

JEFFERSON COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

PHL102H

HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

3 Credit Hours

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PHL102H Honors Introduction to Philosophy

I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

- A. Prerequisite
 - 1. Honors program admission
 - 2. Reading proficiency
- B. 3 semester hours credit
- C. Honors Introduction to Philosophy is a historical survey of major Western thinkers beginning with the Ancient Greeks. The course looks at timeless questions concerning truth, beauty, reality, justice, logic, ethics, and the existence of God. This course will partially fulfill the humanities requirement for the Associate of Arts degree and the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree. (S)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/CORRESPONDING ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Expected Learning Outcomes	Assessment Measures
Describe the factors that gave birth to the rise of philosophy in the western tradition	Essay examinations Classroom discussions Student presentations
Recognize key figures in the history of philosophy and state the ideas for which they are most famous	Essay examinations Classroom discussions Student presentations
Explain classic philosophical issues and evaluate competing solutions to those problems	Essay examinations Classroom discussions Student presentations
Evaluate one's own responses to classic philosophical issues	Position papers Classroom discussions

III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS

- A. The Ancient Period
 - 1. Classical Greek history
 - 2. The Pre-Socratics
 - 3. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
- B. The Medieval Period
 - 1. The Medieval context
 - 2. St. Anselm
 - 3. St. Thomas Aquinas

- C. The Modern Period
 - 1. René Descartes
 - 2. The Rationalists and the Empiricists

- D. The Contemporary Period
 - 1. Pragmatism
 - 2. Existentialism
 - 3. Ludwig Wittgenstein

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. Lectures
- B. Class discussions
- C. Video presentations
- D. Reading of required texts
- E. Short paper writing

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Open Educational Resource (OER) course texts and materials available through Blackboard

VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS

Computer with internet access

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

- A. Library collection
- B. Writing center
- C. Internet access

VIII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Essay examinations
- B. Classroom presentations

- C. Position papers
- D. Classroom participation

IX. ADA AA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (TC 101; phone 636-481-3169).

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see college website, <http://www.jeffco.edu>).

XI. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students. Any one of these four options may result in the student being removed from the class and an administrative withdrawal being processed: (1) Student fails to begin class; (2) Student ceases participation for at least two consecutive weeks; (3) Student misses 15 percent or more of the coursework; and/or (4) Student misses 15 percent or more of the course as defined by the instructor. Students earn their financial aid by regularly attending and actively participating in their coursework. If a student does not actively participate, he/she may have to return financial aid funds. Consult the College Catalog or a Student Financial Services representative for more details.

XII. OUTSIDE OF CLASS ACADEMICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Department of Education mandates that students be made aware of expectations regarding coursework to be completed outside the classroom. Students are expected to spend substantial time outside of class meetings engaging in academically related activities such as reading, studying, and completing assignments. Specifically, time spent on academically related activities outside of class combined with time spent in class meetings is expected to be a minimum of 37.5 hours over the duration of the term for each credit hour.