

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: The History of Philosophy

Course Number: PHIL 100

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer)

Total Hours: 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Humanities

Department Head: P. Best

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable): N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the entire field of philosophy covering the essential features of various schools of philosophical thinking and their main proponents, from the early Greeks, the beginnings of Christianity, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment and Romanticism to the 19th and 20th centuries. A number of questions will be examined from their historical roots including: What is the soul? How is the mind and body connected? What is reality and how can we comprehend it? What is being? Does language provide us with the tools to know everything? What is the perfect political system? Is there a God? How should we live? How should we think?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Recognize, appreciate, and draw comparisons between well-known philosophers and their ideas.
- Analyze, evaluate, and rationally defend claims made about the human condition.
- Identify and describe the changes in thought that occurred throughout history.
- Appreciate the balance of open-mindedness and skepticism that exists in philosophy.
- Use critical thinking skills when evaluating abstract arguments made in everyday life.

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Specify passing grade: 50%

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 15% <i>In Class Essay Practice 5%</i> <i>In Class Essay Real 10%</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Actively engaged in discussion and completion of reflections</i>	Project: 10% Anything but an essay 'project'
Quizzes/Test: 20% <i>Two Unit Quizzes (10% each)</i>	Midterm Exam: 20%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: %

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

No textbook is required for this course. All articles and texts will be provided online via MyCC by your instructor. These readings are **mandatory** for each week's lectures.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction; Syllabus overview & Pre-Socratic Philosophy
Week 2	Meta-Philosophy and Good Arguments; Socrates and Diamond
Week 3	Metaphysics and the World: Descartes and Aristotle
Week 4	Value Theory as a Pre-Cursor to Ethics and Autonomy: Plato, Camus and Williams
Week 5	Ethics: Mills, Kant, Aristotle & Gilligan
Week 6	Topics in Applied Ethics 1: Environmental Ethics
Week 7	Topics in Applied Ethics 2: Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Midterm Exam
Week 8	On the Existence of God: Hume, Freud, Spinoza
Week 9	Free-Will and Determinism: Darwin, Leibniz and James
Week 10	Political Philosophy: Locke, Hobbes and Rousseau
Week 11	Personal Identity: Locke, Schechtman, Darrow
Week 12	Feminist Philosophy: Frye, De Beauvoir, Nussbaum and Young
Week 13	Review for Final Exam
Week 14	Final Exam

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca

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