



Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

2024 Summer Session

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy

Course Outline

Course Code: PHIL 101

Class Hours: ONLINE

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Credit: 4

Class Hours:

This course will have 60 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions, 8-hour extra classes.

Required Textbook

Wolff, R. P. (2012). *About Philosophy* (11th Ed.). New York, NY USA: Pearson Publishing.
(ISBN-10: 0205194125 (**Available as a Kindle E-Book**) (May be rented or purchased online)

Useful web sites: The following general websites for Philosophy are useful:

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://plato.stanford.edu>

Writing in Philosophy <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca:8080/philosophy/phlwrite/index.html>

The American Philosophical Association Online <http://www.udel.edu/apa>

Course Description

This Introduction to Philosophy course is a survey of many major areas of some European (and some non-European) forms of philosophy. We will explore the philosophy of science, of mind, of religion, and of language and will examine metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and philosophical approaches to questions about the nature of the world, knowledge, and ways of knowing. We will



explore questions that matter to our lives, and how philosophers from a variety of perspectives have responded to these issues. We will analyze arguments for and against the existence of God, utilize logical systems of thought, and employ logical arguments and empirical evidence to evaluate arguments.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students, at the end of this course, will be able to:

- 1) Identify major philosophical perspectives and approaches to questions that have arisen over time regarding the nature of reality, of truth, of good, and the qualities of human beings.
- 2) Recognize connections and influences among various philosophical perspectives.
- 3) Employ logical skills
- 4) Argue for and against ethical claims and positions

Grading & Evaluation:

Assignment	Points total	Percent of Grade
4 Unit Quizzes (40 points each)	160 points	53%
Participation (5 points per Discussion)	20 points	7%
Video Responses (5 points per Response)	20 points	7%
Written Assignments (4 assignments; 25 points each)	100	33%
Total	300 points	100%

Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A+ : 96 - 100	A : 91 - 95
B+ : 86 - 90	B : 81 - 85
C+ : 76 - 80	C : 71 - 75
D+ : 66 - 70	D : 60 - 65
F : 0 - 59	
Pa : Pass	Fa : Fail

Assignments

1. **Quizzes**- I will administer a quiz at the end of each unit. These quizzes will be a way to check your learning of the material in the text and lecture. Each quiz will cover the material covered in class and in readings that week. Each quiz is worth 15% of your grade in the course. Exams will be administered online at a day and time to be announced.



2. **Participation:** Students will be graded for their participation in the weekly discussions. Those who fail to participate or fail to participate in the weekly online discussion will receive 0 points for that week. Those who attend without participating will get 1 point. Those who attend and participate minimally will earn 2 points. Those who are leaders in discussion will receive 4 points for their participation.
3. **Written Assignments-** Students will write papers totaling 6000 words (24 pages, double-spaced) across the semester.
 - a. **Video Response Papers-** Each week students will write a 2 page (500 word; double-spaced 12 point font) essay response to the video presentation for that week. Please present your response to the video presentation and the philosophical or ethical problem presented in the video. Students should summarize the important ideas in the video and their responses (agreements and disagreements plus rationale for your position) in the two pages.
 - b. **Philosophical Readings Review** – I will distribute Critical Thinking questions for class. These will be the basis of your weekly discussions and your Philosophical Reading Review papers. Each week, students will write a 6 page (double-spaced, 12-point font) response to the philosophical “question of the week.” The questions will be distributed separately as assignments. Students should integrate both lecture and reading materials into their response to the question. Your own opinions will be important in this assignment- how do you feel about the questions and the issues raised in the readings and other materials. The Critical Thinking questions will be the basis for these papers.
4. **Attendance-** This course is online so there is no in-person attendance. Please ignore the instructions in the lectures about “secret words.” We are not using those this term.

