

Fall 2026 – Winter 2027 Contract Instructor Opportunities, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Posting Information

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| Posting Date | May 1, 2026 |
| Application Deadline | June 1, 2026 |
| Application Page | FASS Contract Instructor Application Link |
| Posting Type (Regular/Late) | Regular |

Contract Instructor Salaries for Fall 2026 and Winter 2027 Courses:

- Half Credit Course: \$9,255
- Full Credit Course: \$18,508

Course Information

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 1000 |
| Course Title | Introductory Philosophy: Fields, Figures and Problems |
| Course Description | <p>This course introduces major branches of philosophy (such as epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, and aesthetics) through central problems characteristic of each field (e.g., knowledge of the external world, free will and determinism, the possibility of objective morality, the nature of social justice). Students examine influential responses from both historical and contemporary philosophers. While figures and texts are introduced, the course is not primarily historical; rather than merely surveying positions, it emphasizes understanding and critically evaluating arguments, including assessing their strengths and weaknesses. Students are encouraged to develop their own considered views on the questions studied.</p> |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |

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| Anticipated Modality | Online |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 (Section A) and Winter 2027 (Section B) |
| Course Code | PHIL 1200 |
| Course Title | The Meaning of Life |
| Course Description | An introduction to concerns expressed by the perennial philosophical question, "What is the meaning of life?" Students will be familiarized with the major philosophical approaches to life's meaning through a consideration of various contemporary and late modern works in the philosophy of life. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person for Fall; Online for Winter |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 |
| Course Code | PHIL 1301 |
| Course Title | Mind, World and Knowledge |
| Course Description | Introduction to a variety of philosophical works, including contemporary, on such topics as: the nature of being, the mental, the external, consciousness, perception, experience, meaning, truth, the nature of knowledge, scientific understanding, and how language and thought represent the world. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |

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| Anticipated Modality | Online |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy; specialization in epistemology, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, or cognitive science preferred. |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 |
| Course Code | PHIL 1610 |
| Course Title | Great Philosophical Ideas, Part 1 |
| Course Description | Major figures and developments in philosophy from the early Greeks to the year 1400. Descriptive and comparative approach, providing an understanding of the place of philosophers in the history of thought. Appreciation of critical reasoning is included for comprehending philosophical developments. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 125 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 1 TA at 130 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 |
| Course Code | PHIL 1700 |
| Course Title | Philosophy of Love and Sex |
| Course Description | A survey of philosophical classics, on themes of romantic love, self-love, altruistic love, sexuality, eroticism and the passion/reason dichotomy, from Plato's Symposium to Foucault's History of Sexuality; and an examination of related contemporary issues in light of these perspectives. |

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| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | Online |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 (Section A) and Winter 2027 (Section B) |
| Course Code | PHIL 2001 |
| Course Title | Introduction to Logic |
| Course Description | An introduction to the techniques and philosophical implications of formal logic with emphasis on translation of expressions into symbolic form, testing for logical correctness, the formulation and application of rules of inference, and the relation between logic and language. Open to first-year students. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person for Fall; Online for Winter |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 325 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 5 TAs at 130 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy with demonstrated competence in symbolic logic. |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 (Section A) and Winter 2027 (Section B) |
| Course Code | PHIL 2003 |
| Course Title | Critical Thinking |
| Course Description | This course introduces students to basic principles of informal and formal reasoning. The main objective of the course is to enhance students' capacity for critical thought in everyday life as well as in more |

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| | <p>specialized contexts. Distinct from PHIL 2001 <i>Introduction to Logic</i>, this course makes only minimal reference to symbolic logic. Students practice analyzing real-world arguments, spotting common errors, and expressing their own reasons in a clear, coherent, and persuasive way. Topics explored in the course typically include: the nature and identification of arguments as reasons for belief; logical strength in deductive, inductive, and abductive arguments; common informal and formal argumentative fallacies; the method of counterexamples and other strategies for assessing the truth of argument premises; core insights from the probability calculus for estimating likelihoods; dealing with expert disagreement; and the special concerns of thinking critically about moral matters. Open to first-year students.</p> |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | Online for Fall; In-Person for Winter |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2106 |
| Course Title | Information Ethics |
| Course Description | <p>An exploration of ethical issues that arise in the Age of Information. Topics to be discussed may include technology, surveillance and privacy, social media and privacy, social media and cognitive bias, bias in algorithms, AI ethics, intellectual property, and freedom of expression and assembly. This philosophy course is required in Carleton's Bachelor of Data Science.</p> |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |

