nature of beauty, art, and creativity. Students will be exposed to classic writings from important thinkers in both western and eastern traditions, including Plato, Aristotle, Hegel, Kant, Zhuangzi, Confucius, etc. Experiential activities, such as museum visiting, will also be an integral part of the course.	本课程将探讨有关美、艺术和创意的主要思想。学生将接触到中西方传统重要思想家的经典著作，其中包括柏拉图、亚里士多德、黑格尔、康德、庄子、孔子等。课程还将包括体验活动，如博物馆参观等。

Course Code Offering	GED2105/PHI2105	
Title (Long Course Title)	Political Philosophy	政治哲学
Overview (Long Description)	This course examines the social and political nature of human beings. Topics to be discussed may include the best regime, political virtues, justice, natural right and law, sovereignty, and government. Topics and texts will vary with instructor.	本课程探讨人类的社会性和政治性本质。讨论的主题包括最好的政体、政治美德、正义、自然权利和法律、主权和政府。主题和文本会因导师而异。

Course Code Offering	GED2106/PHI2106	
Title (Long Course Title)	Western Intellectual History	西方思想史
Overview (Long Description)	This course explores major trends and developments in Western intellectual history, including its origins, implications, and criticisms from a variety of philosophical perspective and analysis of related cultural phenomena that may include: science, religion, literature, and art.	本课程探讨西方思想史的主要趋势和发展，包括其来源、含义以及各种哲学视角下的批评。本课还将分析包括科学、宗教、文学和艺术在内的相关文化现象。

Course Code Offering	GED2107/PHI2107	
Title (Long Course Title)	Philosophy and Literature	哲学与文学
Overview (Long Description)	This course aims to explore the intersections between philosophy and literature. The course content includes philosophical works related to literature, literary works reflecting the ramifications of philosophical thoughts, as well as literary and philosophical works which deal with similar topics and questions. We will investigate how philosophers interpret literary works, ponder on literary topics and discuss the questions concerning language, literary rhetoric, poetics and aesthetics. We will also examine how men of letters represent or respond to philosophical questions through various styles of rhetoric and narrative. By studying both literature and philosophy, we can see	本课程旨在研析哲学与文学的交会，内容包括涉及文学主题或作品的哲学著作，反映哲学思想或思索哲学式问题的文学作品，以及议题相似的哲学与文学篇章。我们将探讨哲学家如何诠释文学作品与思索文学式主题，以及他们如何析论语言、文学修辞、诗学与美学等相关议题。此外，我们亦将评析文学家如何以各种不同的修辞风格与叙述模式，表现或回应哲学式问题。本课程兼论文哲，呈现哲学家与文学家如何各自以形上学、知识

	<p>how a philosophical question or a literary topic can be dealt with through different types of languages, like metaphysical, epistemological, cosmological, ethical, poetical and fictional languages, and analyze how these languages interact with each other in philosophical and literary works.</p>	<p>论、宇宙论、伦理学、诗歌、小说等不同特色的语言与论述模式，思索类似的哲学式问题或文学式主题。另一方面，我们亦将析论上述诸种不同特色的语言与论述模式，如何在哲学与文学作品中交会互动。</p>
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<p>Course Code Offering</p>	<p>GED2108/PHI2108</p>	
<p>Title (Long Course Title)</p>	<p>Comparative Philosophy</p>	<p>比较哲学</p>
<p>Overview (Long Description)</p>	<p>Comparative philosophy between Chinese and Western aims at doing the comparison of different cultures on the same concern, such as how to live a good life, how to organize the society, etc. By the comparison, we may find some commensurability, either methodological or metaphysical, which could be the structure of human's understanding of the world and mankind itself.</p>	<p>中西方比较哲学旨在对不同文化的同一关注点进行比较，比如如何过好生活，如何组织社会等等。通过比较，我们可以发现一些相容性，无论是从方法论还是形而上学角度，这可能是人类对世界和人类本身理解的结构。</p>

<p>Course Code Offering</p>	<p>GEB2109/PHI2109</p>	
<p>Title (Long Course Title)</p>	<p>History and Philosophy of Biology</p>	<p>西方生物学史与哲学</p>
<p>Overview (Long Description)</p>	<p>This course aims to examine the ideas, thoughts and theories in biology (particularly evolutionary biology), traces them to Western traditions of natural history, cosmology, metaphysics and epistemology, and deals with the intersection between life science and</p>	<p>本课程将研析生物学（尤其是演化生物学）中的概念、思想与理论，追溯其与西方传统中自然史、宇宙论、形上学与知识论的关联，并探论生命科学与哲学的交会。</p>