CLASS POLICIES

Academic Honesty: The University and the faculty are committed to academic integrity in all its practices. Activities that violate academic integrity undermine the quality and diminish the value of educational achievement and are treated seriously. Cheating on papers, tests or other academic works is a violation of College rules. No student shall engage in behavior that, in the judgment of the instructor of the class, may be construed as cheating. This may include, but is not limited to, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty such as acquisition without permission of tests or other academic materials and/or distribution of these materials and other academic work. Students who aid and abet as well as those who attempt such behavior will be treated similarly.

Attendance Policy: Because this course is online, there is no attendance policy. However, you are expected to listen to the online lectures, participate in the online discussions, and complete all assignments.

Missed/Late Assignments: Assignments are due on the date listed. Without prior approval from the instructor, no late assignments will be accepted.

Time Zone: The official time zone for this course is **EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** (New York, NY time). Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is 4 hours ahead of EDST; China Standard Time is 12 hours ahead of EDST. So 09:00 EDST is 21:00 China Standard Time the same day;



21:00 EDST is 09:00 the following day (Thursday night in New York is Friday morning in Taipei and Beijing). So, if an assignment is due by 10 PM (22:00) EDST then it is due by 10:00 in Beijing/Taipei.

Reading Assignments & Lecture Schedule*

(NOTE: Each chapter or topic may have more than 2 lectures associated with it)

View ALL lectures in order

Course Schedule

UNIT 1: Philosophy, Epistemology, and Pragmatism (Chapter 1 & 2)

- 1 Course Overview & syllabus; Introduction to the field of Philosophy (Chapter 1)
- 2 The beginnings of philosophical inquiry
- 3 Theories of knowledge: Rationalism & Empiricism (Chapter 2)
- 4 The Emergence of Epistemology and Mind Body Dualism
- 5 Video 1: Noam Chomsky & the application of Rationalism
- 6 Quiz 1

UNIT 2: Understanding ourselves & the universe (Chapters 3 & 4)

- 7 Metaphysics defined and explored (and what is materialism anyway?; Chapter 3)
- 8 Free will, determinism & mind-body dualism
- 9 Philosophy of science- Method & applications (Chapter 4)
- 10 Paradigms & paradigm shifts
- 11 Video 2: Reality and the Brain
- 12 Quiz 2

UNIT 3: Ethics & Applied Ethics (Chapter 5 & 6)

- 13 The varieties of ethical theory (Chapter 5)
- 14 Utilitarian & other ethical theories
- 15 Liberalism, Socialism, Capitalism & the Social Contract (Chapter 6);
- 16 Capitalism & the Social Contract
- 17 Video 3: Ethical dimensions in Scientific Research: The Tuskegee Experiment
- 18 Quiz 3

UNIT 4: Human & Divine Endeavors (Chapters 7 & 8)

- 19 Philosophy of Art & Poetry (Chapter 7)
- 20 Marcuse, Danto & the World of Art
- 21 Philosophy of Religion & Faith (Chapter 8)
- 22 Arguments for God & the Problem of Evil
- 23 Video 4: The Debate on God
- 24 Quiz 4

***NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change. All changes will be announced in class.**



PHI 101 Supplemental Readings

Unit 1 Introduction to the field & Theories of knowledge.

Solomon, R. C., Higgins, K. M., & Martin, C. (2016). Introduction. *Introducing Philosophy: A text with associated readings* (pp. 1-23). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Plato *Republic* (*Politeia* c. 380 BCE). Bk V, 171b-483e. Trans. B. Jowett (1892), in *The Dialogues of Plato* (Oxford: Clarendon, vol. III, pp. 171-179. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 12-18). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Descartes, R. *Meditations on First Philosophy* [*Meditationes de prima philosophia, 1641*], *Meditation I and part of II*. Trans J. Cottingham (1986), Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 21-25). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Unit 2 Metaphysics & Philosophy of Science

Plato *Republic* [*Politeia*, c. 380 BCE], 507b1-517c6. B. Jowett (Trans), *The Dialogues of Plato*, vol. III, pp.

