Organization Development (OD)

OD 497 Selected Topics (1-4)
Intensive study of topics in the field of Organization Development that are not currently included in the regular curriculum. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Does not fulfill requirements for M.A. degree, but is intended to provide supplemental learning opportunities for graduates as well as potential applicants. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: consent of instructor

OD 513 Facilitation and Training (3-4)
Theories of adult development, learning styles, and experience-based training. In-class practice in assessing needs, defining objectives, designing and planning training experiences, presentation methods and skills, and evaluating outcomes. Students apply emerging methods for managing meetings and facilitating groups for effective planning, problem-solving, and communication. Limited to students in the Organization Development Program.

OD 514 Organization and Team Development (3-4)
Contributions of systems theory and organization development practice for guiding constructive change and self-renewal in groups, organizations, and communities. Students integrate theory and practice of process-oriented leadership and consultation, in the context of a supervised field experience with an actual organization. Prerequisite: PSY 513.

OD 518A Advanced Intervention Methods in Organization Development (2)
Intensive workshops and short seminars on advanced topics and methods for guiding change such as: open systems planning, future search conference, dialogue, open space, participative redesign, conflict resolution, and strategic planning. Two semesters. Limited to students in the Organization Development program.

OD 518B Advanced Intervention Methods in Organization Development (2)
Intensive workshops and short seminars on advanced topics and methods for guiding change such as: open systems planning, future search conference, dialogue, open space, participative redesign, conflict resolution, and strategic planning. Two semesters. Limited to students in the Organization Development program.

OD 533A Group Dynamics in Organization Development (2-3)
Experiential and conceptual study of group and interpersonal interaction processes, with an emphasis on the unfolding dynamics within the class group itself. Interpersonal feedback in the service of personal and professional development. Developmental models of group behavior. Intervention and facilitation methods and skills. Limited to students in the Organization Development program. (Two semesters.)

OD 533B Group Dynamics in Organization Development (2-3)
Experiential and conceptual study of group and interpersonal interaction processes, with an emphasis on the unfolding dynamics within the class group itself. Interpersonal feedback in the service of personal and professional development. Developmental models of group behavior. Intervention and facilitation methods and skills. Limited to students in the Organization Development program. (Two semesters.)

OD 533C Group Dynamics in Organization Development (1-3)
Experiential and conceptual study of group and interpersonal interaction processes, with an emphasis on the unfolding dynamics within the class group itself. Interpersonal feedback in the service of personal and professional development. Developmental models of group behavior. Intervention and facilitation methods and skills. Limited to students in the Organization Development program. (Two semesters.)

OD 544A Qualitative Research in Organizations (1-3)
This course introduces the principles and techniques of qualitative research that are relevant for designing and carrying out research in organizations. Topics may include phenomenology, action research, social construction, grounded theory, and discourse analysis. The course goal is to facilitate the design, analysis, and reporting of research projects relevant to the practice of organization development. Open to students in the Organization Development Program only.

OD 544B Qualitative Research in Organizations (1-3)
This course introduces the principles and techniques of qualitative research that are relevant for designing and carrying out research in organizations. Topics may include phenomenology, action research, social construction, grounded theory, and discourse analysis. The course goal is to facilitate the design, analysis, and reporting of research projects relevant to the practice of organization development. Open to students in the Organization Development Program only.

OD 554 Organizational Systems Inquiry (3-4)
Study of human systems and organizations based on core and emerging theories and research. Emphasis on application of systemic perspectives for understanding the functioning and dynamics of organizations, including structure, culture, technology, leadership, environment, and change. Limited to students in the Organization Development Program.

OD 556 Socio-Technic Systems Redesign (2-4)
A seminar in the design or redesign of work organizations to increase productive effectiveness while enhancing the quality of the human work experience. Emphasis on the application of systems concepts and methods for understanding and jointly optimizing the social and technical aspects of work environments. Both classical and emerging models for addressing whole system change are considered. Prerequisite: PSY 554. Limited to students in the Organization Development Program.

OD 557 Human Systems Redesign (1-4)
The social construction of meaning in the context of interrelated human systems, including individuals, relationships, teams, families, organizations, communities, and the global society. This course considers analytical perspectives as well as their application to the practice of change facilitation and leadership. Open only to students in the Organization Development Program.

OD 572A Internship and Professional Practice in Organization Development (4)
Seminar in current and emerging topics related to professional practice as an internal consultant, external consultant, or change leader. Students carry out 180 hours of approved supervised field projects applying Organization Development concepts and methods with groups, organizations, or communities. Two semesters. Limited to students in the Organization Development program.
Philosophy (PHIL)

PHIL 101 Critical Thinking (4)
Critical thinking is the best defense against intellectual trickery and self-delusion. It provides specific techniques and tools whereby we can avoid basic fallacies in our own thinking and detect them in the thought of others. Reasoning is a highly complicated human activity and cannot be satisfactorily studied in an intellectual vacuum. Hence, in this course, critical and uncritical thought are contrasted in the context of the world of human interests and activities—social, political, and scientific. All of the basic “tricks” for persuading people to accept false premises and conclusions as true are systematically laid out and their detection practiced. Satisfies GE Area A3 (Critical Thinking).

PHIL 101A Critical Thinking (2)
Critical thinking is the best defense against intellectual trickery and self-delusion. It provides specific techniques and tools whereby we can avoid basic fallacies in our own thinking and detect them in the thought of others. Reasoning is a highly complicated human activity and cannot be satisfactorily studied in an intellectual vacuum. Hence, in this course, critical and uncritical thought are contrasted in the context of the world of human interests and activities—social, political, and scientific. All of the basic “tricks” for persuading people to accept false premises and conclusions as true are systematically laid out and their detection practiced. Satisfies GE Area A3 (Critical Thinking).

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PHIL 102 Introduction to Logic (4)
An introduction to the nature of contemporary systems of logic and their application. Students will learn how to abbreviate arguments in ordinary language, to deduce conclusions, and to locate fallacies. Recommended for students of the sciences, computer programming or mathematics, and the general student interested in the structure of arguments. Satisfies GE Area A3 (Critical Thinking).

PHIL 120 Introduction to Philosophy (4)
This course provides an introduction to some of the enduring questions of thinking: What is the nature of knowledge, of morality, of justice, of the self, of religion, of the search for wisdom, of reality? Topics and approaches may vary from section to section. Consult the department office for current information. Satisfies GE Area C2.

PHIL 160A Humanities Learning Community (4)
PHIL 160 A/B is a year long course, which features weekly lectures and small seminars. It constitutes a Humanities Learning Community (HLC) for any first-year student. The learning objectives of the HLC will satisfy A3 (Critical Thinking) and C3 (Comparative Perspectives and/or Foreign Languages) GE Areas.