	<p>philosophy. The course content includes both historical documents about zoology, palaeontology, geology, comparative anatomy, physiology, psychology and brain science as well as philosophical writings on what we now consider as biological questions. We will discuss how the conceptual frameworks and methods of inquiry in biological study derive from the traditions of Western philosophy, how major philosophers, like Aristotle, Descartes, Hume and Kant, consider or redefine the roles of man and animals in their systems of knowledge, and how biological sciences interact with anthropology, sociology and political theory at scientific, methodological and ethical levels. In class discussion, the combination of historical and philosophical approaches will shed light on the interdisciplinarity of life science in its historical development and unfold the reconceptualization of humans and human society in biological study.</p>	<p>课程内容囊括动物学、古生物学、地质学、比较解剖学、生理学、心理学、脑科学等生物学相关领域的科学史文献，亦包含涉及后世所谓“生物学”议题的哲学著作。我们将探讨西方哲学传统如何影响生物学的“概念框架”与“探索方法”，亦析论西方哲学家如亚里斯多德、迪卡尔、休谟与康德如何在其知识体系中思考与重新定义“人”与“动物”。此外，我们还关注生物学如何在科学、方法论与伦理学层次上与人类学、社会学以及政治理论交互影响。本课程结合科学史与科学哲学方法，将呈现生命科学在其发展史中的“跨学科性”，亦揭示“人类”与“人类社会”的概念如何被生物学重塑。</p>
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<p>Course Code Offering</p>	<p>GED2110/PHI2110</p>	
<p>Title (Long Course Title)</p>	<p>Philosophy of Love</p>	<p>爱的哲学</p>
<p>Overview (Long Description)</p>	<p>What is love? We speak about ‘love’ in a wide range of contexts, e.g., romantic love, love of family members, friendships, self-love, love of humanity, love of knowledge, and so on. This course will investigate how various</p>	<p>什么是爱？我们在广泛的背景下谈论“爱”，例如浪漫的爱情，亲情的爱，友谊的爱，自爱，对人类的爱，对知识的爱等等。本课程将研</p>

	philosophers have understood the nature of love and its place in human life. We will discuss these philosophies of love in relation to topics such as family relationships, marriage, dating, and other contemporary phenomena.	究各种哲学家如何理解爱的本质以及它在人类生活中的地位。我们将讨论这些关于爱的哲学，如家庭关系，婚姻，约会，以及其他当代现象。
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Course Code Offering	GED2111/PHI2111	
Title (Long Course Title)	Philosophy Through Films	影视中的哲学
Overview (Long Description)	This course helps students to identify, analyse, form and justify their own views on the philosophical issues handled in films and TV series.	本课程旨在帮助学生发现、分析影视作品中的哲学问题，就这些问题形成独立的见解，并加以论证。

Course Code Offering	GED2112/PHI2112	
Title (Long Course Title)	Theory of Knowledge	知识论
Overview (Long Description)	This course explores the nature, possibility, source, structure, and value of knowledge (and of justified belief). We discuss a number of theories, such as internalism, externalism, contextualism, pragmatism, etc. The course helps students to form their own views on issues relating to knowledge and justify their views in a philosophically informed way.	本课程探索知识的性质、可能性、来源、结构和价值。我们会探讨一系列关于知识的理论，如内在论、外在论、语境论、实用论等等。课程旨在帮助学生形成对于知识的各类问题独立的看法，并以哲学方法论证自己的看法。

Course Code Offering	GED2113/PHI2113	
Title	Ethical Issues	伦理问题

(Long Course Title)		
<p>Overview (Long Description)</p>	<p>This course examines controversial public issues from an ethical perspective. Potential topics include euthanasia, medical care, sexuality, reproduction, violence, animal welfare, wealth distribution, environmental protection, personal liberty, intergenerational relations, privacy, etc. Students are encouraged to form and justify their own views in relation to debates on these issues.</p>	<p>本课程从伦理学的角度探讨具有争议的公共问题。可能的话题包括：安乐死，医疗，性，生育，暴力，动物福利，财富分配，环境保护，个人自由，代际关系，隐私等等。课程推动学生在这些争论中形成并论证自己的立场。</p>