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| Anticipated Modality | In-Person |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 125 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 1 TA at 130 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy or Applied Ethics. Demonstrated competence in Information Science, Data Science, or a related field preferred. |

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2340 |
| Course Title | Philosophy and Pop Culture |
| Course Description | Philosophy is all around us, it permeates culture. This course explores philosophical questions through the lens of popular culture. The material used may include films, shows, music, novels, video games, advertising, comic books, and so on. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | Online |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy |

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2380 |
| Course Title | Introduction to Environmental Ethics |
| Course Description | Major questions in environmental ethics: How should human beings view their relationship to the rest of nature? Is responsible stewardship of the environment compatible with current technology? Must future generations be protected? Do animals, other life forms, endangered species, ecosystems and/or the biosphere have value/rights? |

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| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 125 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 1 TA at 130 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy or Applied ethics; specialization in environmental ethics, environmental philosophy, or related areas preferred. |

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| Academic Term | Fall 2026 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2408 |
| Course Title | Bioethics |
| Course Description | Ethical and political issues in medicine, public health, biotechnology, and the life sciences. Topics may include reproductive ethics, research on human subjects, animal research and treatment, justice and health care, physician-patient relationships, death and the end of life, and genetic engineering. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 125 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 1 TA at 130 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy or Applied Ethics; specialization in bioethics preferred. |

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2504 |
| Course Title | Language and Communication |
| Course Description | Some of the central topics in the study of language and communication as pursued by linguists and philosophers. The nature of meaning; the connections between language, communication and cognition; language as a |

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| | social activity. Cross-listed with Linguistics and in Communications. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | Online |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 250 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 2 TAs at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy; or MA in Linguistics or Cognitive Science with significant training in philosophy. |

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| Academic Term | Winter 2027 |
| Course Code | PHIL 2550 |
| Course Title | Moral Psychology |
| Course Description | An examination of psychological underpinnings of morality, focusing on studies at the intersection of philosophy, psychiatry, and psychology. |
| Course Credit Value | 0.5 credit |
| Anticipated Modality | In-Person |
| Anticipated Course Enrolment | 150 |
| Anticipated TA Support | 1 TA at 130 hours, and 1 TA at 65 hours* |
| Required qualifications | MA Degree in Philosophy; specialization in moral philosophy or philosophy of mind preferred. Background in psychology or cognitive science is an asset. |

****Please note that anticipated TA support is based on anticipated enrollment and may change based on actual enrollment in a course.***

Note to Applicants: As per Articles 16.3 and 16.4 of the CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) Collective Agreement, the posted vacancies listed above are first offered to applicants who meet the incumbency criterion. The current CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) Collective Agreement can be found on Carleton University's Academic Staff Agreements webpage.

As per Article 15.4 of the CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) Collective Agreement, all applicants must apply in writing as specified in the posting and in relation to each course for which they wish to be considered. All

applications must include an up-to-date CV, including a complete listing of all courses taught within the CUPE 4600 (Unit 2) bargaining unit at Carleton University. Applicants shall not be required to submit more than one (1) CV for each department. Other required documents must be relevant to judge qualifications and should not require applicants to provide details as to how they would shape or teach the course. In their applications, Contract Instructors shall indicate all courses for which they wish to be considered. When applying to classes for which they have incumbency, applicants shall not be required to (re)submit documentation beyond their updated CV.

The following course(s) have been assigned to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, or visiting scholars. These courses are not open for applications, but the department will contact the most senior incumbent to review their rights under Article 17.6 of the CUPE 4600-2 Collective Agreement:

- **PHIL 1550: Intro to Ethics & Social Issues (Graduate Student); Fall and Winter**

Carleton University is committed to employment equity and fostering a culture of inclusion. We encourage applications from individuals who would contribute to the diversity of our campus, including women, visible minorities, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Applicants requiring accommodations at any stage of the recruitment process are encouraged to contact the Unit Chair or Director to ensure appropriate arrangements can be made in a timely manner.