

PHIL 2 Course Outline as of Fall 2009

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: PHIL 2

Title: INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY

Full Title: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Last Reviewed: 11/9/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17	Lecture Scheduled	51.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	3	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	51.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Title 5 Category: AA Deg Applic

Grading: Credit Course For Grade Or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - May be repeated once if grade was D or F.

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**  
This course examines fundamental questions of philosophy through discussion of selected philosophers and student ideas. It compares philosophy to common sense, science, and religion, and explores the meaning of self-identity, human freedom, ethical values, immortality, and the existence of God.

**Prerequisites:**

**Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Eligibility for ENGL 1A

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
Description: Fundamental questions of a philosophy of life examined through discussion of student ideas and selected philosophers. Philosophy compared to common sense, science, and religion. Explores meaning of self-identity, human freedom, ethical values, immortality, existence of God.

For Grade Or P/NP)

Prerequisites:

Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: May be repeated once if grade was D or F.

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
	C	Humanities		Spring 1995	
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
	C2	Humanities		Spring 1995	
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>			Effective:	Inactive:
	3B	Humanities		Spring 1995	
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 1995	Inactive:	
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 1995	Inactive:	

**CAN:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **Approval and Dates**

Version:	03	Course Created/Approved:	5/19/1995
Version Created:	11/29/2008	Course Last Modified:	9/11/2013
Submitter:	TODD WEBER	Course last full review:	11/9/2022
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Version Term Effective:	FALL 2009	Term Inactive:	FALL 2013

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

1. Explain the nature of philosophical thinking and the kind of issues it deals with.
2. Critically analyze a given philosophical passage.
3. Demonstrate coherent and consistent thinking to a given problem.
4. Identify unstated assumptions in a given argument.

### **Topics and Scope:**

What is philosophical thinking?

1. Broad issues discussed by philosophers (epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, philosophy of religion)
2. Some in-depth discussion of these issues with their subdivisions
3. Some logical principles involved in any rational thinking, inquiry, and

discussion

4. Some major pitfalls one might fall into when one discusses philosophical problems
5. Some discussion of the sort of assumptions that might underlie a certain position taken about a problem
6. Discussion of problems that might interest students, taken either from a book of selections used for the course or from other sources

Diversity statement: This course helps liberate students from provincial ways of thinking by examining philosophical topics from multiple perspectives.

### Representative Assignments:

1. Regular required reading of assigned text
2. Written work: (typical examples)
  - a. Essay on a philosophical problem
  - b. Written summaries of text assignments (in response to questions supplied by instructor)

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams  
0 - 0%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

**Representative Textbooks:**  
'Philosophy: The Quest for Truth,' Louis P. Pojman, 7th ed., (Oxford University Press, 2008).

## **OTHER REQUIRED ELEMENTS**

### **STUDENT PREPARATION**

Matric Assessment Required:	X	Exempt From Assessment
Prerequisites-generate description:	NP	No prerequisite
Advisories-generate description:		Auto-Generated Text
Prereq-provisional:	N	NO
Prereq/coreq-registration check:	N	No Prerequisite Rules Exist
Requires instructor signature:	N	Instructor's Signature Not Required

### **BASIC INFORMATION, HOURS/UNITS & REPEATABILITY**

Method of instruction:	02	Lecture
Area department:	PHIL	Philosophy
Division:	2	Humanities
Special topic course:	N	Not A Selected Topic Course
Program status:		Major Applicable Course
Repeatability:	00	May be repeated once if grade was D or F.
Repeat group id:		

### **SCHEDULING**

Audit allowed:	N	Not Auditable
Open entry/exit:	N	Not Open Entry/open Exit
Credit by exam:	N	Credit by examination not allowed
Budget code: Program:	0000	Unrestricted
Budget code: Activity:	0335	Philosophy

### **OTHER CODES**

Disciplines:	PHIL	Philosophy (requires master's)
Basic skills:	0	Not A Basic Skills Course
Level below transfer:	Y	Not Applicable
CVU/CVC status:	N	CVU/CVC Unknown Or Not Distance Ed
Non-credit category:	Y	Not Applicable, Credit Course
Classification:	Y	A - Liberal Arts And Sciences
SAM classification:	E	E - Non-occupational
TOP code:	1509.00	Philosophy
Work-based learning:	N	Does Not Include Work-based Learning
DSPS course:	N	Not a DSPS Course
In-service:	N	Test