

ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

Courses with this designation are designed to encourage students to articulate and evaluate core assumptions and the paradigms through which knowledge is acquired and assessed. Such courses engage in a critical analysis of fundamental beliefs, cultural practices, and competing truth claims with the aim to appreciate and negotiate ambiguity and to develop greater self-knowledge and wisdom as evidenced in the ability for meaningful dialogue, and awareness of social responsibility and understanding. While this mode of inquiry strongly emphasizes an assessment of cognitive systems and symbols, such courses also explore the metaphors, cultural language, and normative assumptions present in core questions, which culminate in examined insights into our actions and ways of belonging in communities, whether secular or religious. Ultimate Questions courses are designated UQ in this catalog and each semester's registration materials.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

In courses with UQ designation, students will learn and demonstrate growth from among the following:

1. Identify and analyze or evaluate core assumptions and paradigms through which knowledge and/or values are acquired and assessed.
2. Examine and analyze the ambiguities and tensions inherent in competing truth claims, fundamental beliefs, and/or cultural practices.
3. Demonstrate greater self-knowledge and awareness of social responsibility through engaged self-reflection.
4. Articulate and engage core questions that lead to examined insights into our actions and ways of belonging in communities.

Recognizing that other modes of inquiry engage many of these issues, in an Ultimate Questions course, these topics and method lie at the center of the inquiry rather than arising as implications drawn from work in other modes of inquiry.

All courses with UQ designation address the first learning outcome. In addition, they address at least one of the remaining three.

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 255	COMMUNICATION: INTERACTION AND ADVOCACY	4
COMM 455	RHETORICAL THEORY AND CRITICISM	4
ECON 461	HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT	4
ENGL 304	LITERATURE AND LANDSCAPE	4
ENGL 305	DIVERSE VOICES IN LITERARY EXPRESSION	4
ENGL 311	LEADERSHIP, ETHICS, AND PERSUASION	4
ENGL 380	ULTIMATE QUESTIONS IN LITERATURE	4
ENVS 309	RELIGION AND NATURE (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 306)	4
GENS 342	WOMEN IN RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 342)	4
HHPA 361	SCIENCE: A CANDLE IN THE DARK	3
HIST 310	HISTORY OF RELIGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 310)	4
HIST 330	HISTORY OF RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 330)	4
IDST 320	HISTORY OF WESTERN THOUGHT I	3
IDST 321	HISTORY OF WESTERN THOUGHT II	3
JAMS 335	MEDIA ETHICS	4

LEAD 311	LEADERSHIP, ETHICS, AND PERSUASION	4
NURS 362	PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING	3
PHIL 150	FUNDAMENTALS OF PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 160	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 160)	4
PHIL 180	MORAL PROBLEMS	4
PHIL 185	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE	4
PHIL 210	SPORT, PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIETY (ALSO LISTED AS SOAN 210)	4
PHIL 215	BIOETHICS	4
PHIL 220	DINOSAUR PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 230	ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 245	AESTHETICS	4
PHIL 270	PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION	4
PHIL 280	PHILOSOPHY & LITERATURE	4
PHIL 306	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS	4
PHIL 320	ETHICAL THEORY	4
PHIL 350	MODERN PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 360	PHILOSOPHY OF LAW	4
PHIL 365	SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 370	20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 375	COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY: ASIAN THOUGHT	4
PHIL 380	EXISTENTIALISM	4
PHIL 430	TOPICS IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 460	AMERICAN PHILOSOPHY	4
PHIL 470	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND	4
POLS 220	GREAT POLITICAL THINKERS	4
POLS 310	AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT	4
POLS 311	LEADERSHIP, ETHICS, AND PERSUASION	4
POLS 312	REBELS, THUGS, AND SKEPTICS: TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICAL THEORY	4
POLS 313	WHAT IS FREEDOM?	4
POLS 315	POLITICS AND RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS RELS 315)	4
POLS 320	LAW, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE	4
POLS 380	TOPICS IN POLITICAL THEORY	4
RELS 110	APPROACHES TO RELIGION	4
RELS 111	JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM	4
RELS 115	RELIGIOUS ETHICS	4
RELS 120	OLD TESTAMENT	4
RELS 130	NEW TESTAMENT	4
RELS 140	THE HOLY QUR'AN	4
RELS 160	PHILOSOPHY EAST & WEST (ALSO LISTED AS PHIL 160)	4
RELS 218	BUDDHISM	4
RELS 220	CHRISTIANITY	4
RELS 230	RELIGIOUS THINKERS	4
RELS 306	RELIGION AND NATURE (ALSO LISTED AS ENVS 309)	4
RELS 309	OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS	4
RELS 310	HISTORY OF RELIGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST (ALSO LISTED AS HIST 310)	4

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RELS 315	POLITICS AND RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS POLS 315)	4
RELS 320	PILGRIMAGES: SACRED JOURNEYS	4
RELS 325	FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION	4
RELS 330	HISTORY OF RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES (ALSO LISTED AS HIST 330)	4
RELS 342	WOMEN IN RELIGION (ALSO LISTED AS GENS 342)	4
RELS 360	DEAD SEA SCROLLS	4
RELS 373	BUDDHIST LITERATURE	4
SOAN 210	SPORT, PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIETY (ALSO LISTED AS PHIL 210)	4
SOAN 221	RELIGION, SOCIETY AND CULTURE	4