207-217. Oxford, UK: Clarendon. . In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 69-75). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Aristotle, *Categories* [*Kategoriai*, ca. 330 BCE], ch. 5 (2a11-4b19). J. L. Akrill (Trans), pp. 5-12. Oxford, UK: Clarendon. . In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 76-79). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Descartes, R. "Supreme Being and Created Things". *Principles of Philosophy* [*Principia Philosophiae*, 1644]. J. Cottingham, R. Stoothoff, & D. Murdoch (1985, Trans.). In *The Philosophical Writings of*

Descartes (pp. 210-211, 215, 223-225, 232, 240, 247). Vol I. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 80-86). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Carnap, R. (1932). The elimination of metaphysics through logical analysis of language (*Überwindung der Metaphysik durch Logische Analyse der Sprache*). First published in *Erkenntnis*, vol II. Arthur Pap (Trans.). In A. J. Ayer (ed.), *Logical Positivism* (pp. 60-80). New York, NY USA: Free Press. . In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 121-126). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Hempel, C. G. (1962). Explanation in science and in history. In R. G. Colodny (Ed.), *Frontiers of Science and Philosophy* (pp 7-33). Pittsburgh, PA USA: University of Pittsburgh Press. In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 460-468). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.



Popper, K. (1957). Science: Conjectures and refutations. In C. A. Mace (Ed.), *British Philosophy in MidCentury*. London UK: Routledge. In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 453-459). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Kuhn, T. (1962). *The structure of scientific revolutions* (pp. 10-11, 64-65, 76-77, 81-83, 93-95, 112, 117-118). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press. In J. Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 475-481). 2nd Ed. Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Unit 3 Ethics and Applied Ethics

Plato. *Republic (Politeia c. 380 BCE)*. Bk II, 357b2-367c5-483e. Trans. B. Jowett (1892), in *The Dialogues of Plato* (Oxford: Clarendon, vol. III, pp. 36-47. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 487-492). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Aristotle. *Nichomean Ethics [Ethika Nikomacheia, ca. 325 BCE]*. Extracts from Bk I, ch. 7 and Bk II, chs 1, 5, and 6 (1097b21-1098a18, 1103a16-b25, 1105b19-1107 a8). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 492-495). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Leopold, A. (1949). The Land Ethic. From A. Leopold, *A Sand Country Almanac and Sketches Here and There*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, pp. 201-226 abridged). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 585-590). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Kass, L. R. (1997). The wisdom of repugnance. *The New Republic*, 2 June 1997, 17-26 abridged. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 608-616). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Rachels, J. (1975). Active and passive euthanasia. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 78-80. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 602-607). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Unit 4 Philosophy of Art and Poetry, Religion & Faith

Satre, J-P. (1950). The Psychology of Imagination. [From L'iminaire: Psychologie phenomenologique de l'imagination [1940], pp. 21-27. London UK: Rider. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 739-744). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Wittgenstein, L. (1938). Exerpts from Lectures on Aesthetics. In L. Wittgenstein, *Lectures and conversations on aesthetics, psychology and religious belief* (Ed. C. Barrett). Oxford, UK: Blackwell. In J.



Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 744-749). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Sibley, F. (1959). Aesthetic concepts. *Philosophical Review*, 68, 421-450. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 750-755). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Religion and Faith

Pascal, B. (ca. 1660). *Pensees*. (J. Cottingham, Trans.). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 778-782). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Shopenhauer. "On the vanity of existence." From A. Shopenhauer, *Parega und Paralipomena*(1851), vol. II, ch. 2. (T. B. Saunders, Trans). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 782-785). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Russell, B. (1903). A Free Man's Worship. Reprinted in Russell, *Collected Papers*, vol. 12. In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 790-796). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Craig, W. L. (1984). The absurdity of life without God. From W. L. Craig (1984), *Reasonable Faith, Christian Truth and Apologetics* (pp. 57-75). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 809-814). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.

Nozick, R. (1989). Philosophy's Life. From R. Nozick, *The Examined Life*, chp 26 (pp. 297-302). In J. Cottingham (Ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (pp. 815-819). Malden, MA USA: Blackwell Publishing.