PHIL-1301-001IN

Introduction to Philosophy

Summer 2022 Online

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Student hours and location: 100% Online

Required Textbook/Materials: All reading assignments are supplied by me in Blackboard: Students do not need to purchase a book for this class.

Course Description: A study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications.

Course requirements: There are three units in this class, structured as follows:

Unit 1

Student Introduction Post = 25 points
Discussion Board = 50 points
Applied Philosophy Paper = 100 points
Test = 175 points

Unit 2

Discussion Board = 50 points
Applied Philosophy Paper = 100 points
Test = 175 points

Unit 3

Discussion Board = 50 points

Applied Philosophy Paper = <u>100 points</u>
Test = <u>175 points</u>
<u>Total = 1000 possible points</u>

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:

Your grade will be based on the number of points you have earned divided by the total points available.

<u>Grade Scale</u>

A = 900 +

B = 800 - 899

C = 700 - 799

D = 600 - 699

F = 599 and below

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy: Late discussion posts are not accepted. All other assignments may be submitted late up until the last day of the semester as indicated in the syllabus for a 20% penalty. No extra credit is offered in this class.

Attendance Policy: students are expected to login on a regular basis (3 times per week is recommended) and submit assignments by the unit deadlines.

Communicating with your instructor: ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via Blackboard or other LMS)

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
Read, analyze, and critique philosophical texts.	Critical thinking skills	Discussions
Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, major arguments, problems,	Critical thinking skills	Exams

and terminology in philosophy		
Demonstrate critical thinking skills in evaluation and application of philosophical concepts to various aspects of life.	Critical thinking skills	Applied Philosophy Papers/Discussions
Evaluate the personal and social responsibilities of living in diverse world.	Personal responsibility	Applied Philosophy Papers/Discussions
Present logically persuasive arguments in writing.	Communication skills	Applied Philosophy Papers

Academic Dishonesty: (Describe your academic dishonesty policy and state consequences if it is violated)

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact [insert name and title of direct supervisor] at [phone number/email address].

Course Calendar/Due Dates

Topic	Readings & Assignments	Due Dates
Unit 1	Read Chapters 1-3 Unit 1 Test Unit 1 Discussion Board (5 posts + Student Introduction Post) Unit 1 Applied Philosophy Paper	**Opens on 6/6 Closes on 6/26 at 11:59 p.m.**
Unit 2	Read Chapters 4-6 Unit 2 Test Unit 2 Discussion Board (5 posts) Unit 2 Applied Philosophy Paper	**Opens on 6/27 and Closes on 7/17 at 11:59 p.m.**
Unit 3	Read chapters 7-9	**Opens on 7/18 and Closes on**

Topic	Readings & Assignments	Due Dates
	Unit 3 Discussion Board (5 posts) Unit 3 Test Unit 3 Applied Philosophy Paper	**8/12 at 11:59 p.m.**
	Last day to submit coursework is 8/12/2022 at 11:59 p.m.	

Final Examinations

There is no comprehensive final exam in this course.

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook.<https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.* https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Holly Bankston at 409-933-8520 or hbankston@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

Counseling Statement: Any student needing counseling services is requested to please contact Holly Bankston in the student success center at 409-933-8520 or hbankston@com.edu. Counseling services are available on campus in the student center for free and students can also email counseling@com.edu to set up their appointment. Appointments are strongly encouraged; however, some concerns may be addressed on a walk-in basis.

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw is March 3rd for the 1st 8-week session, April 26 for the 16-week session, and May 5th for the 2nd 8-week session.

F_N Grading: The F_N grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The F_N grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the F_N grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an F_N grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

COVID-19 Statement: All students, faculty, and staff are expected to familiarize themselves with materials and information contained on the College of the Mainland's Coronavirus Information site at www.com.edu/coronavirus. Students are required to watch a training video, complete the self-screening, and acknowledge the safety guidance at: www.com.edu/selfscreen. In addition, students, faculty, and staff must perform a self-screening prior to each campus visit. Finally, students, faculty, or staff who have had symptoms of COVID-19, received a positive test for COVID-19, or have had close contact with an individual infected with COVID-19 must complete the self-report tool.