



University of International Business and Economics International Summer School

PHI 110 Introduction to Philosophy

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office Hours: To be determined

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description

This course is intended to be a general introduction to both the substance and methods of western philosophy. Ideally, students should exit this course with both a sense of what sorts of things philosophers spend their time thinking about and an appreciation of how they go about that thought. Because of the breadth and depth of philosophical inquiry (both in regards to its subject matter and its history), we cannot possibly hope to cover everything worthy of investigation, even in a summary and superficial fashion. What we can hope to do however - and what we will do in this course - is cover some particular topics of interest that have been a persistent feature of philosophical discourse throughout the last 2500 years.

Course Goals

The expectation is that students will leave this course with an understanding of and appreciation for philosophical study. Ideally, students will recognize that the methods of inquiry employed in philosophy have application in every area of life, and will leave the course prepared for more active, critical, and reflective approach when assessing the merits of their own beliefs and the beliefs of others.



Required Textbook

2013. *Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Seventh Edition.
Edited by John Perry, Michael Bratman, and John Fischer. New York: Oxford
University Press. ISBN: 978-0199812998

Grading Policy

Grading will be determined by a combination of class attendance and participation, short quizzes at the beginning of some lectures (roughly 2 per week), and the results of your exams.

Attendance	5
Participation	25
Quizzes (Cumulative)	20
Exam 1	25
Exam 2	25

Grading Scale

A	100-90	C	71-68
A-	89-85	C-	67-64
B+	84-82	D	63-60
B	81-78	F	Below 60
B-	77-75		
C+	74-72		

Class Rules

Students are expected to come to lecture having read to material assigned for the day, and to be prepared to engage in active discussion about that material. We only progress in philosophy through active exchange of ideas and arguments. Students should also be ready to follow standard academic rules about academic dishonesty (or “plagiarism”).

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all course lectures.

Course Schedule

Date	Notes	Reading	Topics
Week 1 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4		8-13; 279-294 295-321 Handout 157-168	The Mind-Body Problem Do Computers Have Beliefs? Evidentialism and Its Critics Cartesian Epistemology
Week 2 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4		168-181 211-237 237-259 777-808	Cartesian Epistemology Hume's Skepticism The Problem of Induction The Objectivity of Morality
Week 3 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4	Exam 1	483-500; 518-526; 544-567 646-688 40-42, 115-122	Ethical Theories Moral Problems God and Evil
Week 4 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4		708-744 595-616 616-632; 637-645 387-407	Justice: Plato's <i>Republic</i> Two Visions of Liberalism Challenges to Liberalism Freedom
Week 5 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4	Exam 2	417-450 353-378 811-836	Responsibility The Self Meaning