PHI 345  Topics in Philosophy of Film  3-3-0
This course will explore key philosophical themes through film. Students will combine viewing and discussion of film with the study of related philosophical texts.
Pre- or Co-Requisite: Any course in philosophy or any course in the Film Studies minor.

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 357  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.

PHI 541  Advanced Studies I Topic: Philosophy and Death  3-3-0
In this reading course, we examine some canonical treatments of the subject of death from the ancient, medieval and modern traditions. Texts will include Plato’s Phaedo, Boethius’ Consolation of Philosophy, excerpts from Spinoza’s Ethics and from Heidegger’s Being and Time. 

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)

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)
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
   FIH 314 Colonial and Postcolonial Issues in the Visual Arts
   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 323 Philosophy of Religion
   ECO 322 Real Estate Economics
   SOC 208 Criminology
   SOC 230 Deviance I
   SOC 233 Carceral Studies and Justice Clinic
   SOC 298 Social Problems
   SOC 304 Experiential Learning in Sociology II
   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)
   PHI1xx 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.