

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

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

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