

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PHIL 408: Metaphysics

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Study of major issues of contemporary metaphysics. Cover topics such as substance and properties, identity and persistence, necessity and possibility, essence and essentialism, causation and determinism, and ontology. Course requires an oral presentation. Students should have taken at least two courses in philosophy or obtain the consent of the instructor.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 02/20/2001 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Critically evaluate positions in contemporary metaphysics.
2. Engage in original philosophical research on a major content area.
3. Engage in philosophical discussion.
4. Explain core ideas in contemporary metaphysics.
5. Make an oral presentation of research.
6. Read and understand philosophical texts on major content areas.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted