PHI 346  Topics in The Philosophy of Art  3-3-0
A look at some attempts by major thinkers to account for the nature of art and beauty, focusing on texts of Plato and Aristotle, Kant and Hegel, Nietzsche and Heidegger.

PHI 347  Topics in Philosophy of Literature  3-3-0
From the time of Plato’s engagement with Homer to the contemporary philosophical dialogue with poetry and the novel, philosophy and literature have had a rich and sometimes controversial relationship. This course will explore this dynamic interaction through the careful study of philosophically significant works of literature and related works of philosophy.

PHI 348 / POL 348  Topics in Social and Political Philosophy  3-3-0
This course will typically consist of a detailed study of a great work of Western social and political philosophy. Students will be expected to present seminars and do research on the text itself, the social and political context in which it emerged and its implications for all serious inquiry into questions of society and politics.

PHI 349  Topics in Feminist Philosophy  3-3-0
An introduction to feminist thought from the Enlightenment to the present, looking at some feminist discussions in ethics, theory of knowledge, philosophy of language, and philosophy of science.

PHI 352  Topics in Philosophy of Being  3-3-0
A detailed study of key themes in metaphysics and ontology, including topics like the nature of first philosophy, the nature of the philosophical God, the notion of Spirit and the character of our being in the world.
Prerequisite: at least one course in Philosophy

PHI 353  Topics in the Philosophy of Knowledge  3-3-0
A detailed study of key themes in epistemology, including topics like the nature of a priori concepts, empiricism, scientific method, knowledge as self-transcendence and the self-withdrawal of Being.
Prerequisite: at least one course in Philosophy

PHI 354  The Philosophy of Contemplation  3-3-0
When Plato said that “philosophy begins in wonder” he inaugurated a tradition in the West in which contemplation and the awe that accompanies it were elevated to among the richest and most sublime of human experiences. Here West joined East, which already had a centuries-old devotion to contemplation in the Hindu, Buddhist and Taoist traditions, among others. This course will develop not just a familiarity with the philosophical theories of contemplation but also cultivate precisely the kinds of contemplative experiences that draw us towards transcendence.

PHI 355  Analysis Seminar  3-3-0
An in depth study of one of the major contributions to analytic philosophy (e.g. Strawson’s Individuals, Quine’s Word and Object, or Geach’s Reference and Generality).
Prerequisite: PHI 204

PHI 387  Topics in World Philosophy  3-3-0
Explores one or more of the world’s great philosophical traditions, such as Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu, African and North American philosophy.
Prerequisite: at least one course in Philosophy

PHI 399  Research Seminar  3-3-0
A senior seminar the focus of which is collaborative production of an original work based on philosophical exchange and reflection. Members of the seminar will gain experience in all facets of research, presentation and writing for publication.

Pre-Law

Program Overview
The Pre-Law Minor and Certificate programs are designed to ground students in the concepts of justice, law, and equity, civic governance and responsible citizenship, while also building a knowledge-base in a wide array of related disciplines, such as literature, history, politics, and criminology. The program will also expose students to core competencies – such as problem solving, critical reading, oral and written communications, research, organization and time-management, leadership, and team-building – that enhance capacities for success in law school or other careers within the justice system.

This program is interdisciplinary and offers students the opportunity to develop and/or hone their skills in the areas of logic and critical thinking, argumentation and debate, time-management, and group dynamics. The program aligns with the vision and values of Bishop’s University, and seeks to enhance the mission to provide students with an exemplary undergraduate experience in the classroom and beyond. To develop these competencies, students will choose from a list of Humanities, Social Sciences, and other courses provided and will take one capstone course, to be offered annually during the Winter term. Participants should note that the program does not guarantee admission to law school but seeks rather to help in their success once admitted.

Course selection from a select list is based on LSAT criteria and disciplinary knowledge: Content, Reading Comprehension, Analytical Reasoning, Writing proficiency, and Logical Reasoning.
Programs

Pre-Law Minor (24 credits)  MINPRL
For the minor, students will take two courses each from the Logical and Analytical Reasoning lists, three from the Reading and Writing categories, and the capstone course.
For the minor, double counting will be allowed on the same basis as the certificate and students may not take more than two 100 level courses. Double counting of courses between the certificate and a student’s major or honours program should be set at a maximum of two courses or six credits. To receive the certificate, students may not take more than three 100 level courses.

