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Spring 2009 Courses

The study of philosophy is an indispensable part of a liberal education. In its critical function, philosophy teaches students to analyze arguments and to assess the value of various claims of knowledge. In its systematic function, it develops an integral view of the world, with a special focus on the human person and with final reference to God as the highest cause. In its ethical function, philosophy presents an account of the rational principles which ought to guide one's moral life. Accordingly, the Philosophy program endeavors to sharpen students' critical skills, integrate their knowledge of reality, and assist them in living a more rational and more worthy life.

All students take 3 courses in philosophy: Philosophy of Nature and Man, Ethics, and a philosophy elective. Students who major in philosophy follow a program in the history of philosophy and in the major branches of systematic philosophy. This is usually a three-year program, but students who become majors at the end of their Sophomore year will be able to complete their requirements. After graduation, many philosophy majors attend law school or graduate school; others pursue employment in a variety of capacities, such as managerial positions in business and government.

Majors are required to take 10 courses in philosophy, including the histories of ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy, Philosophy of Nature and Man, Formal Logic, Ethics, Metaphysics, The Philosophy of Science, and The Senior Seminar. In addition, majors must select two Seminars in Liberal Studies in The Great Books.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

There is nothing so absurd but some philosopher has said it.

— [Marcus Tullius Cicero](#)

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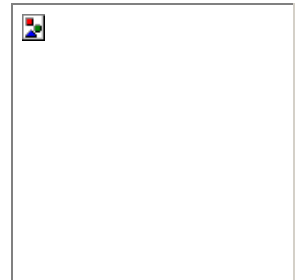
Summer School Courses in Philosophy and Humanities
New Issue of LYCEUM: Volume 10 Number 2 (Spring 2009)
Colin Connors: Change
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PHILOSOPHER'S CALENDAR

Friday, 19 June 2009
Blaise Pascal's Birthday 1623
Sunday, 21 June 2009
Jean-Paul Sartre's Birthday 1905
Tuesday, 23 June 2009
Alan Turing's Birthday 1912
Thursday, 25 June 2009
Willard Van Orman Quine 1908
Sunday, 28 June 2009
Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Birthday 1712
Wednesday, 1 July 2009
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz's Birthday 1646

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