This course as given in Spring 2023 is an “advanced” introduction to comparative philosophy as a general way of doing philosophy through cross-tradition engagement toward world philosophy. It inquiries into how distinct approaches/resources from different philosophical traditions (distinguished culturally or by style/orientation) can talk to and learn from each other and make joint contributions to the development of philosophy on a range of jointly concerned issues.

This course consists of two parts: (1) “theory” part: to examine some closely related fundamental theoretic and methodological issues on how cross-tradition engagement in philosophy is possible. (2) “practice” part: to analyze several representative sample cases of cross-tradition engagement of distinct approaches from some major philosophical traditions on some jointly concerned issues.

Prerequisite: 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.

Texts: