SUMMER 2012 CLASS OFFERINGS IN PHILOSOPHY

May 14–June 1
PHIL 315 Special Topics in Philosophy: Islamic Thought
Professor Chris Haufe 10-12:30 p.m.
From the time of Muhammad, Islamic thought has revolved around what contemporary philosophers recognize as distinctively philosophical problems. Puzzles such as those surrounding the nature of ethical truth, the reliability of our beliefs, and our ability to discover facts about God were at the center of Muslims’ efforts to achieve salvation. We will examine the role of philosophical thought in Islamic history in order to better understand the nature of religious belief, the scope of general philosophical problems, and contemporary Islam.

May 14–June 1
PHIL 315 Special Topics in Philosophy: Animal Cognition
(Available for COGS credit as well)
Professor Sara Waller 9:15–12 noon
This course examines the notions of intelligence, cognition, reasoning, consciousness, and mental content, as they appear in the philosophical views and empirical studies of animals in individual and social contexts. Students will have the opportunity to volunteer at local animal care facilities in order to obtain hands-on experience in the observation and measurement of animal behavior.

May 14–June 1
PHIL 201 Introduction to Logic
Professor Colin McLarty 9:30–12 noon
This course will investigate the nature of deductive reasoning in general. The specific aim is to analyze and to evaluate arguments and proofs by representing them in a formal symbolic system. Attention will also be paid to the scope and limits of logic. The course covers propositional and predicate logic.

June 18–July 30
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
M, T & W 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Professor Chin-Tai Kim
This course will help students understand the nature, mission, function, and methods of philosophy, its place among the disciplines, and its importance for reflective and responsible life by engaging them in discussions on selected issues in ethics, epistemology, philosophical theology and metaphysics.