

CU Denver Philosophy Department

2020 MAYMESTER COURSE LISTINGS

Legend

Fulfills Program Requirements

■ Philosophy Major

■ Ethics Minor

■ Philosophy Minor

■ Certificate in Ethics

■ Philosophy of Science

Subject to Change

Faculty members will be available during class time leading up to ZOOM meetings.

MAYMESTER COURSES

5/18/2020 – 06/04/2020

PHIL 3500 – M01 – Ideology and Culture: Racism and Sexism



MTuWTh: 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM **ZOOM Meetings: MTuWTh 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

D. Reeves

In this course, we will explore how racism and sexism have been and continue to be integral to dominant ideologies and cultural formations in the US. We will not only engage with some of the most important theoretical work on these topics, but will we also reflect on the formation of our own lives, practices, beliefs, and values. That self and group reflection will also bring us into contact with the limits of such work and what those limits mean for ideological and cultural change.

PHIL 4812/5812 – M01 – Philosophy of Socrates



MTuWTh: 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM **ZOOM Meetings: MTuWTh 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

R. Metcalf

Socrates is the most influential figure in the history of philosophy, yet there remains some mystery around who he was as a philosopher. In this course we will look closely at the obstacles to forming a clear understanding of Socrates--for example, the fact that he himself wrote nothing, and, consequently, all that we know about him comes from the writings of other thinkers who conflict among themselves--and we will study those texts that may offer us some significant clues: namely, the so-called "early" dialogues of Plato, such as *Ion*, *Lysis*, *Laches*, *Charmides*, *Alcibiades I*, alongside more famous dialogues like *Euthyphro*, *Apology* and *Crito*. We will examine these dialogues over against other sources like Xenophon's *Memorabilia*, *Symposium* and *Estate-Manager*, Aristophanes' *Clouds*, and the extant fragments of Aeschines. Students will have the opportunity to form their own interpretations of Socrates, as well as tackle issues like Socrates' practice of testing/cross-examining interlocutors, Socrates' moral philosophy and political theorizing, Socrates' views of *eros* and self-knowledge, and so on.