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2019 Summer Program

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Course Outline

Term: June 3 – June 28, 2019

Class Hours: 08:00-09:50AM (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: PHIL 101

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions.

Course Description:

This course will survey the history of philosophy from Plato to Heidegger by means of central categories in our understanding of the world. Lectures and discussion will be supplemented by exercises in philosophical speculation.

Required Textbooks:

Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources, 2nd ed. Roger Ariew and Eric Watkins (Hackett)

Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: Thales through Aristotle ed. Cohen

Augustine, The Confessions trans. Chadwick (Oxford)



Course Requirements:

Final Grade Percentages

- Class Participation 20%: regular attendance and participation is requested.
- 2 Reaction Papers (20% each): you will be asked to write two reaction papers (4 pages) on key readings throughout the course. Reaction papers summarize the article or primary source assigned, identify the main arguments made by authors and briefly discuss them.
- Midterm 20%
- Final Exam 30%: overall evaluation at end of semester

Grading:

Midterm 20%

Final 20%

Essay One 20%

Essay Two 20%

Attendance 20%

A note on participation. This is a lecture course, but students are expected to follow the lectures closely and be prepared to answer occasional questions asked in class by the professor. Students will be expected to participate fully in the discussion sections led by the teaching assistant.

Grading Policy

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



Course Schedule:

Week 1: using ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

Tuesday:

Introduction Pre-Socratics: Thales, Heraclitus, Democritus (AGP, pp. 10-17, 29-40, 80-85)

Wednesday

Plato, Republic, the Allegory of the Cave, Book VII (AGP, pp. 542-568)

Socrates as “torpedo-fish” **Meno** (AGP, pp241-267)

Plato, Phaedo (AGP, pp 267-320)

Thursday

Aristotle, Categories, (AGP pp. 694-700 and **Metaphysics**, opening section pp 796-800)

Augustine, Confessions, Books I, II, and VIII, IX

First Paper Assigned: Describe a MANGO through the philosophical approaches of: Thales. Heraclitus. Democritus. Plato. Aristotle. Augustine.

Three pages, double spaces, Times New Roman, 12 point.

Due on Monday in class. MUST BE STAPLED

Friday: T.A. session (continued discussion of Confessions)

Week 2: from now on, MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Monday: PAPER 1 DUE

Montaigne, from “Apology for Raymond Sebond.” **Modern Philosophy**, 4-16, also “On Cannibals” and “Of Practice” (online)

Bacon, from “New Organon” 16-21

Tuesday

Descartes, from Discourse on Method (25-33) and Meditations on First Philosophy (40-47)

Wednesday

Pascal, Pensees, especially “The Wager” 106-110

Hobbes, from the “Leviathan” 114-136

Thursday

Spinoza, from “The Ethics” 144-196

Leibnitz, from Discourse on Metaphysics 224-247 and Primary Truths 265-268

Leibnitz, from A New System of Nature (269-274) and Monadology 275-283

Newton, Principai, “Scholium” “General Scholium” 284-293

Boyle, Of the Excellency and Grounds of the Corpuscular or Mechanical Philosophy (308-314)

Friday: T.A. STUDY SESSION for MIDTERM

Week 3:

Monday MIDTERM EXAM

Part One: Quote Identifications

Part Two: Essay



Tuesday

Locke, from Essay Concerning Human Understanding (316-421)

Wednesday

La Mettrie, Man, A Machine (on-line)

Rousseau, from Confessions (on-line)

Sade, from Philosophy in the Bedroom (on-line)

Essay Two Assigned: Using at least two philosophers we have studied, what is the philosophy of the Matrix?

Thursday

Screening: The Matrix.

Friday: Study Session with T.A., review

Week 4:

Monday

Berkeley, from Principles of Human Knowledge and On Motion

Hume, from Treatise on Human Nature and Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion

Tuesday

Kant, from Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics

Kant, Critique of Pure Reason

Wednesday

Hegel, Philosophy of History (printout)

Hegel from the Phenomenology (Master/Slave)

Nietzsche, from Genealogy of Morals (scan)

Thursday

Frankfurt School: Walter Benjamin

Friday:

Final Exam

Part One: Quote Identifications from ENTIRE COURSE

Part Two: Essay