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Welcome to Purdue!

Philosophy, Artificial Intelligence, and the Meaning of Human Life – Hyemi Jun & Nesim Aslantatar

June 21-26, 2026

Sunday, June 21	
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Check-in *Meredith South Residence Hall*
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Say "see you soon" to families *Parents will depart after student is checked in and **before** program orientation.*
5:15pm – 5:45pm	Program Orientation for **Developing Tomorrow's Infrastructure, Atoms at Work, and Scrubs and Skills** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 6:15pm	Program Orientation for **Agricultural Science Research Institute, Discover Pharmacy, AI and You, Code Explorers, and Game On** *Meredith South Residence Hall – Multipurpose Room (off main lobby)*
5:45pm – 7:00pm	**After Orientation for Developing Tomorrow's Infrastructure, Atoms at Work, and Scrubs and Skills:** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Wiley Dining Court*
6:15pm – 7:00pm	**After Orientation for Agricultural Science Research Institute, Discover Pharmacy, AI and You, Code Explorers, and Game On:** Walk to dinner and eat with your peer mentor group *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm –10:00pm	Peer Mentor Group Activities/Free Time *Various Locations*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South Residence Hall – On your floor*

Monday, June 22	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors BRNG
8:30am – 9:00am	Welcome & Overview [Who am I? & What could we learn from this course?] BRNG
9:00am – 10:50 am	Introduction to general Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, and AI • Icebreaking • What is the Argument? (Argument vs. Fact) • What are the Critical Thinking Skills? • Why is Diversity of Thought Important to Seek the Truth? (Diversity Bonus) • When other students say something, what should we do? (Manner of Argument and Debate) • What is Philosophy in general? • Subfields of Philosophy and Important Questions (in Logic, Epistemology, Ethics, Metaphysics, Aesthetics) • What is the Philosophy of Mind? (The Mind-Body Problem) • Wha is the Artificial Intelligence? BRNG
10:00am – 10:50 am	AIs, understanding, and the nature of the mind • Introduction to John Searle' Chinese Room Argument

	• Introduction to Cartesian Dualism, Behaviorism, Functionalism, and Eliminative Materialism • The Functionalist's Dilemma (How to Solve the Problem of Internal States) • How to Learn Language as Humans vs. Machines • Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument on Mary's Room Reading: IEP's *The Chinese Room Argument (Introduction and Section 1)* BRNG
11:00am -11:30am	Group Discussion (1): What is the Relationship between Mind and Brain? Three Discussion Opening Questions BRNG
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Group Discussion (2): The Mind-Body Problems Three Discussion Opening Questions *PFEN 103*
1:40pm – 2:30pm	Group Activities (1): the thought experiment of the Korean/Turkish Room • Use the LLM models to make instructions written in English to perform fluent conversation in Korean/Turkish • Have Conversations Using Instructions with Native Speakers • Do you think you understand Korean/Turkish after these activities? *PFEN 103*
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Write a Short Essay: How to Learn Language - Human Species vs Machines - Find a new term you learned today and introduce it during group activities (2) *PFEN 103*
4:40pm – 5:00pm	Group Activities (2): Lesson Closing Activities - Write about 2 things they learned about Philosophy - Introduce One new learning and a lingering question *PFEN 103*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Board Games, Video Games and All Class Social – Peer Mentors *Meredith South Lobby and Glass Conference Room*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Tuesday, June 23	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*
8:30am – 11:30am	Movie Day: Personal Identity • Part 1) Watch Mickey 17: Thought Experiment for The Quantum Mars Teleporter Protocol Main Question for Group Discussion (1): If we copy a person using scanning, then who is the real person?

	• Part 2) Watch Severance - season 2 episode 10 "Cold Harbor": Thought Experiment for Memory and Identity Main Question for Group Discussion (2): If I split my brain into two parts and start having different memories, then who is the real "I"? • Part 3) Write a Short Essay about what makes you, as the continuation of "you," memory vs physical body vs psychological connection, and ready to share during the afternoon *BRNG*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Group Discussion (1): Sharing your Short Essay about personal identity, which you wrote in the morning *BRNG*
1:40pm – 2:30 pm	Introduction to the Philosophical Problem of Personal Identity • What is the Identity? • Is there a sharp boundary to determine Identities? • Buddhist View vs. Western View of Self Reading: Crash Course Philosophy #26: Artificial Intelligence and Personhood *BRNG*
2:40pm – 3:30pm	Group Discussion (2): Overview of Two Thought Experiments, which we cover during the morning section. (1) Thought Experiment for The Quantum Mars Teleporter Protocol (2) Thought Experiment for Memory and Identity *BRNG*
3:40pm – 4:30pm	Group Discussion (3) The Problems of Personal Identities • Do you change your view of the certainty that makes you one continuous thing, compared with the morning section? : Tell what you think about personal identity, (2) share it with your group, and (3) find the best answer to the criteria for personal identity as a group. • Present your group's answers to other groups and write a short essay about what makes you *BRNG*
4:30pm – 5:00pm	• Group Activities (4): Lesson Closing Activities - Write about 2 things they learned about Philosophy - Introduce One new learning and a lingering question • Questions about the final Project *BRNG*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Outdoor Games and Co-Rec Time – Peer Mentors *Intramural Field 3 and Co-Rec*

