HON370: History of Ideas: Mutual Obligations—Dr. Popova
The History of Ideas is an advanced, interdisciplinary survey of key social and intellectual currents in the development of humanity as reflected in both philosophical and creative works, with an emphasis on critical thinking and discussion as well as argumentative writing. In this section of the class we will focus on the obligations we have to others in society by discussing texts from all over the world from ancient to modern times. Some questions we will ask are: How do we know what others need? How can we best help those who need help? When is it best not to intervene? What keeps us from acting when we should?

HON370: History of Ideas: Crime and Punishment—Dr. Stanford
The History of Ideas is an advanced, intensive survey of key social and intellectual currents in the development of humanity as reflected in both philosophical and creative works, with an emphasis on critical thinking and discussion as well as argumentative writing. This section of the course will examine ideas about crime and punishment from ancient times to the present. Readings will consist of religious scriptures, secular statutes, legal cases, and literary works. Through all of these texts, we will pursue a recurring set of questions—What makes something a crime? How do different religious beliefs, or theories of government, yield different definitions of the concept? What forces—social, psychological, moral—turn a person into a criminal? And assuming that it is necessary to punish lawbreakers, exactly what form should that punishment take?

HON370: History of Ideas: Humans in the Cosmos—Dr. Foy
The History of Ideas is an advanced, intensive survey of key social and intellectual currents in the development of humanity as reflected in both philosophical and creative works, with an emphasis on critical thinking and discussion as well as argumentative writing. In this section of the class, we will ask what is a human being’s place in the cosmos? What is a human being’s place in her or his community of fellow human beings? In this three-credit upper division honors seminar, students will explore historical and modern notions of how the individual negotiates the difficult demands of his or her community and tries to make sense of the large and seemingly indifferent universe in which our species finds itself. In our readings, assignments, and discussions, we will engage with a range of primary sources, including religious texts, works of literature, art, music, and selections from political and scientific theories about human and nature.

HON370: History of Ideas: The Human Search for Meaning—Dr. deLuse
This course is an advanced and intensive survey of key social and intellectual currents in the development of humanity as reflected in both philosophical and creative works with an emphasis on critical thinking and discussion, as well as argumentative writing. This interdisciplinary seminar uses primary texts that reflect the human search for meaning from ancient through contemporary time periods. Themes explored include ways of knowing, identity, governing, love, loss, and longing.

HON370: History of Ideas: Power, Justice, and Equality—Dr. King
This course is an advanced and intensive survey of key social and intellectual currents in the development of humanity as reflected in both philosophical and creative works with an emphasis on critical thinking and discussion, as well as argumentative writing. This course will focus on an analysis of power across philosophical and literary works. What is “power”? What is justice? What is equality? What kinds of power work to shape our world and how? How does power produce and complicate notions of justice and equality? What modes of resistance are available to those seeking justice and equality?