



Degree Concentration and Course Descriptions: History of Ideas

A student may obtain a concentration by using elective concentration hours to complete the requirements described below.

History of Ideas Course Descriptions

Course Number Hours

What is Really Real?: Metaphysics

HIS 2123

3

*Advanced seminar in the primary literature formation of worldviews.
Topics include: metaphysics, ontology, materialism, idealism, dualism, theism

Is It Possible To Know Anything?: Epistemology

HIS 3163

3

*Advanced seminar in the primary literature of epistemology. An analysis of the nature of knowledge and how it relates to truth and belief. Treats such questions as: "What is knowledge?", "How is knowledge acquired?", and "What do people know?" Topics include: empiricism, rationalism, constructivism, skepticism, epistemology.

How Do We Know Right From Wrong?: Ethics

HIS 3173

3

*Advanced seminar in the primary literature pertaining to the construction of Ethical systems. An investigation of what is a good (or bad) life, which actions we ought or (ought not) to be structured. Topics include: ethics, religion

What is a Human Being?: Anthropology

HIS 3223

3

*Advanced seminar in the primary literature of anthropology. Is man made in the image of God? Is He a complex machine, or a naked ape? Topics include: creation, sociology, anthropology, psychology, imago dei, death, language, culture

Who Is In Charge of This World?: Social Institutions

HIS 3233

3

*Advanced seminar in the primary literature pertaining to the development and maintenance of social forms constituting the enduring features of social life. Topics include: families, governments, economic systems, education, religions, sociology political science, human rights, just war

Total

15

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** Basic English is required for those students scoring below 18 on the ACT and 450 on the SAT