

## Master Syllabus

### PHI 2205 - Introduction to Philosophy

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** Philosophy

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Date Revised:** June 2014

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### Course Description:

Basic nature of philosophy, its relationship to physical and social sciences and theology and its value to the individual.

### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Oral Communication Competency
- ▣ Written Communication Competency
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ▣ Computer Literacy Competency
- ▣ Information Literacy Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Written (re)presentation, reflection & response

Demonstrate an understanding of how to examine questions and issues from diverse perspectives. Develop the ability to (re)present complex philosophical ideas, theories, and perspectives fairly, objectively, and critically.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

#### Connect concepts of philosophy to issues

Demonstrate increased awareness and understanding of complex issues and complex philosophic texts. Demonstrate exposure to and knowledge of different approaches to distinct philosophical problems. Demonstrate the ability to draw links or associations between various arguments and philosophical sources and resources.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

#### History of philosophy and relation to other disciplines

Demonstrate exposure to and knowledge of main views and issues addressed by major figures from the history of philosophy. Read and understand historically influential primary source philosophical texts. Recognize diverse methods and subject areas of philosophy.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

### Outline:

The Nature of Philosophy as a Science  
The Relation Between Philosophy and the Physical and Social Sciences  
The Relation Between Philosophy and Theology  
Platonic Philosophy as Typical of the Meaningfulness and Value of Philosophy  
The Platonic Dialogues and Their Significance  
The Dialogues Euthphro, Apology and Crito  
The Dialogue The Phaedo  
Plato's First Proof for the Immortality of the Human Soul  
Plato's Second Proof for the Immortality of the Human Soul  
Plato's Third Proof for the Immortality of the Human Soul  
Plato's Fourth Proof for the Immortality of the Human Soul