Course: PH 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Credits: 3

Prerequisites
None

Description
Offers a general introduction to the nature of philosophical thinking and an examination of philosophical problems arising from the issues of contemporary life with particular attention given to the ways by which the outstanding philosophers have dealt with the same problem.

Learning Outcomes
At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the nature of the philosophical quest, its problems and risks
- Recognize the major epistemological questions
- Recognize the major axiological questions
- Demonstrate the relationship of the principles of logic to the examination of philosophical problems

Related General Education Outcomes
Humanistic Perspective (A&H)
- Students will describe commonly used approaches and criteria for analyzing works.
- Students will analyze works and applying commonly used approaches and criteria.

Topical Outline
- The Nature of Philosophy
- Logic
- Human Nature
- Reality and Being
- Philosophy and God
- The Sources of Knowledge
- Truth
- Ethics
- Social Philosophy
- Art and Meaning

Required Texts and Other Materials
**Student Assessment**
Will be based on a combination of quizzes, exams, homework, oral presentations, written papers and class participation.

**Academic Integrity**
Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

**Available Resources**
If you are having difficulty with work in this class, tutoring is available through the Success Center. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600, x1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

*(List availability of open labs and/or writing center)*

**Before Withdrawing From This Course**
If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) BEFORE withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.