Pre-Law Certificate (30 credits)  CONPRL
For the certificate, students will be obliged to take one course from the Content list, two courses from each of the Analytical and Logical Reasoning lists and four courses from the Writing and Reading category, plus the capstone course, in order to complete the program.
In order to ensure that this is a selective program for students, the minimum average required for admission into the certificate will be 80%/25 R score.
Please note also: Courses taken within the Pre-Law Certificate program cannot be counted as courses towards a university degree. Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at Bishop’s should therefore take the minor, the courses for which can be counted towards their degree.

List of Courses

(Please refer to other sections of the Academic Calendar for full course descriptions)

1. Content
BMG 221  Business Law
CLA 321  Laws and Outlaws in Ancient Rome
DRA 131  Acting I
DRA 132  Acting II
DRA 212  Theatre and the State
FIH 240  Art Popular and Mass Culture
HIS 228  Memory, Truth and Reconciliation
HIS 229  Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations
HIS 300  The Law of the Land: Indigenous Treaties with Canada
HIS 393  Inquisitions, Law and Society
LIB 370  Social Movements and Social Change in Brazil
RSC 200  Politics and Religion
ECO 217  International Economics
ECO 237  Economics of the Environment
SOC 207  Sociology of Indigenous-Settler Relations
SOC 209  Young Offenders
SOC 235  Women and the Penal System
ESG 354  Environmental Impact Assessment
POL 101  Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL 112  Introduction to Canadian Politics
POL 118  Constitutional Law and Canadian Government
POL 214  Public Administration
POL 344  The Politics of International Trade and Investment
POL 345  Introduction to Public International Law
PSY 356  Forensic Psychology

2. Analytical Reasoning (making connections)
BMG 322  Change Management - Prereq: BHR 221
BMG 323  Interpersonal Skills - Prereq: BHR 221
ENG 205  The Art of Rhetoric
ENG 255  Legal Bodies: Crime & Culture in Victorian England
ENG 352  Canadian Literature and Theories of Globalization in the Visual Arts
HIS 235  Europe’s Queer History
HIS 234  The Italian Renaissance
HIS 269  First Nations/ Settler Relations
LIB 212  In Search of Justice
LIB 214  Environmental Justice and Ecological Crisis
LIB 222  Citizenship and Democratic Practice I
LIB 223  Citizenship and Democratic Practice II
RSC 232  Philosophy of Religion
ECO 322  Real Estate Economics
SOC 208  Criminology
SOC 230  Deviance 1
SOC 233  Carceral Studies and Justice Clinic
SOC 298  Social Problems
SOC 304  Experiential Learning in Sociology II
(SOC 233 may be a pre-requisite and this course could be substituted for the capstone course)
SOC 309  Advanced Seminar in Global Colonization and Decolonization
SOC 331  Deviance 2: Selected Topics
SOC 340  Women: Theory and Ideology
ESG 266  Environmental Policy
ESG 350  Environmental Justice
POL 334  Public Policy Analysis
POL 338  International Law and Human Rights

3. Logical Reasoning (problem solving)
BHR 316  Organizational Conflict and Negotiation
LAT 101F  Beginners’ Latin I
LAT 200  Intensive Intermediate Latin (or LAT 201a. 202b)
PHI 1xx  Any Philosophy Introductory Course
MAT 100  Excursions in Modern Mathematics
MAT 200  Introduction to Discrete Mathematics
SOC 315  Political Sociology in the Digital Era
SOC 311  Quantitative Tools for Social Research
PSY 330  Psychology and Ethics

4. Reading Comprehension and Writing Proficiency
Any 200 or 300 level courses in Classical Studies, English, History and Global Studies, Liberal Arts, Philosophy or Religion, Society and Culture.*
*There are some exceptions, so consultation with the pre-law chair is strongly recommended.