**Philosophy**

**Faculty**

**David Chan** has teaching and research interests in ethical theory, the ethics of war, medical ethics, philosophy of action, and ancient Greek philosophy.

**Chris Diehm** teaches courses and does research in environmental philosophy, the philosophy of nature, and phenomenology.

**Karin Fry** teaches courses in Continental philosophy, aesthetics, and feminism.

**Ryan Hay** teaches courses on ethics, logic, and philosophy of science. His current research interests are in meta-ethics and philosophy of language.

**Charles Joshua Horn** teaches courses in modern philosophy, metaphysics, and political philosophy.

**Clint Jones** teaches environmental philosophy, social and political thought, and maintains interests in aesthetics and pop culture.

**Shashank Srivastava** has teaching and research interests in Indian and Chinese philosophies and religions, Advaita, Vedanta, and Philosophy of food.

**Dóna Warren** teaches courses in critical thinking, logic, and the philosophy of religion.

# **Did you know that UW-SP offers:**

a **MAJOR** in Philosophy (requirements: 27 credits in Philosophy)

a **MAJOR** in Philosophy with a Concentration in Environmental Ethics (requirements: 33 credits in Philosophy)

a **MINOR** in Philosophy (requirements: 18 credits in Philosophy)

See catalogue or a Philosophy faculty member for further details about our Major and Minor requirements.

**NOTE:** Many of our 300 level offerings are required courses for graduation and therefore fill quickly. Students who major or minor in Philosophy may **pre-register** for all 300 level courses

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**Phil 100 Introduction to Philosophy**

3 cr. (GEP:HU GDR:HU3)

Sec 1 9:35-10 :50 M W **Horn, C.**

Sec 2 9:35-10:50 T R **Hay, R.**

Sec 3 11:00-12:15 M W **Horn, C.**

Sec 4 11:00-12:15 T R **Fry, K.**

Sec 5 12 :35-13 :50 M W **Fry, K.**

Sec 6 14 :00-15 :15 M W **Hay, R.**

Sec 7 14:00-15:15 T R **Hay, R.**

Sec 8 17:00-18:15 M W **Horn, C.**

This course considers a broad spectrum of classic philosophical questions, such as: Does God exist? What makes us “persons”? What is love? What is death? What is the meaning of life? Topics may vary.

**Phil 105 Philosophy & Religion of India & China**

3 cr. (GEP:HU;GA GDR:HU3;NW)

Sec 1 12:35-13:50 M W **Srivastava, S.**

Sec 2 14:00-15:15 M W **Srivastava, S.**

This course discusses the major Indian and Chinese philosophers and philosophies. These include Shankar, Buddha, Mahavir, SriArvind, Gandhi, Confucius, Lao Tsu, and Mencius.

**Phil 121 Critical Thinking**

3 cr. (GEP:HU GDR:HU3)

Sec 1 14:00-15:15 M W **Warren, D.**

Sec 2 15:35-16:50 M W **Warren, D.**

This course helps students to deepen their ability to recognize, analyze, evaluate, and construct arguments.

**Phil 305 Ethics**

3 cr. (GDR:HU3)

Sec 1 11:00-12:15 T R **Hay, R.**

Critical examination of moral concepts and representative ethical systems.

Phil 306 Philosophy of Science

3 cr. (GEP:HU; GDR: HU3)

Sec 1 17:00-18:15 M W Hay, R.

Examine scientific inquiry, including theory formation, justification and change.

**Phil 310 Metaphysics**

Sec 1 18:00-20:30 T **Horn, C**.

Philosophical theories of reality. May include personal identity, the nature of mind, substance, causation.

**Phil 327 19th & 20th Century Philosophy**

3 cr (GDR:HU3)

Sec 1W 14:00-15:15 T R **Fry, K.**

Sec 2W 17:00-18:15 T R **Fry, K.**

Major philosophic movements and figures in the 19th and 20th centuries.

**Phil 335 Ethics of War**

3 cr.

Sec 1 12:35-13:50 M W **Chan, D.**

Are there good and bad wars? Are there limits to what the military can do to win a war? This course is about the just war theory that has provided the moral and political basis of international law. Discussions include the limitations of this doctrine in the face of issues of modern warfare such as humanitarian intervention and terrorism.

**Phil 380 Environmental Ethics**

3 cr. (GEP:HU;ER GDR:HU3; EL)

Sec 1 14:00- 14:50 MT R **Jones, C.**

Sec 2 15:00- 15:50 MT R **Jones, C.**

Sec 3 16:00-16:50 MT R **Jones, C.**

This course examines a wide variety of positions that people take on the subjects of the value of nature and how humans ought to treat it.  It also examines the most important philosophical and practical disagreements between the various proponents of these viewpoints, and some

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of the social, political, and economic dimensions of environmental issues.  Included in the readings, lectures and exams are numerous real-life examples that illustrate the ways in which ethical theories apply to concrete cases, and demonstrate some of the past and present challenges faced by resource managers, environmentalists, and everyday people.

**Phil 395 Philosophical Problems**

Subtitle: Ecology of End Times in Graphic Novels

3 cr.

Sec 1 11:00-11:50 M W **Jones, C.**

This course will examine the current relationship between humans and the natural world by examining scholarship on what ecology is, and the role human activity plays in developing the idea of an ecologically sensitive worldview, and what may be in store for humans in the future.  The course will engage these and other questions by examining the role of the environment in apocalyptic graphic novels and literature.

**Philosophy 490 Seminar**

Subtitle: Character and Reason

3 cr.

Sec 1W 15:35-16:50 M W **Chan, D.**

The philosophical questions that we will examine in this course include both old and new ones.  The old questions concern what a person’s character is, how states of character help someone live a better life, and how virtues and vices are acquired.  The new questions concern whether there is really such a thing as character and what role character plays in practical choice and in the psychological and physiological processes that lead to action.