

**The Ohio State University
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences New Course Request**

Philosophy Department

Academic Unit

Philosophy

Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

Philosophy 458 / Sex and Death: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Biology

Number Title

Intro Phil Biology

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18-Character Title Abbreviation

Level

Credit Hours

Summer

Autumn

Winter

Spring

Year 08

Proposed effective date, choose one quarter and put an "X" after it; and fill in the year. See the OAA curriculum manual for deadlines.

A. Course Offerings Bulletin Information

Follow the instructions in the OAA curriculum manual. If this is a course with decimal subdivisions, then use one New Course Request form for the generic information that will apply to all subdivisions; and use separate forms for each new decimal subdivision, including on each form the information that is unique to that subdivision. If the course offered is less than a quarter or a term, please complete the Flexibly Scheduled/Off Campus/Workshop Request form.

Description (not to exceed 25 words): A survey of philosophical questions regarding the theoretical foundations and implications of research in biology.

Quarter offered:

Distribution of class time/contact hours:

Quarter and contact/class time hours information should be omitted from Book 3 publication (yes or no) YES

Prerequisite(s): philosophy major or 15 hrs of philosophy course work (exclusive of 150 and 151) or permission of instructor.

Exclusion or limiting clause:

Repeatable to a maximum of _____ credit hours.

Cross-listed with:

Grade Option (Please check): Letter SU Progress What course is last in the series? _____

Honors Statement: Yes No

GEC: Yes No

Admission Condition

Off-Campus: Yes No

EM: Yes No

Course: Yes No

Embedded Honors Statement: Yes No

Service Learning Course*: Yes No *To learn more about this option, please visit

<http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/currofc/>

Other General Course Information:

(e.g. "Taught in English." "Credit does not count toward BSBA degree.")

B. General Information

Subject Code 380101 Subsidy Level (V, G, T, B, M, D, or P) B

If you have questions, please email Jed Dickhaut at dickhaut.1@osu.edu.

1. Provide the rationale for proposing this course:

In recent decades philosophers have become increasingly interested in a range of questions concerning the theoretical foundations and philosophical implications of research in biology. This course is designed to acquaint the student with a representative sample of such philosophical concerns. It will begin with an overview of standard approaches in evolutionary theory. It will proceed to discuss a series of general issues concerning adaptationism, the units of selection, and the nature of genes and species. Then it will consider

the bearing of evolutionary theory on questions about the nature of human mind and behavior. Finally, it will examine the longstanding debate between evolutionism and creationism.

2. Please list Majors/Minors affected by the creation of this new course. Attach revisions of all affected programs. This course is (check one): Required on major(s)/minor(s) A choice on major(s)/minors(s)
 An elective within major(s)/minor(s) A general elective:

3. Indicate the nature of the program adjustments, new funding, and/or withdrawals that make possible the implementation of this new course.
The Philosophy Department has recently hired several new faculty members with research and teaching interests in this area. Consequently, we do not foresee any need for substantial program adjustments to accommodate this new course.

4. Is the approval of this request contingent upon the approval of other course requests or curricular requests?
Yes No List:

5. If this course is part of a sequence, list the number of the other course(s) in the sequence: _____

6. Expected section size: 25-35 Proposed number of sections per year: 1

7. Do you want prerequisites enforced electronically (see OAA manual for what can be enforced)? Yes No

8. This course has been discussed with and has the concurrence of the following academic units needing this course or with academic units having directly related interests (List units and attach letters and/or forms):
Not Applicable

Biology Department (letter of concurrence requested) contacted 11/16; Comp. Studies

9. Attach a course syllabus that includes a topical outline of the course, student learning outcomes and/or course objectives, off-campus field experience, methods of evaluation, and other items as stated in the OAA curriculum manual and e-mail to asccurrofc@osu.edu.

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Approval Process The signatures on the lines in ALL CAPS (e.g. ACADEMIC UNIT) are required.

1. Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair	Tamar Rudavsky Printed Name	Date
2. Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair	Ben Caplan Printed Name	Date
3. ACADEMIC UNIT CHAIR/DIRECTOR	Donald Hubin Printed Name	1/17/08 Date
4. After the Academic Unit Chair/Director signs the request, forward the form to the ASC Curriculum Office, 4132 Smith Lab, 174 West 18 th Ave. or fax it to 688-5678. Attach the syllabus and any supporting documentation in an e-mail to asccurrofc@osu.edu . The ASC Curriculum Office will forward the request to the appropriate committee.		
5. COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE	Printed Name	Date
6. ARTS AND SCIENCES EXECUTIVE DEAN	Printed Name	Date
7. Graduate School (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
8. University Honors Center (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
9. Office of International Education (if appropriate)	Printed Name	Date
10. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	Printed Name	Date