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.

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

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

Jason Zinser teaches courses in the philosophy of science, the philosophy of biology, and environmental ethics.

Philosophy cultivates critical thinking, argument analysis, and written and oral communication skills by asking the deepest and most important questions in the human experience.

**Major Options**

**Bachelor of Arts**

A. 35 Credits
B. 41 Credits (With Concentration in Environmental Ethics)
C. 47 Credits (With Concentration in Religious Studies)

**Bachelor of Science**

A. 30 Credits
B. 36 Credits (With Concentration in Environmental Ethics)
C. 48 Credits (With Concentration in Religious Studies)

**Minor Option:**

A. 18 credits in Philosophy

**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.

For more information or to sign up for a major or minor, meet with a Philosophy professor or go to:

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Philosophy at UWSP

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Philosophy Courses  
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Phil 100 Introduction to Philosophy  
3 cr. (GEP: HU)
Sec 1 11:00–12:15 T R  Zinser, J.
Sec 2 11:00–12:15 M W  Diehm, C.
Sec 3 12:35–13:50 M W  Jones, C.
Sec 4 12:35–13:50 T R  Jones, C.
Sec 5 14:00–15:15 M W  Horn, J.
Sec 6 15:35–16:50 M W  Zinser, J.
Sec 7 15:35–16:50 T R  Jones, 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 101 Introduction to Morality and Society  
3 cr. (GEP: HU)
Sec 1 15:30–16:45 T R  Zinser, J.
Sec 2 14:00–15:15 T R  Zinser, J.
An attempt to clarify selected contemporary moral issues by applying insights of moral philosophy and tools of critical reflection.

Phil 121 Critical Thinking  
3 cr. (GEP:HU)
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 325 Ancient Greek Philosophy  
3 cr.
Sec 1  9:35–10:50 M W  Horn, J.
Sec 2 11:00–12:15 M W  Horn, J.
In this course, we will learn about how to conceive of reality, knowledge, divinity, justice, law, power, virtue, and the good, by studying some of the first and most influential philosophers in the Western philosophical tradition. Greek philosophy is unique in the history of philosophy in that it is impossible to clearly separate insights in metaphysics and epistemology from insights in moral and political philosophy. We will examine the relationship between these fundamental branches of philosophy by focusing specific attention on Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, and Stoicism.

Phil 336 Social and Political Philosophy  
3 cr.
Sec 1 11:00–12:15 T H  Jones, C.
This course introduces social and political philosophy by focusing on different views regarding the nature and understanding of justice. We will examine classical and contemporary theories of justice and their applications to a range of current and topical issues.

Phil 380 Environmental Ethics  
3 cr. (GEP:HU;ER)
Sec 1 15:00–15:50 M T R  Diehm, C.
Sec 2 16:00–16:50 M T R  Diehm, 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 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  
Topic: Ethics of Food  
3 cr.
Sec 2 9:35–10:50 T H  Zinser, J.
When we eat, we are making ethical choices that impact animal welfare, the environment, our communities, human health, and world hunger. Often, the connections between food and these issues are less than clear. In this course, we will shed light on these connections by exploring a variety of ethical and philosophical issues relating to food.