9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Wednesday, June 24	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*
8:30am – 8:40am	Any Questions about our Course? *BRNG*
8:40am – 9:30am	Introduction to General Ethics and the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (1) • Introduction to General Ethics: 1) Virtue Ethics, 2) Deontology, 3) Utilitarianism, 4) Feminist Ethics, 5) Confucian Role Ethics *BRNG*
9:40am – 10:30am	Introduction to General Ethics and the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (2) • Introduction to the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence • Could AI take moral responsibility for its past choices? Reading: Crash Course Philosophy #26: *Artificial Intelligence and Personhood* *BRNG*
10:40am – 11:30am	Group Discussion: The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence *BRNG*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Group Activities: Make a Table to Compare Different Ethical Theories - Which is your favorite theory, which we covered during the morning section? Why? - Could you compare different ethical theories and show their strengths and limitations? *BRNG*
1:40pm – 3:00pm	Movie Day: Watch the animation *WALL-E* • Part 1) Why WALL-E could not recognize the plant even though he brought it into his home? : Recall Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument of Mary's Room • Part 2) What is the foundation of our knowledge? : Reason vs. Experience vs. Consensus between Exports • Part 3) When EVE loses her memory and exchanges her parts, is EVE the same as the past? : Recall Personal Identity Problem • Part 4) Raises Ethical Issues about AI, which we will use for the short essay section
3:50pm – 4:20pm	Write a Short Essay on General Ethics and the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence from the animation *WALL-E*
4:30pm – 5:00pm	• Group Activities (4): Lesson Closing Activities - Write about 2 things they learned about Philosophy

	- Introduce One new learning and a lingering question • Questions about the final Project *BRNG*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Movie Night and Crafts – Peer Mentors *Meredith South Lobby and Glass Conference Room*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor*

Thursday, June 25	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court*
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
8:30am – 8:40am	Any Questions about our Course? *PFEN 103*
8:40am – 9:30am	Problem of Evil and Arguments for God's Existence in Philosophy • What is the Problem of evil? • What is the concept of the Western Version of God? • What is the New Problem of Evil and AI? Reading Nesim Aslantatar, 'A New Problem of Evil? *PFEN 103*
9:40am – 10:30am	• Group Activities: Make an Argument to prove the existence of God or the non-existence of God : Recall the concept of argument in philosophy, which we covered on the first day. • Review four ways to prove the existence of the Western version of God and see the Limitations: 1) The Cosmological Argument: "What created the materials that started the Big Bang?" 2) The Teleological Argument: "Who designed this complex world?" 3) The Ontological Argument: What is the Concept of God? 4) Pascal's Wager about God *PFEN 103*
10:40am – 11:20am	• Activity: *Moral Machine* • Group Discussions : Who do you need to save first, and who can be sacrificed to save others? *PFEN 103*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *PFEN 103*
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Present Your Presentation Topic

	: What is your most interesting question during this course? *PFEN 103*
1:40pm – 3:50pm	Discuss Final Projects (Presentations) : You are welcome to use the computer for your personal research and ask for some help. *PFEN 103*
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Choose the Order of Tomorrow's Presentation and Match who will do the introductory part of the Peer Comments.
4:30pm – 5:00pm	• Group Activities (4): Lesson Closing Activities - Write about 2 things they learned about Philosophy - Introduce One new learning and a lingering question • Questions about the final Project *BRNG*
5:00pm – 5:10pm	Walk to Dinner – Peer Mentors
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Dinner & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Fountain Runs – Peer Mentors *Start at Loeb Fountain*
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Course Work / Free Time / Check-in for curfew by 9:30 pm *Meredith South – On your floor* ***Plan to use a portion of this time to begin to pack your belongings.

Friday, June 26	
7:00am – 8:15am	Breakfast *Wiley Dining Court* ***Plan to use a portion of this time to check out of the residence hall and place your luggage in the **Meredith South Multipurpose Room** for storage while you finish sessions throughout the morning and afternoon. (The Meredith South Multipurpose Room is where you had orientation on Sunday evening.) **You will turn in your room key to Conference Services staff at this time.** **You will check out with Office of Summer and Winter Sessions staff before leaving campus.**
8:15am – 8:30am	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*
8:30am – 8:40am	Any Questions about our Course? *BRNG*
8:40am – 9:00am	Discuss Final Projects (Presentations) : Feel free to enjoy the last chance to practice your presentation. *BRNG*
9:10am – 11:30am	Presentations + Peer Comments *BRNG*
11:30am – 11:45am	Walk to Lunch – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
11:45am – 12:45pm	Lunch & Break – Peer Mentors *Wiley Dining Court*
12:45pm – 1:00pm	Walk to Class – Peer Mentors *BRNG*

1:00pm – 2:20pm	Presentations + Peer Comments *BRNG*
2:30pm – 3:00 pm	Write a short essay • 1) write your main question of the presentation, 2) summarize your presentation, 3) explain what the peer comments on your presentation, and 4) what your response to criticism is. *BRNG*
3:00pm – 3:10pm	Walk to Check out– Peer Mentors
After 3:00pm	*** Retrieve belongings from luggage storage (**Meredith South Multipurpose Room**), check out with Office of Summer and Winter Sessions staff, and depart campus no later than 5:00pm