

DMACC Philosophy Discipline

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Philosophy has been a small but important discipline at DMACC. President Borgen originally hired Curt Wiberg to be an assistant to the president. Around 1980, Wiberg decided to move into teaching and became the first full-time philosophy teacher at DMACC. He continued as such until 1992. David Hauser was then hired by Dean Burgess Shriver to replace Wiberg and was the sole, full-time philosophy teacher at DMACC district-wide until his retirement in May of 2013. Jason Hill was hired under Dean Jim Stick to follow Hauser. Hill became the Program Chair of Philosophy and Religion in the spring semester of 2019.

The philosophy courses which were offered in the DMACC system from 1992 until 2013 were Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Logic, and World Religions. Hauser taught each of these four classes every semester. The most recent course to be added to the curriculum was Intro to the Bible. Another new course that is being planned is on religion in America. Intro to Philosophy, Intro to Ethics, and Intro to Logic now have course offerings online.

Adjuncts played an important role in the philosophy discipline. Most of the sections of Intro to Philosophy, Intro to Ethics, and World Religions on each of the DMACC campuses where they were offered were taught by adjunct instructors. Most of the philosophy classes on the Ankeny Campus have been taught in Buildings 2 and 4.