

Introduction to Philosophy

Syllabus Outline

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to fundamental questions, themes, and methods in philosophy. Students will explore key topics in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and political philosophy while engaging with works from classic and contemporary philosophers.

Learning Objectives

- Understand foundational philosophical concepts and questions.
- Critically analyze philosophical texts and arguments.
- Develop clear and precise philosophical writing skills.
- Formulate and defend personal philosophical positions.

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1. **Introduction to Philosophy**
 - What is Philosophy?
 - Branches of Philosophy
2. **Logic & Critical Thinking**
 - Arguments & Reasoning
3. **Metaphysics**
 - Reality, Free Will, and Identity
4. **Epistemology**
 - Knowledge and Belief
5. **Ethics**
 - Moral Theories
 - Applied Ethics
6. **Political Philosophy**
 - Justice and Rights
7. **Philosophy of Mind**
 - Consciousness
8. **Contemporary Issues**
 - Philosophy in the Modern World

Required Readings

- Primary readings from Plato, Descartes, Kant, Mill, and others (provided in class)
- Supplementary articles (available online)

Assessment

Assignment	Weight
Participation & Attendance	10%
Short Essays	40%
Midterm Exam	20%

Course Policies

- Attend and participate in all classes.
- Submit assignments on time.
- Practice academic integrity.